

Trinity Episcopal Church, Collinsville, CT

Sunday, January 4, 2026

9:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Service of the Word Rite II



MISSION STATEMENT: *“With God’s love, we joyfully welcome and nourish all; 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.

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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Presider/Homilist: Stan Moraski

Prelude

Opening Hymn Once in Royal David's City #102

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, Music: Arthur Henry Mann

1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly
lived on earth our Savior holy.

5. And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
where his saints his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye,
set a God's right hand on high.

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Presider: 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.

The Gloria S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more
wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature:
Grant that we may share the divine life of him who
humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus
Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and

over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 84

Reader: How dear to me is your dwelling,
O LORD of hosts! My soul has a desire and
longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart
and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

People: The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay
her young; by the side of your altars,
O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Reader: Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.

People: Happy are the people whose strength is in
you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims'
way.

Reader: Those who go through the desolate valley
will find it a place of springs, for the early
rains have covered it with pools of water.

People: They will climb from height to height, and
the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Reader: LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob.

People: Behold our defender, O God; and look
upon the face of your Anointed.

Reader: For one day in your courts is better than a
thousand in my own room, and to stand at
the threshold of the house of my God than
to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

People: For the LORD God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;

Reader: No good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

People: O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!]

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the

eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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 2:1-12

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary

his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Stan Moraski

A period of silence is kept

Choir Anthem

Away In A Manger

Music: James Murray

The Nicene Creed (*in unison*) 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 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 people to add their intercessions).

Reader: In your mercy.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, let us pray for Trinity, Brooklyn; St. Peter's, Cheshire; Holy Advent, Clinton; and all immigrants, refugees and the ministries that serve them. We also pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.
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.

Presider: 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 Offering

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

Offertory Hymn The First Nowell #109

Words: English Carol, Music: John Stainer

1. The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]

3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

5. Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. [Refrain]

6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made Heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought. [Refrain]

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

Presider: All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: 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 Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Grace

Presider: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn Angels From the Realms of Glory #93

Words: James Montgomery, Music: Henry Thomas Smart

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the newborn King.

2. Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light: [Refrain]

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]

4. Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear: [Refrain]

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.

Presider/Homilist:	Stan Moraski
Reader:	Ann Bierut
Usher:	Betsy Jahne
Altar Guild:	Phyllis Lowell and Dawn Lowell
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director, and The Trinity Choir

January Worship Services

Sun, Jan 4
9:00 am

Service of the Word, Rite 2
Presider: Stan Moraski

Sun, Jan 11
9:00 am

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Celebrant: The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Sun, Jan 18
9:00 am

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
Epiphany 2
Celebrant: The Rev. Salin Low

Sun, Jan 25
9:00 am

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
Epiphany 3
Celebrant: The Rev. Claudia Scheda

This is also our Annual Meeting day.
Coffee and Goodies after church.

January Events Calendar

Monday, Jan 5 6:00 -7:00 p.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open
Tuesday, Jan 6 8:00-11:00 a.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open
Monday, Jan 12 6:00 -7:00 p.m.	Canton Food Bank Open
Tuesday, Jan 13 8:00-11:00 a.m.	Canton Food Bank Open
Mon, Jan 19 6:00 -7:00 p.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open
Tues, Jan 20 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open
Wed, Jan 21 7:00-8:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Thurs, Jan 22 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Worship Committee Meeting Memorial Room
Mon, Jan 26 6:00-7:00 pm	Canton Food Bank open
Tues, Jan 27 8:00 – 11:00 am	Canton Food Bank open

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