

The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The First Sunday after Christmas

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

9:00 A.M. SERVICE

SUNDAY, January 1, 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:
Mrs. Cathy Casey
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Prelude	<i>What Is This Lovely Fragrance</i>	<i>Lovelace</i>
	<i>Serenade to the Holy Family</i>	<i>Berlioz</i>

Opening Hymn *Angels From The Realms of Glory* Hymnal 93

Opening Sentence

Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God.
Revelation 21:3

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

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.

Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 8 responding at the asterisk*

Lector: William Trowbridge

(King James Version)

(To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David.)

1 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! *

who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings*

hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,*

the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him?*

and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,*

and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;*

thou hast put all things under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen, yea,*

and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,*

and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Lord,*

how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Congregation may be seated

First Reading: Numbers 6: 22-27 (KJV) Lector: William Trowbridge

22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,
24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:
26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.
27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7 (KJV)

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.
7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All rise

The Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

Officiant: Mrs. Cathy Casey

The Gospel of our Lord, according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all

these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

Officiant: Mrs. Cathy Casey

Music Meditation *Ave Maria*

Schubert

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-Latin (*sung*)

Donna Castaner

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 et 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: Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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:

Intercessor: *Cathy Casey*

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.*

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, Mary Beth Franks Begor, Nancy Briggs, John Fagan, Barbara Franks, Doris Higgins, Rindy Higgins, Francoise Kelz, Jack Lynch, Eileen Mulligan, Wendy Grace Rossi, Richard Tucker, Joyce Weegar

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.

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

The Altar Flowers, which adorn the Sanctuary, are given and arranged as an expression of Thanksgiving to God for blessings received and prayers answered. May the soul of the faithful,

Denise LaGasse, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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

People: *And also with you.*

Offertory Music: *Now Greet The Swiftly Changing Year*

Hymnal 250

Presentation of Offering

Doxology

Officiant continues

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, 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 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night* Hymnal 94

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia.*

Dismissal: Go In Peace

Postlude: *The Angel Gabriel*

ECCT Prayer Cycle: *St. Peter's, Cheshire; Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville. For all immigrants, refugees and ministries that serve them.*

Worship Assistance Today:

Organist: Jon Lafleur

Soloist: Donna Castaner

Lay Leader: Mrs. Cathy Casey

Lector: William Trowbridge

Intercessor: Cathy Casey

Usher: Volunteer

Altar: Liza Smith

Hospitality: Jon Lafleur

PLEASE TAKE THE POINSETTAS!!

January Events

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

MONDAY-GARDEN CLUB

CRAZY CRAFTERS CONTINUES ON 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS.
THE NEXT ONE, January 3rd at 3:00 PM

JANUARY 8TH- REV. TUCKER'S LAST SERVICE WITH US.
RECEPTION FOLLOWS IN PARISH HALL

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

