

The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

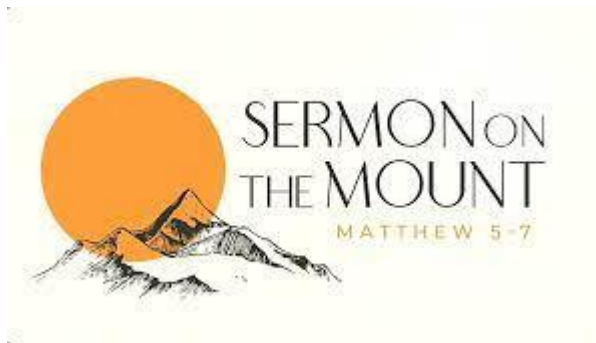
9:00 A.M. SERVICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

9 South Main Street

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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. Livia Morjikian
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Prelude *Micah 6:8 / Thee In His Time* *Maranatha*

Opening Hymn *I Sing The Almighty Power of God* **Hymnal 398**

Opening Sentence

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

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 15 *responding at the asterisk**

Lector: Tanya Waugh

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *

who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;

he does no evil to his friend; *

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *

but he honors those who fear the Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *

and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *

shall never be overthrown.

Congregation may be seated

First Reading: Micah 6

Lector: Tanya Waugh

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1

Lector: Tanya Waugh

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All rise

HYMN: *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

Hymnal 593

The Gospel: Matthew 5

Officiant: *Mrs. Livia Morjikian*

The Gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

Officiant: Mrs. Livia Morjikian

Music Meditation *Blessed Be His Name*

Jenny Phillips

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.*

Suffrage B *people respond at italics*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. *We praise your name for ever.*
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. *Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.*
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. *For we put our trust in you.*
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

The Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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:

Intercessor: *Tanya Waugh*

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

(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

Mary Jean Franks and Brian William Franks by Barbara Franks.

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: *Here I Am Lord*

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 *Blessed Jesus at The Word*

Hymnal 440

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia.*

Dismissal: Go In Peace

Postlude: *Great Day (Spiritual)*

ECCT Prayer Cycle: *Christ and The Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, Latino/Hispanic ministries in CT.*

Worship Assistance Today:

Soloist: Donna Castaner

Lay Leader: Mrs. Livia Morjikian

Lector & Intercessor: Tanya Waugh

Usher: Cathy Casey

Altar: Judith Schwerin

Hospitality: Judith Schwerin

January Events

VESTRY TODAY: 10:30 AM

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

Starting Jan. 24th 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 7th.

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