

Trinity Episcopal Church
Collinsville, CT

Sunday, December 22, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Service of Communion Rite II

The Fourth Sunday
Of Advent



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Welcome to Trinity

We welcome all who worship with us at Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville, CT -- those here in our sanctuary and those who join us by live-streaming.

Please know that your presence and your prayers are a beloved gift to this faith community. We pray that you sense the love of Christ, the stirring of the Holy Spirit, and God's presence here.

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent
The Celebration of the Eucharist
The Rev. Salin Low

Prelude

Opening Hymn: - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #66

Words: Charles Wesley, Music: William Henry Havergal

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Welcome

Celebrant: As we are now in the season of Advent, we'll begin our service with Lighting the Advent Wreath.

Lighting the Advent Wreath - The Candle of Love

Readers: Sandra Thibault and Ann Bierut

Choir: O Come, O Come Emmanuel, verse 7

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And Blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.**

Amen.

Collect for Purity (in unison)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

S96

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm

80:1-7

Reader: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

People: In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

Reader: Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

People: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

Reader: You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

People: You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Reader: Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Alleluia verse



Al-le-lu-ia; A-lle-lu-ia; Al-le-lu-ia.

The Gospel

Luke 1:39-45(46-55)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Salin Low

A period of silence is kept

Choir Anthem

Freedom is Coming

Words: Anders Nyberg Music: Michael Engelhardt

The Nicene Creed (in unison)

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic

Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

Choral Call to Prayer

Words and Music by Francesco Blackmore

The Prayers of the People

Form III BCP p. 387

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader: We pray especially for those on our intercession list _____, and for those named here (pause for the congregation to add their intercessions). In your mercy,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Let us pray for our congregation and our Vestry as we seek a new priest for our faith community. Guide us and give us wisdom and patience, that we may discern your will for us, and that we will call a priest who will inspire us, care for us and bring us closer to you.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, let us pray for St. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgeport; and for the children of the world, the Bishops' Fund for Children and all ECCT ministries for children at risk. We also pray for the church of the Province of Uganda.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for peace in the world:
God of peace and justice, we pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East, in Ukraine and Russia, and in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray for all in these wars who have died, are wounded or missing. We pray for all who grieve, live in fear, and wait anxiously for the return of their loved ones. We pray for those who protect and defend our country. May your kingdom of justice and peace reign throughout the world.
Amen

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to

you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Please kneel as you are able.)

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Offering

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave of himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came #265

Words: Sabine Baring-Gould, Music: Edgar Pettman

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady," Gloria!
2. "For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady," Gloria!
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say—
"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

The Doxology Old 100th

Hymn 380 stanza 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p.361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S124

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand or kneel.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as

one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we

offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

*(Gluten-free wafers and individual cups
are available at the altar rail)*

Communion Hymn I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord #304

Words: Brian A Wren, Music: Land of Rest

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall,
his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known,
we see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn Tell Out, My Soul #437

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, Music: Birmingham

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name— the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

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**The Altar Flowers and the Sanctuary Lamp are
Given to the Glory of God**

Celebrating the Worship Service:

The People of God gathered in Trinity Church and at home

Celebrant:	The Rev. Salin Low
Crucifer:	Jim Stapleton
Minister of Communion:	Peter Dehey
Reader:	Jack Henne
Usher:	Elaine Eno
Altar Guild:	Ann Bierut, Deb Asaro and Linda Burgess
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director and the Trinity Choir

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Sandra Thibault and Ann Bierut

December and January Services Calendar

- Sunday, Dec 22 9:00 -10:00 a.m. Advent 4 – Lighting the Advent Wreath
Candle of Love
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II
The Rev. Salin Low, Celebrant
- Sunday, Dec 22 10:15 a.m. Greening of the Church
Please join us
- TUESDAY, Dec 24 3:00 -4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 3:00 p.m.
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Celebrant: The Rev. Salin Low
- Wednesday, Dec 25 No Service The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Merry Christmas to you and your family and friends
There is no church service today!
- Sunday, Dec 29 9:00 -10:00 a.m. A Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols
10:00 -11:00 a.m. Presider: Stan Moraski
We will have a Coffee Hour with our leftover Christmas cookies
- Sunday, Jan 5 9:00 -10:00 a.m. Christmas 2 Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Celebrant: The Rev. Salin Low
- Sunday, Jan 12 9:00 -10:00 a.m. Epiphany 1 Service of the Word Rite II
Presider: Stan Moraski
Baptism of Jesus and Renewal of Our Baptismal Vows
- Sunday, Jan 19 9:00 -10:00 a.m. Epiphany 2 Service of the Word Rite II
Presider: Stan Moraski
- Sunday, Jan 26 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Epiphany 3 Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Rite II
Celebrant: The Rev. Salin Low
11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. **Annual Meeting**

December and January Events Calendar

Dec 24-25	Canton Food Bank Closed due to Christmas Holiday
Dec 25	No Zoom Bible Study with Rick Richardson
Dec 30-31	Canton Food Bank Closed due to New Year's Holiday
Jan 1	No Zoom Bible Study with Rick Richardson
Monday, Jan 6 6:00 -7:00 p.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open
Tuesday, Jan 7 8:00-11:00 a.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open
Wed, Jan 8 7:00-8:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study with Rick Richardson Please call Rick (860) 205-7864 or email at RickRichardson@mac.com. to confirm Bible Study
Mon, Jan 13 6:00 -7:00 p.m.	Canton Food Bank Open
Tues, Jan 14 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Canton Food Bank Open
Wed, Jan 8 7:00-8:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study with Rick Richardson Please call Rick (860) 205-7864 or email at RickRichardson@mac.com. to confirm Bible Study
Mon, Jan 20 6:00 -7:00 p.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open
Tues, Jan 21 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open
Wed, Jan 22 7:00-8:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study with Rick Richardson Please call Rick (860) 205-7864 or email at RickRichardson@mac.com. to confirm Bible Study



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