

Trinity Episcopal Church, Collinsville, CT
Sunday, February 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
The First Sunday of Lent
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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Celebrant: The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Prelude

The Great Litany *The people's response is in boldface.*

I. Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,
Have mercy on us.

II. From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity
and hypocrisy; From envy, hatred and malice; and
from all evil intent,
Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from
hardness of heart and contempt for your word and
your laws,

Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the
world, flesh and the devil,

Savior deliver us.

From famine & disaster; from violence, murder, &
dying unprepared,

Savior deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour
of our death and at the day of judgment,

Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your
birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism,
fasting and temptation,

Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty
acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion;
by your precious death and burial,

Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious
ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

Savior deliver us.

III. Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love
and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the
world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten your bishops, priests & deacons with
knowledge and understanding, that by their
teaching and their lives they may proclaim your
word.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, O Christ.

IV. Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace & justice.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to Donald, the President of the United States, Ned, the Governor of this state, and Kevin Witkos, the First Selectman of this town that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in

authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless and keep all your people,

Hear us, O Christ.

V. Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved (especially _____) and the oppressed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel (especially ___) & all who are in peril.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit those on our intercession list and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died (especially _____) and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

VI. Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy on us.

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

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.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The First Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'"

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 32 (BCP p. 624)

Reader: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

People: Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

Reader: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

People: **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Reader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

People: **I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Reader: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

People: **You are my hiding-place; you with shouts of deliverance.**

Reader: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

People: **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must**

be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Reader: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

People: **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

The Epistle Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and

the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

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

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

 'One does not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that comes from the
 mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

 'He will command his angels concerning
 you,'
 and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Priest: 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

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies Sake

Music: Richard Farrant

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.

The Confession

BCP 360

Priest: 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 may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: 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

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offering

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

Offertory Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days #142

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman, Music: Richard Redhead

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
and close by thee to stay.

2. As thou with Satan didst contend
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

3. As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.

4. And through these days of penitence,
and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! with us abide.

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

Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Enriching Our Worship
Eucharistic Prayer 1

Priest: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to Almighty God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. *(The following Preface, or a Proper Preface from the Book of Common Prayer, may be used.)*

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Sanctus S129

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and

this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.)

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Priest: 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

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation # 518

Words: translated from Latin by John Mason Neale

Music: Westminster Abbey; arranged by James Gillespie

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,

binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted lovingkindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

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

Lord, You Gave the Great Commission #528

Words: Jeffrey Rowthron Music: Jeffrey Rowthorn, Alec Wyton

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:

Refrain:

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name, baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community: [Refrain]

3 Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,

asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty: [Refrain]

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."

Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.

May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society: [Refrain]

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."

Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend

and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity: [Refrain]

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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The Sanctuary Lamp is 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
Minister of Communion:	Marc-Yves Regis and Leslie Dehey
Reader:	Jack Henne
Usher:	Deb Asaro
Altar Guild:	Dawn Lowell and Phyllis Lowell
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director and The Trinity Choir

**The Annual Meeting begins
after a quick cup of coffee and a snack.**

March Worship Calendar

Sun, Mar 1

9:00 am

Lent 2

Service of the Word

Presider/Homilist: Stan Moraski

Sun, Mar 8

9:00 am

Lent 3

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Sun, Mar 15

9:00 am

Lent 4

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Celebrant: The Rev. Salin Low

Sun, Mar 22

9:00 am

Lent 5

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Sun, Mar 29

10:00 am

The Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

Service at St. John's, Pine Meadow

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Annual Meeting after Service

March Events Calendar

CANTON FOOD BANK

- Mon, Mar 2** 6:00-7:00 pm Canton Food Bank open
Miriam's Closet Open Mimi McGill
- Tues, Mar 3** 8:30-11:30 am Canton Food Bank open
8:30-11:00 Miriam's Closet open Nancy Dasilva
- Mon, Mar 9** 6:00-7:00 pm Canton Food Bank open
- Tues, Mar 10** 8:30-11:30 am Canton Food Bank open

MEETINGS

- Wed, Feb 25** 7:00-8:00 pm Vestry Meeting
- Thurs Feb 26** 10:00-11:00 am Worship Committee

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

- Fridays** 6:00-8:00 pm
Feb 27
Mar 6 Sign up to bring soup, salad, bread
Mar 13 appetizer or bread
Mar 20

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