

**Trinity Episcopal Church
Collinsville, CT
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 26, 2026
9:00 a.m.
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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April 26, 2026
9:00 a.m.
The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Prelude

Processional

The Lord My God My Shepherd #663

Words: F. Bland Tucker, Music: Jesse Seymour Irvine

1 The Lord my God my shepherd is;
How could I want or need?
In pastures green,
by streams serene,
He safely doth me lead.

2 To wholeness he restores my soul
And doth in mercy bless,
And helps me take
for his Name's sake
the paths of righteousness.

3 Yea, even when I must pass through
the valley of death's shade,
I will not fear,

For thou art here,
To comfort and to aid.

4 Thou hast in grace my table spread
secure in all alarms,
and filled my cup,
and borne me up
in everlasting arms

5 Then surely I can trust thy love
for all the days to come,
that I may tell
thy praise, and dwell
for ever in thy home

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Priest: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

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 *(sung by all)*

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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

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 23 (BCP page 612)

Reader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

Reader: He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

People: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your

rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Reader: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

People: **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

The Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that?

But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.

I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Choir Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd

Music: Noble Cain

The Nicene Creed (in unison)

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

Lead Me, Lord

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Lead me, Lord, Lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.

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 26 of this bulletin and for those named here (pause for 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 St. Andrew's, Milford; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; and parishes in transition, and transition teams and interim clergy. We also pray for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion.)

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.

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 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 forever. **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

Shepherds of Souls, Refresh and Bless #343

Words: James Montgomery, Music: Richard Proulx

1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

2 We would not live by bread alone,
but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding-place.

3 Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.

4 Lord, sup with us in love divine,
thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

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

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the
glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our
Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was

offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Sanctus

S130

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, Holy Holy, Lord
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
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

(A period of silence is kept.)

Priest: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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.

Communion Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is #645

Words: Henry Williams Baker, Music: St. Columbia

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Postcommunion The Rev. Claudia Scheda Prayer

The Blessing The Rev. Claudia Scheda

The Closing Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #460

Words: William Chatterton Dix, Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of holy Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

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Celebrating The Eucharist

The Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp
are given to the Glory of God.

The People of God gathered in Trinity Church and
at home

Priest:	The Rev. Claudia Scheda
Crucifer:	Gary Nicksa
Ministers	Gary Nicksa
of Communion:	Peter Dehey
Reader:	Jack Henne
Usher:	Ann Bierut
Altar Guild:	Linda Burgess and Deb Asaro
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director and the Trinity Choir

April 26, 2026 Intercession List

We pray for the following:

Rev. Claudia & her Mother	St. John's, Pine Meadow	Andre C
Sharon	Jan	Sandy
April	Melissa	Nicole
Joan A.	Janice	Karl
Baby Nora	Mike	Meghan
Sawyer	Bruce W.	Stan and Barbara
Peg P.	Cheryl	Lauren & Baby Boy
Kristen	Michael	Linda
Rob	Kathy and Bill	Carolyn
Jared	Mimi	Candy
Phil	Janet O.	Regis
		Mary & Gary Tomolonious

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

April/May Worship Calendar

Sun, Apr 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 am Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Sun, May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00 am Service of the Word
Stan Moraski

Sun, May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 am Mother's Day
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
The Rev. Claudia Scheda

April Events Calendar

CANTON FOOD BANK

Monday hours 6-7 pm	Tuesday hours 8:30-11:30 am
April 27	April 28

MIRIAM'S CLOSET

Open the first Monday of each month 6-7 pm

Open the first Tuesday of each month 8:30-11:30 am

MEETINGS

No meetings this coming week.

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