

Trinity Episcopal Church, Collinsville, CT
Sunday, November 30, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
The First Sunday in Advent
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



Lighting the Advent Wreath
The Candle of Hope

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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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Celebrant: The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Prelude

Opening Hymn Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding #59

Words: Hymns Ancient and Modern, Music: Alan Gray

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding.

"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;

"Cast away the works of darkness,

O ye children of the day."

2 Wakened by the solemn warning,

from earth's bondage let us rise;

Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,

shines upon the morning skies.

3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,

comes with pardon down from heaven;

let us haste, with tears of sorrow,

one and all to be forgiven;

4 so when next he comes with glory,

and the world is wrapped in fear,

may he with his mercy shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while unending ages run.

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 Hope

Reader: Sandra Thibault

Candle Lighting: Michelle Mensel

Choir Sings O Come, O Come Emmanuel, verse 1

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.

Trisagion

S102

(sing this three times)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

The Psalm

Psalm 122

Reader: "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

People: Now our feet are standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem.

Reader: Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with
itself;

People: To which the tribes go up, the tribes of
the LORD, the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.

Reader: For there are the thrones of judgment, the
thrones of the house of David.

People: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.

Reader: Peace be within your walls and quietness
within your towers.

People: For my brethren and companions' sake, I
pray for your prosperity.

Reader: Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house

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 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Words and Music: 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).

Reader: In your mercy.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, let us pray for Christ Church, Ansonia; and St. Paul's Parish: St. Paul's Church with Christ Church Chapel, Bantam. We pray for postulants and candidates for Holy Orders and the Commission on Ministry and its members. We also pray for the Anglican Church of Australia.

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.

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 humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we might 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 himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Lo! He Comes With Cloud Descending #58 Hymn. Words: Charles Wesley, Music: Vincent Francis Novello

1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,

shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

·The Doxology Old 100th Hymn 380 Verse 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 B BCP p.367

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 and great 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.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.)

Angus Dei

S161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us 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 small cups of wine are available at the altar rail)

Communion Hymn Sleepers, Wake! #61

Words: Phillip Nicolai, Music: Johann Sebastian Bach

1 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us.
The shout of rampart guards surrounds us:
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:

“The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light.
The Bridegroom is in sight.
Alleluia!

Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share.”

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing;
her heart with joyful hope is springing,
She wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord, God’s son,
Incarnate Word,
Alleluia!

We follow all and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.

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 Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor #596

Words: Henry Scott Holland,

Music: Komm, O Komm, du Geist des Lebens

1 Judge eternal, throned in splendor,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgment
purge this land of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.

2 Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release,
and the city's crowded clangor
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.

3 Crown, O God, thine own endeavor;
cleave our darkness with thy sword;
feed all those who do not know thee
with the richness of thy word;
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.

The Dismissal

Presider: 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. Claudia Scheda
Crucifer:	Marc-Yves Regis
Ministers of Communion:	Marc-Yves Regis and Leslie Dehey
Reader:	Maryellen Prudhomme
Usher:	Sharon Corthouts
Altar Guild:	Deb Asaro, Linda Burgess and Nell Bonnett
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director and The Trinity Choir

November and December Worship Services

Sun, Nov 30 Advent 1 Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
9:00 am Celebrant: The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Sun, Dec 7 Advent 2 Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
9:00 am Celebrant: The Rev, Marilyn Anderson

Sun, Dec 14 Advent 3 Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
9:00 am Celebrant: The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 pm
Celebration of The Rev. Claudia Scheda's New Ministry at Trinity

The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan will preside.
Many Episcopal Clergy will attend this celebration.

Sat, Dec 20 Blue Christmas
4:00 pm A service for those experiencing grief or sadness during the holidays.

Celebrant: The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Sun, Dec 21 Advent 4 Service of the Word, Rite 2
9:00 am Presider: Stan Moraski

Sun, Dec 24 Christmas Eve, Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
4:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Claudia Scheda

Sun, Dec 25 Morning Prayer at St. John's
10:00 am

Sun, Dec 28 Christmas 1 – Lessons and Carols
9:00 am

December Events Calendar

Mon, Dec 1 6:00–700 pm	Canton Food Bank open Miriam’s Closet open Betsy Jahne attending
Tues, Dec 2 8:00–11:00 am 8:30-11:00 am	Canton Food Bank open Miriam’s Closet Open Deb Asaro & Linda Burgess attending
Mon, Dec 8 6:00–700 pm	Canton Food Bank open
Tues, Dec 9 8:00–11:00 am	Canton Food Bank open
Mon, Dec 15 6:00–700 pm	Canton Food Bank open Miriam’s Closet open Mimi McGill attending
Tues, Dec 16 8:00–11:00 am 8:30-11:00 am	Canton Food Bank open Miriam’s Closet Open Maryellen Prudhomme attending
Mon, Dec 22 6:00–700 pm	Canton Food Bank open
Tues, Dec 23 8:00–11:00 am	Canton Food Bank open
Mon, Dec 29 6:00–700 pm	Canton Food Bank open
Tues, Dec 30 8:00–11:00 am	Canton Food Bank open

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