

Trinity Episcopal Church, Collinsville, CT

May 3, 2026

9:00 a.m.

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter
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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Sunday, May 3, 2026
The Fifth Sunday after Easter
The Service of the Word
Presider/Homilist: Stan Moraski

Prelude

Processional

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name #366

Words: Clarence Walworth, Music: Charles Winfred Douglas

1 Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

2 Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

3. Lo! the apostolic train
Join thy sacred name to hallow!
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
Though in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

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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

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Let us pray

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

The First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet

of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (BCP p 622; 623)

Reader: In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

People: Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Reader: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

People: Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Reader: Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD,
O God of truth.

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

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

The Epistle 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual
milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if
indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by
mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight,
and like living stones, let yourselves be built into
a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame. To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, the stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner, and a stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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

John 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my

Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Stan Moraski

A period of silence is kept

Choir Anthem

Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates

Music: Hal Hopson

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

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 22 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. Peter's Grace, Monroe; St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; and retirement communities, especially Armsmear and Seabury Retirement community; chaplains at retirement communities, retired Clergy Chaplains, and for the Elder Ministry Network. We pray for the Church of North India.

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.

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 forever. **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

O Praise Ye The Lord #432

Words: Henry Williams Baker, Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

2. O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, all ye of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from
above, praise him who hath taught you to sing of
his love.

3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
each jubilant chord reecho around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

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

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 Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation #518

Words: John Mason Neal, Music: Henry Purcell

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.

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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Celebrating the Service of the Word

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

The People of God gathered in Trinity Church and
at home

Presider	Stan Moraski
Reader	Michelle Mensel
Usher	Betsy Jahne
Altar Guild	Dawn Lowell and Phyllis Lowell
Music	Francesco Blackmore, Director and the Trinity Choir

May 3, 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
Alyssa	Bonnie	
Lynn & John		Mary & Gary

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

May Worship Calendar

- 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
- Sun, May 17** Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Day
9:00 am Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
The Rev. Salin Low
- Sun, May 24** The Day of Pentecost
9:00 am Service of the Word
TBD
- Sun, May 31** Pentecost 1/Trinity Sunday
9:00 am Renewal of Baptismal Vows and
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
The Rev. Claudia Scheda

May Events Calendar

CANTON FOOD BANK

Monday hours 6-7 pm	Tuesday hours 8:30-11:30 am
May 4	May 5
May 11	May 12
May 18	May 19
May 25 Closed- Memorial Day	May 26

MIRIAM'S CLOSET

Open the first Monday of each month 6-7 pm May 4

Open the first Tuesday of each month 8:30-11:30 am May 5

MEETINGS

No meetings this coming week.

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