

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Collinsville, CT

Saturday, December 7, 2024  
4:00 p.m.

Service of Communion Rite II

The Second Service  
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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Saturday, December 7, 2024  
The Second Service of Advent  
The Celebration of the Eucharist  
The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Rajcok

Prelude

Opening Hymn: Prepare the Way, O Zion #65

Words: Charles Price, Music: Koralbok for Svenska Kyrkan

1 Prepare the way, O Zion,  
your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley  
a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory,  
foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

O blest is Christ that came  
in God's most holy name.

2 He brings God's rule, O Zion;

he comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom,  
and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding,  
for grace and joy abounding. [Refrain]

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;  
your Savior's rule embrace,  
His tidings of salvation  
proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow before him,  
their voices will adore him. [Refrain]

## 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 Peace**

Readers: Jonathan Eno, Elaine Eno, and Diane Terry

Choir sings O Come, O Come Emmanuel, verse 2

## 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.**

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

### Canticle 16

**Reader:** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

**People:** He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

**Reader:** Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies from the hands of all who hate us.

**People:** He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

**Reader:** This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**People:** Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

**Reader:** You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**People:** To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

**Reader:** In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**People:** To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Reader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The New Testament

## Phillippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**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 3:1-6

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.  
Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Rajcok

A period of silence is kept

## Choir Anthem

O Jesus, Grant Me Hope

Johann Wolfgang Franck

## 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. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield, and ministries for the homeless, for parishes that offer temporary or permanent shelter. For the Chapel on the Green, New Haven, Church by the Pond. We pray for the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

**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: Come 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.

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 Let Us Break Bread Together #325

Words: Afro-American Spiritual, Music: David Hurd

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break  
bread together on our knees;

Refrain: when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising  
sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine  
together on our knees; [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees; [Refrain]

## 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: On Jordan's Bank #76

Words: John Chandler, Music: William Henry Monk

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let each heart prepare a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit 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. Dr. Brian R. Rajcok
Crucifer:	Jonathan Eno
Minister of Communion:	Jim Stapleton
Reader:	Robin Mengual
Usher:	Michelle Mensel
Altar Guild:	Marianne Amo and Ann Bierut
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director and the Trinity Choir

Lighting the Advent Wreath:	Elaine Eno Jonathan Eno Diane Terry
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## December Services Calendar

- SATURDAY, Dec 7** Advent 2 -Lighting the Advent Wreath  
4:00 -5:00 p.m. Candle of Peace  
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II with  
The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Rajcok of St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
Pizza after the Service!
- Sunday, Dec 8** No Church Service due to the Celebration of Advent 2 on  
No Service Saturday
- Sunday, Dec 15** Advent 3 -Lighting the Advent Wreath  
9:00 -10:00 a.m. Candle of Joy  
Service of the Word, Rite II with  
Presider: Stan Moraski  
Homilist: Laurie Barnhart
- Sunday, Dec 22** Advent 4 – Lighting the Advent Wreath  
9:00 -10:00 a.m. Candle of Love  
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
The Rev. Salin Low, Celebrant
- TUESDAY, Dec 24** Christmas Eve Service 3:00 p.m.  
3:00 -4:00 p.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
Celebrant: The Rev. Salin Low
- Wednesday, Dec 25** The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
No Service Merry Christmas to you and your family and friends  
There is no church service today!
- Sunday, Dec 29** A Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols  
9:00 -10:00 a.m. Presider: Stan Moraski

## December Events Calendar

<b>Monday, Dec 8</b> 6:00 -7:00 p.m.	Canton Food Bank Open
<b>Tuesday, Dec 9</b> 8:00-11:00 a.m.	Canton Food Bank Open
<b>Wed, Dec 10</b> 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
<b>Mon, Dec 16</b> 6:00 -7:00 p.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open, Mimi McGill attending
<b>Tues, Dec 17</b> 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open, Maryellen Prudhomme attending
<b>Dec 24-25</b>	Canton Food Bank Closed due to Christmas Holiday
<b>Dec 30-31</b>	Canton Food Bank Closed due to New Year's Holiday

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