

**Trinity Episcopal Church
Collinsville, CT
Good Friday 12:00 p.m.
Friday, April 3, 2026**



*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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Good Friday Liturgy
April 3, 2026 Noon
The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Prelude

*(Please stand for the silent procession.
Then all kneel for silent prayer.)*

Priest: Blessed be our God.

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

Priest: Let us pray. Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah Jim Stapleton

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred

was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals— so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely, he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out

himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22

Sharon Corthouts

Reader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

People: O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.

Reader: Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

People: Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.

Reader: They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

People: **But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.**

Reader: All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

People: **"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**

Reader: Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

People: **I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

Reader: Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

People: **Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

Reader: They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion.

People: I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.

Reader: My mouth is dried out like a pot-herd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

People: Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

Reader: They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

People: Be not far away, O LORD; you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Reader: Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

People: Save me from the lion's mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

Reader: I will declare your Name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.

People: **Praise the LORD, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

Reader: For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

People: **My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

Reader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"

People: **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

Reader: For kingship belongs to the LORD; he rules over the nations.

People: To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

Reader: My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

People: They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

New Testament

Ephesians 1:3-14

Reader:

Maryellen Prudhomme

Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan and to honor his glorious grace that he has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves.

We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on

his overflowing grace, which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding. God revealed his hidden design to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son.

This is what God planned for the climax of all times: to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth. We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ.

You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(All sit for the Passion Reading and remain seated until mention of Golgotha. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.)

The Passion of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to John.

The Gospel Reading

John 19:1-42

Reader

Rev. Claudia Scheda

After he released Barabbas, Pilate had Jesus taken and whipped. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and dressed him in a purple robe. Over and over, they went up to him and said, "Greetings, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

Pilate came out of the palace again and said to the Jewish leaders, "Look! I'm bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no grounds for a charge against him." When Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here's the man."

When the chief priests and their deputies saw him, they shouted out, "Crucify, crucify!"

Pilate told them, "You take him and crucify him. I don't find any grounds for a charge against him."

The Jewish leaders replied, "We have a Law, and according to this Law he ought to die because he made himself out to be God's Son."

When Pilate heard this word, he was even more afraid. He went back into the residence and spoke to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus didn't answer. So Pilate said, "You won't speak to me? Don't you know that I have authority to release you and also to crucify you?"

Jesus replied, "You would have no authority over me if it had not been given to you from above. That's why the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin." From that moment on, Pilate wanted to release Jesus.

However, the Jewish leaders cried out, saying, "If you release this man, you aren't a friend of the emperor! Anyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes the emperor!"

When Pilate heard these words, he led Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench at the place called Stone Pavement (in Aramaic, *Gabbatha*). It was about noon on the Preparation Day for the Passover.

Pilate said to the Jewish leaders, "Here's your king." The Jewish leaders cried out, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

Pilate responded, "What? Do you want me to crucify your king?"

"We have no king except the emperor," the chief priests answered. Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

The soldiers took Jesus prisoner. Carrying his cross by himself, he went out to a place called Skull Place (in Aramaic, *Golgotha*).

(Please stand as you are able.)

That's where they crucified him—and two others with him, one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a public notice written and posted on the cross. It read "Jesus the Nazarene, the king of the Jews."

Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

Therefore, the Jewish chief priests complained to Pilate, "Don't write, 'The king of the Jews' but 'This man said, "I am the king of the Jews.

Pilate answered, "What I've written, I've written"
When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and his sandals, and divided them into four shares, one for each soldier. His shirt was seamless, woven as one piece from the top to the bottom. They said to each other, "Let's not tear it. Let's cast lots to see who will get it." This was to fulfill the scripture,

They divided my clothes among themselves, and they cast lots for my clothing.^[a]

That's what the soldiers did.

Jesus' mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood near the cross. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

After this, knowing that everything was already completed, in order to fulfill the scripture, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was nearby, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it,

placed it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. When he had received the sour wine, Jesus said, "It is completed." Bowing his head, he gave up his life.

