

**Trinity Episcopal Church
Collinsville, Connecticut
Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m.
The Sunday of the Passion
March 29, 2026**



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Trinity Episcopal Church

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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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026 9:00 a.m.
Liturgy of the Palms
Holy Eucharist Rite 2
The Rev. Claudia Scheda

The congregation will gather in the church Narthex
for The Liturgy of the Palms.

The Liturgy of the Palms

Priest: Blessed is the King who comes in the
name of the Lord.

**People: Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest.**

Priest: Assist us mercifully with your help, O
Lord God of our salvation, that we may
enter with joy upon the contemplation of
those mighty acts, whereby you have
given us life and immortality; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Matthew 21:1-11

Reader: Maryellen Prudhomme

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let

these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

(The order for Procession is Crucifer, Choir People, Minister of Communion, and Priest.)

Priest: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the Name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor #154

Words: Simon Browne, Music: Lowell Mason

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King!

to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the king and Blessed One. [Refrain]

2. The company of angels
is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present. [Refrain]

5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. [Refrain]

Welcome

The Collect for the day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Psalm Psalm 31:9-16 Maryellen Prudhomme

Reader: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in
trouble; my eye is consumed with
sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

People: **For my life is wasted with grief, and
my years with sighing; my strength
fails me because of affliction, and my
bones are consumed.**

Reader: I have become a reproach to all my
enemies and even to my neighbors, a

dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street, they
avoid me.

**People: I am forgotten like a dead man, out of
mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

Reader: For I have heard the whispering of the
crowd; fear is all around; they put their
heads together against me; they plot to
take my life.

**People: But as for me, I have trusted in you,
O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.**

Reader: My times are in your hand; rescue me
from the hand of my enemies, and from
those who persecute me.

**People: Make your face to shine upon your
servant, and in your loving-kindness
save me."**

The Passion of Our Savior Jesus Christ

Reader: The Passion of our Savior Jesus
Christ according to Matthew

The Gospel

Matthew 27:11-54

Reader 1: Ann Bierut

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "**Barabbas.**" Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "**Let him be crucified!**" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "**Let him be crucified!**"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "**His blood be on us and on our children!**" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Reader 2: Bette Holmes

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head.

They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

(All stand as you are able).

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Reader 3: Sandra Thibault

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You

who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

(Pause for a moment of silence).

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Sermon

The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Choir Anthem

The Man on the Cross Gilbert Martin

See him there! See him there!
See the blood flowing down.
See his body weighted down.
A man despised and rejected of men.
A man of sorrows, acquainted with grief.

He was light, the light of men.
He was the bread of life,

The very bread of heav'n.
He was love. Love from God.
He was the shepherd
who gave his life for his sheep.
He was the only Son of God,
The Father Almighty.

He came bringing love.
He came bringing love and peace.
We hid our faces from him,
And we knew him not.

See him there! See him there!

(Pause for a moment of silence)

The Prayers of the People Form III BCP p.387

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;

People: **That we may all 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 on page 29

and for those named here.

(pause for the people to add their intercessions).

Reader: In your mercy.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East, in Ukraine and Russia, and in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. We also pray for those who protect and defend our country.

People: **May your kingdom of justice and peace reign throughout the world.**

Priest: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look 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 forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Offering

Priest: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Hymn

And Now, O Father, Mindful of Thy Love #337

Words: William Bright, Music: William Henry Monk

1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee,
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2 Look Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo! between our sins and their reward,
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

3 And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast!
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal!
From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Savior, who canst love us still!
And by this food, so awesome and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us nevermore to part from thee.

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.

Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: and of thine own we have given thee.

Amen

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, p. 361

Priest: The Lord 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 the Lord our God.

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

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was
lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the
whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and
death, he became the source of eternal salvation
for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with
Angels and Archangels and with all the company
of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim
the glory of your Name:

**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.**

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 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.

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

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

(A period of silence is kept.)

Agnus Dei

S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion Hymn

My Song is Love Unknown #458

Words: Samuel Crossman, Music: John Ireland

1 My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.

O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow,
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.

But O my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend.

3 Sometimes they strew his way,
and his strong praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Post Communion Prayer BCP, p. 366

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual
food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your
Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out**

**to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of
Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded #168

Words: Paul Gerhardt, Music: Johann Sebastian Bac

1. O sacred head, sore wounded,
defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor
the hosts of heaven adore!

2. Thy beauty, long-desired,
hath vanished from our sight;
thy power is all expired,
and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
hide not so far thy grace:

show me, O Love most highest,
the brightness of thy face.

3. In thy most bitter passion
my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation
upon the cross to die.

Ah, keep my heart thus moved
to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-beloved,
yet thank thee for thy death.

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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See page 30 for the listing of Holy Week and
Easter Services.

The Sanctuary Lamp and the Altar Palms are Given to the Glory of God.

Celebrating the Service

The People of God gathered in Trinity Church and at home

Priest	The Rev. Claudia Scheda
Crucifer	Jim Stapleton
Ministers of Communion	Peter Dehey and Jim Stapleton
Reader	Maryellen Prudhomme
Ushers	Elaine Eno and Ann Bierut
Altar Guild	Nell Bonnett and Ann Bierut
Music	Francesco Blackmore, Director and the Trinity Choir

Passion Gospel Readers

Reader 1	Ann Bierut
Reader 2	Bette Holmes
Reader 3	Sandra Thibault

Prayers of the People Intercession List

St. John's Pine Meadow
Rev. Claudia and her mother

Sharon	Jan	Sandy
April	Melissa	Nicole
Joan A.	Janice	Karl
Baby Nora	Mike	Meghan
Sawyer	Bruce W.	Stan and Barbara
Peg P.	Donna V.	Paul and Laura
Kristen	Michael	Linda
Rob	Kathy and Bill	Carolyn
Jared	Mimi	Laurie
Phil	Judy	

Jonathan Eno, Brett Dehey, Ethan and his Marine Unit
and all those in the military serving in the Middle East.

Announcements

Holy Week Services

Thursday, April 2 Maundy Thursday Eucharist, Foot Washing
5:30 PM and Stripping of the Altar
Trinity The Rev. Claudia Scheda

7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service
St. John's The Rev. Claudia Scheda
At St. John's Episcopal Church
Pine Meadow

9:30 PM Overnight Vigil of the Reserved Sacrament
St. John's Begins at 9:30 PM. Pine Meadow

Friday, April 3 Good Friday Liturgy
Noon Trinity The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday
9:00 AM Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
Trinity The Rev. Claudia Scheda

11:00 AM Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
St. John's The Rev. Claudia Scheda
at St. John's Episcopal Church
Pine Meadow

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