

EPIPHANY III

9:00 A.M. Service-Virtual

Sunday, January 24, 2021

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

9 South Main Street

Sharon, CT 06069



SEA OF GALILEE

Officiant:
Priest-In-Charge
Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker

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Prelude: They Cast Their Nets In Galilee

Lyrics: William Alexander Percy

Music: Georgetown, David McKinley Williams

Opening Sentence for Epiphany

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

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

Psalms 62:6-14

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Hymn 537: Christ For The World We Sing

Lyrics: Samuel Wolcott

Music: Moscow, Felice de Giardini

*1 Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal:
the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow worn,
whom Christ doth heal.*

*2 Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with fervent pray'r:
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.*

*3 Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with one accord:
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.*

First Reading

Lector: William Trowbridge

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Homily by Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker

Moment of Silence- Music Meditation

Will You Come and Follow Me

Lyrics: John L. Bell

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the
prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Officiant: Let us kneel and pray.

The Lord's Prayer *Together, all kneeling*

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

- 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: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 Mission: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Christ Church Prayer: 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.*

We pray for those on our parish prayer list to include:

Michael Berkeley	Miles Eller	Wendy Grace Rossi
Nancy Briggs	Alex Fagan	Shelley Strid
Mary Jean Calvi	Jane Farnol	John Swart
Mary Jean Chacona	Francoise Kelz	Richard Tucker
Betty Dearborn	Larry Mac Neil	Joyce Weegar
Janis Downey	Joyce Millage	Jon Widing

The Altar Flowers, which adorn the Sanctuary, are given and arranged as an expression of Thanksgiving to God for blessings received and prayers answered.

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.*

General Thanksgiving

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 ourselves 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.*

Closing Hymn 660: O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

Lyrics: Washington Gladden

Music: Henry Percy Smith

*1 O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*2 Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.*

*3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.*

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.

Postlude

Hymn 555: Lead On O King Eternal

Lyrics: John Ernest Bode

Music: Nyland, David Evans

Organist, Sherry Dwyer

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Dismissal: *Go In Peace*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Celebrations:

1 Barbara Franks
5 Joanie Yahn
14 Cicily Hajek

17 Liza Smith
28 Dobrila Makic Waugh
30 Daniel Widing

The Annual Meeting is February 21, 2021

I. By Laws: Article II-Section I

“There shall be an annual meeting of the parish on the first Sunday in February or some other day appointed by vote of the parish, at such hour and place in the Town of Sharon, Connecticut as the Vestry may appoint for the purpose of electing members to the Vestry, Wardens, Clerk, Treasurer, other officers of the parish, and an Auditor, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.”

II. Preparation for Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Annual reports will be available at back of church for parishioners to review.

III. Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 21, 2021, 10:00 AM- VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Lent is right around the corner! If you recall we started all this craziness in Lent of 2020, pandemics viral and racial. We have together found incredible ways of worshipping and supporting one another. We have held onto Christian hope. And so, as we begin Lent 2021 I would like to keep that hope at our center. I recommend we all read **Love Is the Way by Bishop Michael Curry**. It is subtitled Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times and is a very engaging and short read.

During Lent I will hold a **book discussion/coffee hour on March 7 at 10am**. We will check in on how hope is going?! And we will look forward to the Day of Resurrection.

COVID Vaccine Line: 877 918 2224- Call for an appointment or visit <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus> - prepare to wait on hold if you call. 75 and older now.

4:00 PM Tuesday's

Pastoring and Prophecy: A Lens For Bible Study In Difficult Times

We will ponder passages of the Bible which assist us in navigating tough times. Early on in the pandemics, one of our Bishops said we are called to pastor and to prophesy! Those vocations become even more poignant during dual viruses: actual and social. While social justice is at the heart of our work, so is compassion and mercy, the pastoral part. We will pray as we hold the tensions and await the inspiration of the Spirit. Each week's passage will be sent out ahead of time, but spontaneity is welcome! Any edition of the Bible is also welcome. **Led by Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker**, this Bible Study is open to all! **Zoom Link to Join: <https://episcopalct.zoom.us/j/93023398193> Password: episcopal.**

***THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

***POINSETTIA'S** IN PARISH HALL NEED HOMES.

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