



Christ Church Cathedral

Hartford, Connecticut

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 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.

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.

We thank God for your participation in God's Mission

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE - Meditation on "Rathbun"

arr. by D. Hegarty

INTROIT – Before the Cross of Him who died

Song 67

PROCESSIONAL – 1982 Hymnal, #675 Take up your cross, the Savior said

Bourbon

Celebrant Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

THE DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Celebrant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.**

KYRIE – 1982 Hymnal, S 85

Plainsong, Mode 3

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.

THE FIRST READING – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:22-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

Tone 2.1



Choir 22 Praise the Lord, you that féar him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's / line, give glóry.

- All* 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to / him, he héars them.
- Choir* 24 My praise is of him in the great assémbly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who / wor-ship him.
- All* 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall práise him: *
"May your heart / live for éver!"
- Choir* 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lórd, *
and all the families of the nations shall / bow be-fóre him.
- All* 27 For kingship belongs to the Lórd; *
he rules /(over) the nátions.
- Choir* 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in wórship; *
all who go down to the dust / fall be-fóre him.
- All* 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall sérve him; *
they shall be known as the /Lord's for éver.
- Choir* 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unbórn *
the saving deeds that / he has dóne.

THE SECOND READING – Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN – 1982 Hymnal, #88 My faith looks up to thee

Lowell Mason

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 8:31-38

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my

words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE 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

Lord, gather us this Lent in your embrace, as we pray.

For the Church, that it may reflect your glory and guide your people into the ways of love and peace. Especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Ian and Laura our Bishops, Lina our Dean, Molly, Tim, Lee Ann, Jay and Lois, our Associate clergy, and for our Congregations Committee and Ministry Teams, we pray. **Have Mercy, Lord.**

For the President, world leaders, members of Congress, elected officials at all levels, and for those working to improve our world, we pray. **Have Mercy, Lord.**

For those who have been misused or abused by others, for refugees and immigrants who are living in fear and anxiety and those suffering in mind, body or spirit, we pray. **Have Mercy, Lord.**

May our lives, our homes and our Cathedral congregations reflect your love and acceptance to all and be a place of safety, peace and reconciliation, we pray. **Have Mercy, Lord.**

For those who have asked for our prayers: **Dina, Shirleyanne, Jackie, Aubrey, Kelley, Grace, Ben, Frank, Brooke, Jeffrey, Eric, Mary Ellen, Sonia, Rosalee, Simone, Pauline, Tim and Debbie.** we pray. **Have Mercy, Lord.**

For those who rest with Christ. we pray. **Have Mercy, Lord.**

Celebrant

Merciful God, remember us and all those whom we hold in our hearts. In these forty days help us to do the work of our baptism and daily to raise to you the needs of the world. Grant this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE - O Lord, hear my Prayer

Berthier

1 O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
2 The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise.

when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O the
All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the

Lord, hear my prayer; come and lis - ten to me.
Lord is my praise. God, the well - spring of life.

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – Oh Lord, Increase our Faith

Henry Loosemore

PRESENTATION HYMN - All things come of Thee, O Lord

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we giv - en thee.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer C

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 him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you forever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS – 1982 Hymnal, S 122

Plainsong: Mass 18

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the Blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

God of our Fathers and Mothers, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

AGNUS DEI – 1982 Hymnal, S160

Anaphora Chant ad. M. Martens

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 – 1982 Hymnal, #328 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Song 46

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN – 1982 Hymnal #401 The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

TODAY

8:45 a.m. Financial Forum (for those attending the 8:00 a.m. Service)

11:30 a.m. Financial Forum (for those attending the 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Services)

Please plan to attend one or both of the Forums

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 the Dean.

OUR SERVICES

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist in English
- 10:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist in English with Music
- 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 www.churchbythepond.org

Wednesday

- 12 Noon.....Holy Eucharist in English
- 5:15 p.m..... Wellness Wednesday
 - Zumba
 - Contemporary Worship
 - Dinner

Notices of Upcoming Events and the Holy Week Schedule may be found on the insert.

WELCOME TO 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, Dean
The Rev. Molly James, Priest Associate, Dean of Formation, ECCT
The Rev. Canon Timothy Hodapp, Priest Associate, Canon for Mission Collaboration, ECCT
The Rev. Lee Ann Tolzmann, Priest Associate, Canon for Mission Leadership, ECCT
The Rev. Jay Cooke, Priest Associate
The Rev. Lois Keen, Priest Associate
Peggy Ornell, Head Verger

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. Jay Cooke, Priest Associate
Chalice Bearer.....	Everton McCalla
Lector.....	Tom Smith
Verger.....	John Scott

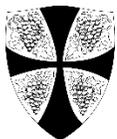
Serving at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant.....	The Rev. Molly James, Dean of Formation, ECCT
Preacher.....	The Rev. Jay Cooke, Priest Associate
Verger.....	Peggy Ornell
Chalice Bearer.....	Marcia Barnett
1 st Lector.....	Lillian Kezerian
2 nd Lector.....	Viola Mullin
Acolytes.....	Courtney Hanson, Mariah McBride, Delano Romano
Healing.....	Jilda Aliotta, Rose Eagen
Ushers.....	David Marcano, Connie Bain, Vernelle Davis, Carol Gilbert
Altar Guild.....	June and Em Aziz, Connie Bain, Monica Best, Sheila Green, Consuelo Amat
Chime Ringer.....	John Quiroga

CATHEDRAL STAFF

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