

Christ Church Trumbull  
*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany.*  
*January 17, 2021*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn “We Three Kings of Orient Are”**

We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain,  
moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

*Refrain:*

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!*

Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
heaven sings  
alleluia:  
alleluia the earth replies.  
*(Refrain)*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*All* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

**All Christ have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

**The First Lesson.....Exodus 3:7-12**

Then the LORD said, ‘I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’ But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 77:11-20** *(said responsively by whole verse)*

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord;  
**I will remember your wonders of old.**

I will meditate on all your work,  
**and muse on your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy.  
**What god is so great as our God?**

You are the God who works wonders;  
**you have displayed your might among the peoples.**

With your strong arm you redeemed your people,  
**the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.**

When the waters saw you, O God,  
**when the waters saw you, they were afraid;**  
**the very deep trembled.**

The clouds poured out water;  
**the skies thundered;**  
**your arrows flashed on every side.**

The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
**your lightnings lit up the world;**  
**the earth trembled and shook.**

Your way was through the sea,  
**your path, through the mighty waters;**  
**yet your footprints were unseen.**

You led your people like a flock  
**by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

**The Gospel** ..... **Luke 6:27-36**

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.  
*All*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

‘If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**.....Anti-Racism Alliance

### **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**

*(Adapted from prayers written by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.)*

*Prayer Leader* O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind; in whom to dwell is to find peace and security; toward whom to turn is to find life and life eternal, we humbly ask that you would make your ways known to all nations.

We also pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be guided and governed by your Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

O God, make us willing to do your will, come what may. Increase the number of persons of good will and moral sensitivity. Give us renewed confidence in nonviolence and the way of love as taught by Christ.

We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray especially this week for Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Merna, Sal, and Steve.

God of mercy, be with all those who grieve. We pray especially this week for the families of all those who have died as a result of the sin of racism that their deaths were not in vain, that we would continue to work toward peace and freedom  
*(pause)*.

We pray especially for all those who have lost a loved one to COVID 19 and for all those who work with the dying and grieving. May this virus come to an end  
*(pause)*.

We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one. We pray especially for the families of Donald, Jeanette, James, Laura, Florence, Eugene, Griselda, John, Jean, Walter, Charles, Abigail, and Dorothy.

*Celebrant* I invite you to say in person or type in the chat any additional prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries.

*Celebrant prays for all prayer requests.*

*Celebrant* O God of Power and Might, accept the prayers of your people both spoken and those that they hold in their hearts, minds, and spirits. Fill us with the courage of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in seeking the path of Christ in our lives, believing that by our individual and collective actions, we shall overcome violence, oppression, and intolerance, to establish unity and equality for all. We ask through Your Son, Jesus our Christ; and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate; who together with You reign as One God, One Lord of All, now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(Adapted from confession written by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.)*

*All* **Most merciful God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved you with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare not forget. And so, as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you.**

*Celebrant* O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will. In the name of Jesus Christ, your son our Savior, we pray.

*All*            **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*            **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

**Altar Guild**            We are in need of help with the setting up of our altar each week. No experience is needed and our altar guild will show you what to do! It is not a big time-commitment. If you are possibly interested in doing this, please contact Maryanne in the parish office. Thank you!

**PJ Church**            Calling all kids! Join us via Zoom on Sunday mornings for PJ Church! Gather virtually with your CCT church school friends to catch up, share, hear a bible story. If you're interested in joining, please contact the parish office.

**Weekly eNews**            CCT sends a weekly eNews on Thursdays via email. This eNews contains information about worship services, parish news, events, the ECCT community, and more. If you are not receiving this eNews and would like to, please contact Maryanne in the parish office.

**Meditation Group**            This group is led by Peter Ulisse and meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 12:00 p.m. Please contact the parish office if you'd like to be added to our group.

**Weekly Prayer Call**            This group is led by Ginnie Glassman and Susan Vasone and meets every Wednesday at 12:30pm. It is a time to talk about what is on your mind, listen to others' concerns, pray for and encourage each other. Please contact Maryanne in the parish office for the Zoom link.

*Celebrant*            Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Solo by Matthew Johnson** "We've Come This Far By Faith"...by Albert Goodson

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*All*             **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.

*All*             **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*             **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son 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:

*All*             **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil,



and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**All**        **We remember his death,**  
              **We proclaim his resurrection,**  
              **We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

**All**        **Amen.**

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

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All* **Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in this Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I receive this bread and this wine in my heart, mind, and spirit. Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*Celebrant* May God bless you and keep you. May God make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you now and always.

## **Closing Hymn “His Eye is on the Sparrow”**

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav’n and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:

### *Refrain*

*His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.  
I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear,  
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;

### *Refrain*

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;

### *Refrain*

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

**All**           **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

### *MLK Day Prayers*

*Adapted from "Thou, Dear God": Prayers That Open Hearts and Spirits, The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., edited by Lewis V. Baldwin (Beacon Press, 2014).*