



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
CONNECTICUT'S CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral
Hartford, Connecticut
The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2025

We acknowledge the Tunxis, Sicaog, Wangunks and Poquonook people, the traditional custodians on the land on which Christ Church Cathedral is located. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We respect their people and traditions as a continued call to live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called.

Welcome to our community! Wherever life is taking you, know that we are honored by your presence and invite you to experience God's life-giving grace with us at Christ Church Cathedral. As a community of faith we celebrate God's graciousness by proclaiming in word and deed that God's love is abundant and unconditional. At the Lord's Table, all baptized are welcome to receive Communion. Please turn off your cell phones once the prelude begins. Should you like to speak with a priest following the service, please contact an usher.

Hymns are in The Hymnal 1982 and Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS).

At the 8 a.m. service, hymns and the second reading are omitted.

The Gloria is recited at the 8 a.m. service. It can be found on page 356 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude ~ Give me Jesus

arr. Marques L. A. Garrett

Processional Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # 544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Duke Street

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

Gloria ~ LEVAS II # 243

Carl Haywood

Collects of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.

A Reading From ~ Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse--who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit ~ Sung by the Choir*

Frederick A. Gore Ouseley

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
 nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
 and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
 bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
 everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
 but the way of the wicked is doomed.

A Reading From ~ 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn ~ LEVAS II # 143 Because He Lives

The Gospel ~ Luke 6:17-26

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon ~ The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean

Following the Sermon, the Celebrant stands. Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell; the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally; and the Bishop of Dover, Rose Hudson-Wilkin, who have been delegated the official functions of the Archbishop of Canterbury while the seat is vacant. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Lina, our Dean; Tony, our Canon for Latino Ministry; Bonnie, our Deacon; Julia, our Intern; Jay, Ranjit, D, and Rebekah, our Associate Clergy; and for our Congregation Committee and Ministry Teams. For our sister diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; for those who have asked our prayers: **Will, Kathleen R., Connie, Joan Z, Maïa, Lee, Almeta, Camille, Gerard, Lourdes, Lenora, Ardyce, Mike R., Jennifer, Andrew, Benjamin, Adrienne, Felicity, Sherrod, Graham, Richard, Mark, Bill, Betty Jo, Michael, Jason, Andrew, Jeannie, Denise, Shelly N., Dennis, Charlene, Marcia, Sean, Mary, Andrew, David, Shaun, Thomas, Alberto, Kelley, Allison, Dina, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Eric, Nelson, Joan, Treviana, Bob, Tyrone, Todd, Rosa, Miguel, Javon, Debbie, Julian, Rose, Samy, Eugenia, Louis, Sylvia, Anne, Harmony, Cristianne, Joslin, Mary Ellen, Sheila, Priscilla, Guale, Mercy, Deborah,** and for those those we name in our hearts.

Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence is kept. The People may add their own thanksgivings,

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with the following Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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 we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean

Offertory Anthem ~ Swing low, sweet chariot

arr. Stephan Casurella

The Doxology ~ LEVAS II # 56 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A - Expansive Language

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 ~ LEVAS II # 255

Grayson Warren Brown

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:

**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.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant 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.

The celebrant leads a prayer for spiritual communion for those worshipping online.

Act of Spiritual Communion

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your eternal glory; through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, please follow the direction given by the ushers. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem ~ Heal me, hands of Jesus

Sharpe

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude ~ Toccata on "Great Day"

Adolphus Hailstork

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If you are visiting us for the first time, **WELCOME!** We would like to keep you informed of the amazing blessings we experience in this house of prayer. Please introduce yourself to Dean Howell, Canon Garcia, or Deacon Matthews.
(Canon Garcia will be on vacation from January 27 - February 20.)



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An Episcopal Church within the Anglican Communion

All faithful lay people and clergy of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

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John Decker, Vice-Chair of Congregation Committee

Since 1762, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to speak to the clergy or parishioners after the service.

Serving at 8:00 a.m.

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Intercessor / Altar Server
Lector

John Scott

Jilda Aliotta

Nancy Jacobs

Serving at 10:00 a.m.

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