

Trinity Episcopal Church, Collinsville, CT
Sunday, December 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
The Second Sunday in Advent
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



*Lighting the Advent Wreath
The Candle of Peace*

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with God's help, we serve our community and beyond."*

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.

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Celebrant: The Rev. Marilyn Anderson

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

Reader: Sandra Thibault
Candle Lighting: Diane Terry and Elaine Eno
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.

Trisagion *(sing this three times)*

S102

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

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.**

The First reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat
straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's
den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to
the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his
dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Reader: Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son;

People: That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

Reader: That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

People: He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

Reader: He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

People: He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

Reader: In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

People: Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds!

Reader: And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
People: Amen. Amen.

The Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";
and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit.

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 3:1-12

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness

of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marilyn Anderson

(A period of silence is kept.)

Choir Anthem O Jesus Grant Me Hope

Music: Johann Wolfgang Frank

The Nicene Creed (in unison) (all stand) BCP p. 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 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, Bethany; St. Thomas', Bethel; Old Saint Andrew's, Bloomfield; Chapel on the Green, New Haven; and

Church by The Pond, Hartford. We pray for ministries for the unhoused, for parishes that offer temporary or permanent shelter; and for the Homelessness and Housing Ministry Network. We also pray for the Church of Bangladesh.

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 Hymn Christ is the World's True Light #542

Words: George Wallace Briggs, Music: St. Joan

1 Christ is the world's true Light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright
of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,

and night is turned to day.

2 In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord
all shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.

3 One Lord, in one great Name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

·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 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.)

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 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 Hail to the Lord's Anointed #616

Words: James Montgomery, Music: Henry Walford Davies

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,

their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

4 Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all blest;
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever,
his changeless Name of Love.

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. Marilyn Anderson
Crucifer:	Marc-Yves Regis
Ministers of Communion:	Marc-Yves Regis and Peter Dehey
Reader:	Sharon Corthouts
Usher:	Elaine Eno
Altar Guild:	Deb Asaro, Linda Burgess and Nell Bonnett
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director and The Trinity Choir

December Worship Services

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 Presider: Stan Moraski

December Events Calendar

Mon, Dec 8 Canton Food Bank open
6:00–700 pm

Tues, Dec 9 Canton Food Bank open
8:00–11:00 am

Thurs, Dec 11 Worship Committee Meeting
10:00–1100 am

Mon, Dec 15 Canton Food Bank open
6:00–700 pm Miriam’s Closet open Mimi McGill attending

Tues, Dec 16 Canton Food Bank open
8:00–11:00 am
8:30-11:00 am Miriam’s Closet Open Maryellen Prudhomme attending

Wed, Dec 17 Vestry Meeting
7:00–800 pm

Mon, Dec 22 Canton Food Bank open
6:00–700 pm

Tues, Dec 23 Canton Food Bank open
8:00–11:00 am

Mon, Dec 29 Canton Food Bank open
6:00–700 pm

Tues, Dec 30 Canton Food Bank open
8:00–11:00 am

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