

Trinity Episcopal Church, Collinsville, CT

Sunday, February 1, 2026

9:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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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<https://trinitycollinsville.org>

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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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Presider/Homilist: Stan Moraski

Prelude

Opening 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.

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: And Blessed be God's 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of
Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered
him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that
you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow
myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the
fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 15 BCP p. 599

Reader: LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

People: **Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.**

Reader: There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

People: **In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

Reader: He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

People: He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Reader: Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block

to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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 5:1-12

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for

righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Stan Moraski

A period of silence is kept

Choir Anthem Beloved Let Us Love One Another

Music: William Dailey

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 St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Fairfield; St. James', Farmington and the Hispanic Ministry Network and Latino/Hispanic ministries in Connecticut. We also pray for the Church of England.

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 Old Rugged Cross L #38

Music: George Bennard

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so
divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. [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 Tell Out, My Soul #437

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, Music: Birmingham

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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.

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| Presider: | Stan Moraski |
| Reader: | Jack Henne |
| Usher: | Mimi McGill |
| Altar Guild: | Dawn and Phyllis Lowell |
| 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.

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. More information will be coming up soon.

Rev. Claudia Scheda (she/her)

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

February Worship Calendar

Sun, Feb 1

9:00 am

Service of the Word, Rite 2

Presider: Stan Moraski

Sun, Feb 8

9:00 am

Service of the Word, Rite 2

Stan Moraski

Sun, Feb 15

9:00 am

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

The Rev. Salin Low

LENT BEGINS

Wed, Feb 18

6:30-8:30 am

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AT TRINITY

Ashes to Go – Rev. Claudia & Leslie Dehey

7:00 pm

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

The Rev. Claudia Scheda

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12:00 Noon

Ash Wednesday at St. John's -all are welcome to attend the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
The Rev. Claudia Scheda

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Sun, Feb 22

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Lent 1

The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Annual Meeting after Service

February Events Calendar

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| Mon, Feb 2 6:00-7:00 pm | Canton Food Bank open Miriam's Closet open – Maryellen Prudhomme attending |
| Tues, Feb 3 8:30-11:30 am | Canton Food Bank open Miriam's Closet Open Deb Asaro and Linda Burgess attending |
| Mon, Feb 9 6:00-7:00 pm | Canton Food Bank open |
| Tues, Feb 10 8:30-11:30 am | Canton Food Bank open |
| Mon, Feb 16 6:00-7:00 pm | Canton Food Bank open |
| Tues, Feb 17 8:30-11:30 am | Canton Food Bank open |
| Thurs, Feb 19 10:00-11:00 am | Worship Committee |
| Mon, Feb 23 6:00-7:00 pm | Canton Food Bank open |
| Tues, Feb 24 8:30-11:30 am | Canton Food Bank Open |
| Wed, Feb 25 7:00-8:00 pm | Vestry Meeting |

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