

Trinity Episcopal Church, Collinsville, CT  
Sunday, January 11, 2026, 9:00 a.m.  
The First Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



**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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<https://trinitycollinsville.org>

Scroll down to the section that says "Join us on Sundays", click on "Worship with Us", then click on the service to watch.

From "Join us on Sundays", you can also access the Bulletins and Readings for the service and the Book of Common Prayer.

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**Prelude**

**Opening 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.

## Welcome

### 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.

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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## The First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 29 (BCP pg. 260)**

**Reader:** Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

**Reader:** The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**People:** The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

**Reader:** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**People:** He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

**Reader:** The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**People:** The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

**Reader:** And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**People:** The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

**Reader:** The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## The Epistle

## Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**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 3:13-17

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

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

## The Sermon

## The Rev. Claudia Scheda

A period of silence is kept

## Choir Anthem **Saw You Never, In The Twilight**

Music: Charles Wood

**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 Trinity, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury; St. Luke's, Darien. We pray for the Journey of Discovery with Indigenous Peoples Ministry Network, and for Prayer and Healing Ministries Networks. We pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

**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 of himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### Offertory Hymn Shall We Gather At The River #141

Music: Robert Lowry

1 Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,  
Washing up its silver spray,  
We will walk and worship ever,  
All the happy golden day. [Refrain]

3 Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we ev'ry burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace. [Refrain]

**The Doxology      Old 100<sup>th</sup>      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. (....

*'Here a Proper Preface is inserted'*

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 S154**

**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.)

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**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 O love, How Deep, How Broad

Words: Benjamin Webb, Music: Basil Harwood #448

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2 For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.

3 For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought:  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.

6 All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore  
for ever and for evermore.

### 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. Claudia Scheda
Crucifer:	Jim Stapleton
Ministers of Communion:	Marc-Yves Regis and Jim Stapleton
Reader:	Robin Mengual
Usher:	Robin Mengual
Altar Guild:	Jan Atkins and Sharon Corthouts
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director and The Trinity Choir

## A Special Announcement from Rev. Claudia

Planning has begun for Adult Series open to both congregations that will focus on baptism and living our Christian faith. Please reply to me and/or the office to suggest dates and times if you'd like to participate. I'd like us to get started by mid-late January.

Also we are planning to add at each congregation a weekday day or evening worship service with communion and healing. If you are interested, please let me know and copy in the office at 860-693-8172 or [office@trinitycollinsville.org](mailto:office@trinitycollinsville.org).

Indicate your preference for day of week, time, etc. Services are open to both St. John's and Trinity members – and I hope that one site will offer a daytime service and the other in the evening—that way both working folk and at home folk can attend when most convenient. I hope to get these weekday services up by mid-February.

**Rev. Claudia Scheda (she/her)**

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*O clap your hands, all you his people; shout to God with songs of joy!*

## January and February Worship Calendar

<b>Sun, Jan 11</b>	Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
9:00 am	The Rev. Claudia Scheda
<b>Sun, Jan 18</b>	Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
9:00 am	The Rev. Salin Low
<b>Sun, Jan 25</b>	Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
9:00 am	The Rev. Claudia Scheda
<b>Sun, Feb 1</b>	Service of the Word, Rite 2
9:00 am	Presider: Stan Moraski
<b>Sun, Feb 8</b>	Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
9:00 am	The Rev. Claudia Scheda
<b>Sun, Feb 15</b>	Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
9:00 am	The Rev. Salin Low
<b>Wed, Feb 18</b>	Ash Wednesday
Time: TBD	Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
	Celebrant TBD
<b>Sun, Feb 22</b>	Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
	Lent 1
	The Rev. Claudia Scheda
<b>Sun, Feb 22</b>	Annual Meeting held after Worship
	(The Annual Meeting was rescheduled from
	January 25, 2026)



## January Events Calendar

**Mon, Jan 12** Canton Food Bank Open  
6:00–7:00 pm

**Tues, Jan 13** Canton Food Bank Open  
8:00–11:30 am

**Mon, Jan 19** Canton Food Bank open  
6:00–700 pm

**Tues, Jan 20** Canton Food Bank open  
8:00–11:30 am

**Wed, Jan 21** Vestry Meeting  
7:00 -8:00 pm

**Thur, Jan 22** Worship Committee Meeting  
10:00-11:00 am

**Mon, Jan 26** Canton Food Bank open  
6:00–700 pm

**Tues, Jan 27** Canton Food Bank open  
8:00–11:30 am

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