

Christ Church Trumbull  
*The First Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*January 9, 2021*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn 119 “As with Gladness Men of Old”**

As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led by thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,  
Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore,  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

*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.**

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

*All* **Amen.**

**The First Lesson..... Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honoured, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, 'Give them up',  
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.'

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

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

**Psalm 29** (*said responsively by whole verse*)

*Reader* Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

*All* **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendour.**

*Reader* The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over mighty waters.

*All* **The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

*Reader* The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

*All* **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

*Reader* The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

*All* **The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'**

*Reader* The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.

*All* **May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

**The Epistle ..... Acts 8:14-17**

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

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

**Sequence Hymn 121 "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"**

Christ, when for us you were baptized,  
God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove,  
and yet as urgent as a flame,  
as urgent as a flame.

God called you, "My beloved Son";  
you are God's servant true,  
sent to proclaim the reign of heaven,  
God's holy will to do,  
God's holy will do to.

Straightway and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed the call  
to serve with free and willing heart,  
to give your life for all,  
to give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;  
your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we  
may perfect freedom find,  
may perfect freedom find.

**The Gospel ..... Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

**The Sermon**..... Pastor Jane Jeuland

**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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant* As we begin this time of prayer for one another, our community, and our world, I invite any prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries, or healing.

*Celebrant prays for all prayer requests.*

*Prayer Leader* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Prayer Leader* For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Prayer Leader* For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Prayer Leader* For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Prayer Leader* For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Prayer Leader* For all those who have suffered under the weight of racism. For all those who have been infected with COVID 19. For all those who are hungry and alone, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Prayer Leader* For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; especially, Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Maggie, Joanne, Stephen, Leslie, Diane, Amanda, Linda, Dorothy, Albert, Bill, Tom, Peter, and Sue; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Prayer Leader* For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Prayer Leader* For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Prayer Leader* For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Prayer Leader* Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**All To you, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

**All Amen.**

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

**All 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

**All Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

**All And also with you.**



## Announcements

**Meditation Group  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays** Join us at noon on zoom for Meditation Group. All are welcome to join in for meditation and fellowship. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.

**Prayer Group  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mondays** Our Prayer Group will meet at noon on zoom. This is a virtual space to pray as a group for those in need. All are welcome to join. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.

**Bible Study with  
St. Timothy's** Join Rev. Kevin Olds for virtual Bible Study every Thursday evening at 7:30. Contact 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** "His Mercy is More" .....by Keith Getty

## 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.*

*All*      **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
grant us peace.**

*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.**

*We encourage you in this time to reflect on what has stood out for you in our worship together. What is God inviting you to in the week ahead?*

**Communion Hymn 120** “The Sinless One to Jordan Came”

The sinless one to Jordan came,  
and in the river shared our stain;  
God’s righteousness he thus fulfilled,  
and chose the path his Father willed.

Up rising from the waters there,  
and Father’s voice did then declare  
that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
to lead his scattered people home.

Above him see the heavenly Dove,  
the sign of God the Father’s love,  
now by the Holy Spirit shed  
upon the Son’s anointed head.

How blest that mission then begun  
to heal and save a race undone!  
Straight to the wilderness he goes  
to wrestle with his people’s foes.

O Christ, may we baptized from sin,  
go forth with you a world to win:  
grant us the Holy Spirit’s power  
to shield us in temptation’s hour.

On you may all your people feed,  
and know you are the Bread indeed,  
who gives eternal life to those  
that with you died, and with you rose.

## **Blessing**

*Celebrant* Remember friends, as we go, that life is short. And we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

## **Closing Hymn 368** “Holy Father, Great Creator”

Holy Father, great Creator,  
source of mercy, love, and peace,  
look upon the Mediator,  
clothe us with his righteousness;  
heavenly Father, heavenly Father,  
through the Savior hear and bless.

Holy Jesus, Lord of glory,  
whom angelic hosts proclaim,  
while we hear thy wondrous story,  
meet and worship in thy Name,  
dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer,  
in our hearts thy peace proclaim.

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,  
come with unction from above,  
touch our hearts with sacred fire,  
fill them with the Savior's love.  
Source of comfort, Source of comfort,  
cheer us with the Savior's love.

God the Lord, through every nation  
let thy wondrous mercies shine.  
In the song of thy salvation  
every tongue and race combine.  
Great Jehovah, great Jehovah,  
form our hearts and make them thine.

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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