



# Christ Church Cathedral

Hartford, Connecticut

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

*Many of us have come from different faith traditions; some from no tradition. All of us may have been drawn to this sacred space seeking answers to life's deeper questions. 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. You are in a sacred space. Please turn off your cell phones and refrain from texting and all conversations once the prelude begins. Assisted hearing devices are available in the back of the church. An usher will be happy to assist you. Please join us for Fellowship Hour in the Auditorium following the service. We thank God for your participation in God's Mission.*

*Hymns are in The Hymnal 1982 and Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS).*

*There are no hymns and the first reading will not be read at the 8 a.m. service.*

*The Gloria is recited at the 8:00 a.m. service. It can be found on page 356 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please enter in silence and remain seated for the Prelude*

**PRELUDE** – O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Charles Callahan

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - 1982 HYMNAL # 56 V.1**

*Veni,veni, Emmanuel*

**PROCESSIONAL** – 1982 HYMNAL # 61 "Sleepers wake!" A voice astounds us

*Wachet auf*

### THE COLLECT OF PURITY

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.**

### TRISAGION – 1982 HYMNAL # S 102

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated for the readings of Holy Scripture.*

### A READING FROM JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL – LEVAS # 14** Soon and very soon

A. Crouch

**THE GOSPEL – LUKE 21:25-36**

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For all who hold authority in your Church, that they may know you and humbly teach in your light; We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Ian and Laura our Bishops, Lina our Dean, Jorge, our Canon for Congregational Life, Bonnie, our Deacon, Molly, Tim, Lee Ann, Jay and Lois our Priest Associates and for our Congregations Committee and Ministry Teams. We also pray for our sister Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, and particularly for their bishop, Anne.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. And for those who have asked for our prayers: **Kelley, David, Rosa, Dana, Lina, Allison, Silvia, Elaine, Dina, Jackie, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Brooke, Eric, Sonia, Rosalee, Simone, Tim, Nelson, Debbie, Joan**, and for those we now name in our hearts

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

Make ready our hearts O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our gracious Savior, Jesus the Christ. Come O Emmanuel, Come. **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 our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** - Daughter of Zion

G. F. Handel

**PRESENTATION** - All things are thine, no gifts have we

*Gardiner*

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;

And hence, with grateful hearts to-day Thine

own be-fore thy feet we lay. A-men.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Celebrant* The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

### **THE SANCTUS – 1982 HYMNAL S # 127**

Calvin Hampton

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord 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 he 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, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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* The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.  
*People* **We being many are one bread, one body, for we all share in one bread. Alleluia.**

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The Holy Eucharist

Fraction Anthem: Whoever eats this bread

*Antiphon*  
Cantor; then All



Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

*Cantor*

1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven

*Cantor*

and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er

believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread

which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

Setting: Mode 1 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (h. 1933)

*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. In going up to the railing to receive Holy Communion, please follow the direction given by the ushers. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand and the wine by drinking from the Cup or by intinction (touching the Bread to the Wine). If you are unable to come to the railing, please let an usher know and the Sacraments will be brought to you. During Communion the Laying on of Hands and Anointing is offered in the Chapel and the Baptistry.*

**COMMUNION HYMN – LEVAS # 103** Steal away

Negro Spiritual

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant and people*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN – 1982 HYMNAL # 616** Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE – Trumpet Tune**

Jeremiah Clarke

**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 sign the guest book located in the main foyer, and fill out a Visitor's Card found in the pew and either place in the offering plate or return by mail. And, please introduce yourself to Dean Howell and Canon Pallares.

**OUR SERVICES**

**Sunday**

- 8:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist in English
- 10:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist in English with Music
- 10:00 a.m..... Sunday School
- 12:30 p.m..... Santa Misa en Español con Música

**Saturday**

- 2:00 p.m..... Church by the Pond, Bushnell Park between Jewell Street and the Pond.  
Read more about Church by the Pond at our website <http://www.cccathedral.org>

**Wednesday**

- 12:00 p.m. .... Holy Eucharist in English
- 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Music Moves Hartford
- 5:15 p.m. Wellness Wednesday
  - Zumba
  - Contemporary Worship
  - Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Cathedral Choir

**Thursday**

- 6:00 p.m..... Bible Study in Spanish  
Next Meeting Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> in the Reception Room

Our Dean Howell is on maternity leave to be followed by family leave. She will return to a full schedule on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**  
**An Episcopal Church within the Anglican Communion**

All faithful lay people and clergy of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut  
The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop Diocesan  
The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan  
The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean  
The Rev. Canon Jorge Pallares, Canon for Congregational Life  
The Rev. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon  
The Rev. Molly James, Priest Associate, Dean of Formation, ECCT  
The Rev. Canon Timothy Hodapp, Priest Associate, Canon for Mission Collaboration, ECCT  
The Rev. Canon Lee Ann Tolzmann, Priest Associate, Canon for Mission Leadership, ECCT  
The Rev. Jay Cooke, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Lois Keen, Priest Associate

*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 and Preacher ..... The Rev. Canon Jorge Pallares, Canon for Congregational Life  
Deacon..... The Rev. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon  
Lector ..... Sherry Senior  
Chalice Bearer..... Jilda Aliotta  
Verger ..... John Scott

**Serving at 10:00 a.m.**

Celebrant and Preacher ..... The Rev. Canon Jorge Pallares, Canon for Congregational Life  
Deacon..... The Rev. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon  
Verger..... Marcia Barnett  
Chalice Bearer..... John Scott  
1<sup>st</sup> Lector..... Connie Bain  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lector..... Michael Wells  
Healing Minsters ..... Rose Fichera Eagen  
Acolytes..... Courtney Hanson, Mariah McBride, Delano Romano  
Ushers..... Ann and Sylvestus Nelson, Gilbeean Scott  
Altar Guild..... June and Emmy Aziz, Connie Bain, Monica Best, Sheila Green, Consuelo Amat, Gilbeean Scott  
Cathedral Choir..... Kevin de Benedictis\*, Kelley Kelly\*, Viola Mullin, Diane Noyes, Michael Wells (\*section leaders)  
Chime Ringer..... John Quiroga

**CATHEDRAL STAFF**

Katherine Frisoli, Assistant to the Dean  
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