

The Sixth Sunday after The Epiphany

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

9:00 A.M. SERVICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

9 South Main Street

Sharon, CT 06069



Mission Statement

We are called to be one with God and each other,
by living the Gospel with love and compassion.

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Lay Leader:
Mr. Troland Link
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Prelude *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place*

Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invisible God, Only Wise*

Hymnal 423

Opening Sentence

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Isaiah 60:3

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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 Invitatory and Psalter-*all stand*

Officiant: Lord open thou our lips

All: *And our mouths shall proclaim thy praise*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.*

Psalm 119 responding at the asterisk*

Lector: Dobrila Waugh

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

Congregation may be seated

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30

Lector: Dobrila Waugh

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness

against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3

Lector: Dobrila Waugh

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All rise

HYMN: *Christ for The World We Sing*

Hymnal 573

The Gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the

Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

Officiant: Mr. Troland Link

Music Meditation *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Solo: Donna Castaner*

The Apostles’ Creed *Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Prayers *The people stand or kneel as able*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Latin

Pater noster, qui es in caelis,
sanctificetur nomen tuum.
Adveniat regnum tuum.
Fiat voluntas tua,
sicut in caelo et in terra.
Panem nostrum quotidianum da
nobis hodie.
Et dimitte nobis debita nostra
Sicut nos dimittimus debitoribus
nostris.
Et ne nos inducas in temptationem
sed libera nos a malo.

Suffrage A *people respond at italics*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. *And grant us your salvation.*

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. *Let your people sing with joy.*

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect: 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.*

Collect for Sundays: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace:

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Christ Church Prayer:

O God, who has brought us into the Church of thy dear Son, make all in our parish a family of one heart and mind in love towards thee; and grant that our common life and work may help to bring in thy kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercessor: *Dobrila Waugh*

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Strengthen and sustain all whose spirits are weak and whose lives are gripped by pain or suffering or distress. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

For those who have asked for our prayers, especially:

*Bill, Nancy Briggs, John Fagan, Barbara Franks, Doris Higgins,
Rindy Higgins, Françoise Kelz, Eileen Mulligan, Wendy Grace Rossi,
Joyce Weegar*

We pray for the people of Central Turkey and North West Syria, whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake.

(and for those we now name either silently or aloud.)

Living Lord, confused friends left your empty tomb in both fear and great joy. We hold before you the sadness of loss and the joy of our hope in you.

The Altar Flowers, which adorn the Sanctuary, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Ron and Barbara Braun by The Morjikian Family

Exchange of Peace- *Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Officiant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Solo: *Nunc Dimittis-Song of Simeon (theme on Koine)*

Presentation of Offering -Doxology

Hymnal 380

Officiant continues

Prayer for the Parish: Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer in Times of Conflict: O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving *Officiant and People together*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise not only with
our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by
walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Blessing: Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. *Amen*

Closing Hymn *All My Hope on God is Founded*

Hymnal 665

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Dismissal: Go In Peace

Postlude: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

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ECCT Prayer Cycle: *St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich. The Union of Black Episcopalians CT and the Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network.*

Worship Assistance Today:

Soloist: Donna Castaner

Lay Leader: Mr. Troland Link

Lector & Intercessor: Dobrila Waugh

Usher: Nick Moore

Altar: Liza Smith

Hospitality: Just coffee

February Events

February 19th at 9:00 AM-Holy Eucharist-Rev. Marilyn Anderson

10:30-Annual Meeting and Parish Study in Parish Hall-PARISH PHOTO SHOOT

**February 22nd at Noon-Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes.
Lent Begins.**

SUNDAY NIGHTS- AA MEETINGS MENS GROUP- 7:30 TO 8:30

TUESDAY & THURSDAY-SHARON AA HAPPY HOUR-5:30 TO 6:30

CRAZY CRAFTERS CONTINUES ON 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS at 3:00-4:30 PM.

The next one is February 21.

**HOSPITALITY SIGNUP CALENDAR IS BY THE COFFEE POT. PLEASE
CONSIDER A SUNDAY.**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AT 10:30 IN PARISH HALL

The Annual Meeting is February 19, 2023

III. By Laws: Article II-Section I

“There shall be an annual meeting of the parish on the first Sunday in February or some other day appointed by vote of the parish, at such hour and place in the Town of Sharon, Connecticut as the Vestry may appoint for the purpose of electing members to the Vestry, Wardens, Clerk, Treasurer, other officers of the parish, and an Auditor, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.”

II. Preparation for Annual Meeting Sunday, February 12, 2023

Annual reports will be available at the back of the church for parishioners to review.

III. Annual Meeting Sunday, February 19, 2023, 10:30 AM

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