



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
CONNECTICUT'S CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral
Hartford, Connecticut
The Last Sunday after Epiphany
February 15, 2026

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 ~ Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr (All glory be to God on high) Georg Böhm

Processional Hymn ~ **1982 Hymnal #135** Songs of thankfulness and praise Salzburg

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 Glory to God** Carl Haywood

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading From ~ Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99 - Dominus regnavit (sung by the Choir)

Thomas Tallis

1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

A Reading From ~ 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn ~ LEVAS # 119 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

Morecambe

The Gospel ~ Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

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

The Sermon ~ The Rev. Canon Ranjit Mathews, Priest Associate

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 the Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah Mulally. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Harlon, our Interim Dean; Tony, our Canon for Latino Ministry; Bonnie, our Deacon; Dana, Jay, Ranjit, D, Kevin 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, Diane, Andrew, David, Shaun, Thomas, Alberto, Kelley, Allison, Dina, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Eric, Nelson, Joan, Treviana, Bob, Tyrone, Locksley, Todd, Javon, Debbie, Julian, Rose, Samy, Eugenia, Louis, Sylvia, Anne, Harmony, Cristianne, Joslin, Mary Ellen, Sheila, Priscilla, Guale, Mercy, Deborah, John, Mark C., John, Heather, Susan, Lanny, Grayson, Becky, David M., Nancy, Edgar, Connie, Marcia, Shaun, Goodwin; Ralph, 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.

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.**

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

A prayer for those celebrating birthdays this month

Watch over those who stand before us, O Lord, as they begin another year. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month

Gracious and ever living God, continue to look mercifully upon those who come before you at the anniversary of their marriage. Give them wisdom and devotion, that they may always be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. With your continual blessing, may they honor and keep the promises and vows they have made; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 ~ Dr. Jilda Aliotta, Chair, Congregations Committee (8 AM);
John Decker, Vice-Chair, Congregations Committee (10 AM)

Offertory Anthem ~ O Jesus, joy of loving hearts

Robert J. Powell

The Doxology ~ LEVAS #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 255 Holy, holy, holy

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!**

Agnus Dei ~ LEVAS #270 - Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

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.

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 Hymn ~ LEVAS #64 - I love to tell the story

Picardy

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 #542 Christ is the world's true light

St. Joan

The Dismissal

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

Postlude ~ Trumpet tune

Harald Rohlig

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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 Interim Dean Dalton, Canon Garcia, or Deacon Matthews.

We give thanks, this morning, for altar flowers donated by the Hartford Chapter of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, in memory of Emily Malbone Morgan, a founder of the Society with connections to Christ Church Cathedral, and a recognized saint in the Episcopal Church.

Upcoming Events

Sunday Worship - February - Regular Worship services - 8 AM Eucharist (spoken); 9 AM Formation; 10 AM Eucharist (with music); 12 PM Church Street Eats; and 12:30 PM Eucharist (Spanish)

Lenten Drive for CT State Capital College continues through February and March

Please join Dean Harlon today for the Formation Series: 30 minutes with the Preacher

Sunday, February 15 - Camp Washington Sunday - Camp Washington Sunday is a special day designated annually by our Bishops, inviting all ECCT parishes and worshipping communities to join together in celebration of Camp Washington, our wonderful diocesan Camp & Retreat Center.

Sunday, February 15 - St. Stephen's Church, Bloomfield at 4 PM
The Feast of the Blessed Absalom Jones, Pioneer, Prophet, and Priest (see below for details)

Monday, February 16 - Office closed (President's Day)

Ash Wednesday - February 18 - Worship services at 12 PM (English); 5 PM (Spanish); and 6:30 PM (English)

Wednesday, February 25 - Lenten meals at 6 PM; continuing every Wednesday through April 1

Sunday, March 1 - Combined Hospitality Hour

Saturday, March 14 - Spanish Speaking Lenten Retreat - Retiro de Cuaresma (CCC & ECCT) 9 AM to 3 PM

Tuesday, March 24 - Congregations Committee meeting

**Your Church is Cordially Invited to Attend
The Feast of The Blessed Absalom Jones, Pioneer, Prophet and Priest
February 15, 2026, at 4:00 PM, St. Stephen's Church, Bloomfield CT**



The Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) will celebrate the official Feast Day of the Rev. Absalom Jones, the first African American Episcopal priest on Sunday, February 15, at 4 pm.

The Office of Advocacy, Racial Justice, and Reconciliation invite you to join with Episcopalians from across the Diocese for a special service of Holy Eucharist at St. Stephen's Church, 590 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT.

- Presiders: The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello, Bishop Diocesan, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan
- Preacher: The Very Rev. Rowena Kemp, Rector, Grace Church, Hartford

Together, we will honor the life and ministry of Absalom Jones and reflect on the enduring legacy of Black Episcopal saints whose faith and witness continue to inspire. Following the service, all are welcome to gather for a festive reception, offering an opportunity to connect, share stories, and celebrate in community.

[Absalom Jones - Wikipedia](#)

The Celebration will be available to view:

St. Stephen's Church

<https://www.youtube.com/@St.StephensEpiscopalChurch-BL>

Additional Information regarding the Celebration will be published on these Websites: ststephensbloomfield.org



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Provide **brave, safe space for all God's children** to feel the welcome and inclusivity of a supportive community.

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Provide a community for all to **learn and practice** the values of team work, interdependence, and independence.

Help each person **recognize our responsibilities** as stewards of God's creation and resources, and our responsibilities to each other as God's beloved.

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The Rev. Dana Campbell, The Rev. Dr. Jay Cooke, the Rev. Canon Rebekah Hatch, the Rev. Canon D Littlepage,

The Rev. Canon Ranjit K. Mathews, and The Rev. Canon Kevin Olds, Priest Associates

Dr. Jilda Aliotta, Chair of Congregation Committee

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.

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Canon Ranjit Mathews, Priest Associate

Assisting

The Ven.. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon

Psalm Leader / Altar Server

John Scott

Intercessor / Verger

Jilda Aliotta

Lector

Nancy Jacobs

Serving at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant

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The Rev. Canon Ramon Antonio Garcia

The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon

Dean & Gospel Verger

Marcia Barnett

Clergy Verger & Server

Peggy Ornell

Crucifer

John Scott

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Carlene Taylor

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