Trinity Episcopal Church, Collinsville, CT
Sunday, November 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



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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.

To join our services by live-streaming,
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https://trinitycollinsville.org

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Prelude

Processional Hymn

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor #596

Words: Henry Scott Holland,
Music: Komm, O Komm, du Geist des Lebens

1 Judge eternal, throned in splendor,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgment
purge this land of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.

2 Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release,
and the city's crowded clangor
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.

3 Crown, O God, thine own endeavor;
cleave our darkness with thy sword;
feed all those who do not know thee
with the richness of thy word;
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: **And Blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 S280

**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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First reading **Joshua 24: 1-3a. 14-25**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:
Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples,

the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!"

Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78: 1-7 (BCP p. 694-695)

Reader: Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
People: **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

Reader: That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.
People: **We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, and the wonderful works he has done.**

Reader: He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, which he
commanded them to teach their children.
People: **That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

Reader: So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments.

The New Testament **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

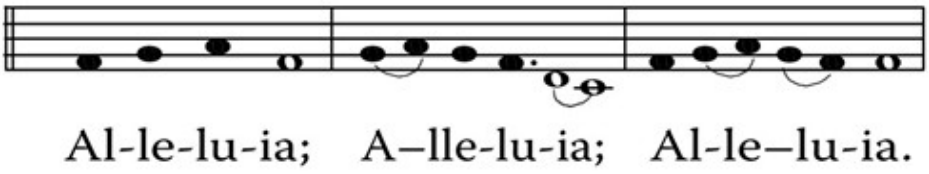
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for the Alleluia verse



The Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Presider: 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 Come, Come Unto Me
Music: Ken Dosso

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 worshipped 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

O Lord, Hear My Prayer
Words and Music: Francesco Blackmore

The Prayers of the People Form IV (BCP p. 388)

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Reader: Lord, in your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Reader: Lord, in your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Reader: Lord, in your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Reader: Lord, in your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer**.

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Reader: Lord, in your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Silence

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Reader: Lord, in your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray especially for those on our intercession list

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and for those named here.

(pause for the congregation to add their intercessions.)

Reader: Lord, in your mercy.
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, let us pray for Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic; and. St. Matthew's, Wilton. We also pray for military chaplains and all who serve this country. Finally, we add our prayers for Province de l'Église anglicane du Congo.

Reader: Let us pray for peace in the world:

People: **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. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray for all in these wars who have died, are wounded or missing. We pray for all who grieve, live in fear, and wait anxiously for the return of their loved ones. We pray for those who protect and defend our country. 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 for ever.

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 might 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
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #324
Words: Gerald Moultrie, Music: Picardy

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood

he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sanctus S125
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.

(The people stand or kneel.)

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 many 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.)

Fraction Anthem S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, 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.

(Gluten-free wafers and small cups of wine are available at the altar rail)

Communion Hymn
Sleeper's Wake! #61
Words: Phillip Nicolai, Music: Johann Sebastian Bach

1 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us.
The shout of rampart guards surrounds us:
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:
"The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light.
The Bridegroom is in sight.
Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share."

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing;
her heart with joyful hope is springing,
She wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord, God's son,
Incarnate Word,
Alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.

Postcommunion Prayer **BCP p. 365**

Priest: 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
Lift Up Your Heads #436
Words: George Weissel, Music: Lowell Mason

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

2 O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King of triumph comes!

3 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

4 Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel:
thy grace and love in me reveal.

5 So come, my Sovereign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

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The Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp are given in love and remembrance for the life of Jerry Holmes, beloved husband of Bette Holmes.

Celebrating the Worship Service

The People of God gathered in Trinity Church and at home.

Priest:	The Rev. Claudia Scheda
Crucifer:	Stan Moraski
Ministers of Communion:	Stan Moraski and Leslie Dehey
Reader:	Sharon Corthouts
Usher:	Sharon Corthouts
Altar Guild:	Danelle Bonnett and Sharon Corthouts
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director and The Trinity Choir

NOVEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 8 Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
Priest: The Rev. Claudia Scheda†
Homilist: Stan Moraski

Sun, Nov 15 Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
Priest: Rev. Marilyn Anderson†

Sun, Nov 22 Last Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
Priest: Rev. Claudia Scheda†

Sun, Nov 29 Advent One
9:00 am Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Year B Begins
Priest: Rev. Claudia Scheda†

NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Canton Food Bank

Monday hours 6-7 pm	**Tuesday hours 8:30 - 11:30 am**
November 9	November 10
November 16	November 176

Miriam's Closet

Open the first Monday of each month 6-7 pm (Open December 7)
Open the first Tuesday of each month 8:30-11:30 am
(Open December 1)

Care For the Caregivers

Wednesday, November 18 @ 1:00 pm is when our second November meeting takes place.

Claudia's Weekly Schedule
Week of 11/8 – 11/14

Sun	**11/8** am	Presiding at Trinity Evening Kristallnacht Program– all are welcome - read the flyer in the Narthex or see me after church for more info
Mon	**11/9**	Claudia's Sabbath Day
Tue	**11/10** am	St. John's Worship Team meeting
Wed	**11/11**	Trinity
Thu	**11/12** am	Steering Group at 9:15 am
Fri	**11/13**	Pastoral Visits, Weekly prep (home office)
Sat	**11/14**	Trinity Vestry Retreat Sermon prep (home office)

I have **open times** this week for pastoral visits, or coffee/breakfast/ lunch with anyone who'd like to chat. Even within the times marked above I can 'tweak' most of my plans to fit in your visit, call, or pastoral session. Call me directly at 959-799-1515 or email me at rectorstjohntrinity@gmail.com to verify your best time to meet. Claudia +

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