It was the Preparation Day, and the Jewish leaders didn't want the bodies to remain on the cross on the Sabbath, especially since that Sabbath was an important day. So, they asked Pilate to have the legs of those crucified broken and the bodies taken down. Therefore, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men who were crucified with Jesus.

When they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn't break his legs. However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. The one who saw this has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he speaks the truth, and he has testified so that you also can believe.

These things happened to fulfill the scripture, *"They won't break any of his bones."* And another scripture says, *"They will look at him whom they have pierced."*

After this Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate if he could take away the body of Jesus. Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one because he feared the Jewish authorities. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and took the body away.

Nicodemus, the one who at first had come to Jesus at night, was there too. He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, nearly seventy-five pounds in all. Following Jewish burial customs, they took Jesus' body and wrapped it, with the spices, in linen cloths. There was a garden in the place where Jesus was crucified, and in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish Preparation Day and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus in it.

(A period of silence is kept.)

Sermon: The Rev. Claudia Scheda

The Solemn Collects

Readers Rev. Claudia Scheda & Sandra Thibault

Priest: Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

(Please kneel as you are able.)

Reader: Let us pray for the holy catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service,
For all bishops and other ministers and the
people whom they serve;

For Jeffrey Mello and Laura Ahrens, our
bishops, and for all the people of the
Episcopal Church in Connecticut

For all Christians in this community
For those about to be baptized

That God will confirm his Church in faith,
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Priest: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Reader: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For Donald, the President of the United States
For the Congress and the Supreme Court
For the Members and Representatives of the
United Nations
For all who serve the common good.

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth,
and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Priest: Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may

increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reader: Let us pray for the Jewish people, who by the grace of their eternal covenant with God were delivered from bondage into freedom;

For their continued faithfulness;

For their flourishing in peace as witnesses to God's sustaining love;

For their safety from all malice and harm

For their liberation from all forms of antisemitism and hatred

For the fullness of redemption for the sake of God's Name.

That unity and concord may exist between Jews and Christians, in obedience to God's will.

Silence

Priest: O God of Abraham [and Sarah and Hagar], you planted your people Israel as the root and grafted all peoples as wild branches into a single olive tree of praise to you: As we come near to the cross, we lament Christian acts of prejudice and violence against your faithful people, of whom

Jesus Christ was born. Bless the children of your covenant, so that together we may attain the fullness of your blessing for the world. **Amen.**

Reader: Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For those who are hungry and homeless,
destitute and oppressed

For those who are ill or disabled, in body,
mind, or spirit

For those who are lonely, fearful or anguished

For those who face temptation, doubt, and
despair

For those who are sorrowful and bereaved

For those who are prisoners, refugees, and
captives

For those who are victims of war, genocide,
and trafficking; and all those in mortal danger

For those who are persecuted for the sake of
Christ

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve
them, and grant them the knowledge of his love,
and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to
their needs.

Silence

Priest: Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reader: Let us pray for all who have not embraced God's redemptive love,

For those who have never heard the word
of salvation

For those who have lost their faith

For those hardened by sin or indifference

For the contemptuous and the scornful

For those who are enemies of the cross of
Christ and persecutors of his disciples

For those who in the name of Christ have
persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and
lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Priest: Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you; let the Good News of your salvation be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reader: Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

Priest: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are

being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Anthems *(The people respond with words in bold.)*

Anthem 1

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
**and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the
whole world.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.
**Let your ways be known upon earth, your
saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and
glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of
your cross joy has come to the whole world.**

Anthem 2

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Anthem 3

O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: 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.

Final Prayer

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All stand in silence. The Crucifer and Priest exit down the center aisle. The congregation then exits in silence as some may wish to remain for silent meditation or prayer.

Celebrating the Worship Service

The People of God gathered in Trinity Church and at home

Priest	The Rev. Claudia Scheda
Crucifer	Jim Stapleton
Readers	Jim Stapleton Sharon Corthouts Maryellen Prudhomme Sandra Thibault
Usher	Leslie Dehey
Altar Guild	Linda Burgess & Deb Asaro

Easter Sunday Services

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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