

**The First Sunday of Advent**  
MORNING PRAYER: RITE II  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

# **CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL**

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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**     *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**Donna Castaner**

**Opening Sentence**

Watch , for you know not when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35, 36*

**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.**  
Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. *Alleluia.*

**Psalm 122 *responding at the asterisk\****

**Lector: Dobrila Waugh**

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
*"Let us go to the house of the LORD."*
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
*within your gates, O Jerusalem.*
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
*that is at unity with itself;*
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
*the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.*
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
*the thrones of the house of David.*
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
*"May they prosper who love you.*
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
*and quietness within your towers.*
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
*I pray for your prosperity.*
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
*I will seek to do you good."*

*Congregation may be seated*

**First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

**Lector: Dobrila Waugh**

The Word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.’

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **The Epistle: Romans 13:11-14**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*All rise*

**The Gospel:** Matthew 24:36-44

**Officiant:** Mrs. Livia Morjikian

The Gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ*

**Homily**

**Officiant:** Mrs. Livia Morjikian

**Music Meditation** *Spontaneous Toning*

**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 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:** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.*

**Collect For Peace:** Almighty God, kindle, we beseech thee, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with thy wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquillity thy dominion may increase till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



**Music Solo:** *Deep Peace (Gaelic Blessing)*

**Donna Castaner**

**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:

*Susan Dudley-Allen, Bill, Mary Beth Franks Begor, Nancy Briggs, John Fagan, Stephanie Gauzza, Doris Higgins, Rindy Higgins, Francoise Kelz, Denise Lagasse, 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.

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

**Offertory Music:** *Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place*

**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*

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

*People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.*

**Dismissal: Go In Peace**

**Postlude:** *May The Road Rise To Meet You*

**Donna Castaner**

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**ECCT Prayer Cycle:** *Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's, Bantam, Christ  
Church, Bethany. Postulants and candidates for Holy Orders; the  
Commission on Ministry and its members.*

**Worship Assistance Today:**

Lay Leader: Mrs. Livia Morjikian

Lector: Dobrila Waugh

Intercessor: Cathy Casey

Usher: Mason Morjikian

Altar: Mary Beth Franks Begor

Hospitality: Cathy Casey

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please consider mittens and hats for **THE MITTEN TREE** which are distributed to Sharon Families. Donations must be here by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORMS** are still accepted.

**CRAZY CRAFTERS CONTINUES ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAYS.**  
**THE NEXT ONE, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM**

**BIBLE STUDY** Thursdays at 4:00pm. Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7958556374?pwd=TDRodVZ2ZjZLS25lSFN3ZTU3Qkt3dz09>: Meeting ID: 795 855 6374 Passcode: church

**PARISH POTLUCK-November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

**Set- up helpers are needed at 5:00 PM**

**Sharon Land Trust and HVA will give a presentation**

**FAITH AND CONSERVATION IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER**

Maria Grace, Executive Director of the Sharon Land Trust, and Paul Singer from the Housatonic Valley Association will be joining us to discuss their conservation work in the Northwest Corner and ways faith groups can contribute to these efforts. This will be an opportunity to hear from community members, reflect upon the value of united action, and come together behind the shared goal of protecting and healing nature as we adapt to climate change.

**THE KENT SINGERS 50TH CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Saturday December 10 at 3, Sunday December 11 at 3

St. Andrew's Church, Kent

Welcome Yule-A Holiday Respective

Tickets-\$20 online at Kentsingers.com, At the door if any remain.

The group was founded by Jon Lafleur who conducted it for twenty years.