

EPIPHANY IV

9:00 A.M. Service-Virtual  
Sunday, January 31, 2021

**CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL**

9 South Main Street  
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Officiant:  
Worship Leader  
Mrs. Joanie Yahn

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**Prelude: Tell Out My Soul, The Greatness of the Lord**

*Lyrics: Timothy Dudley-Smith*

*Music: Birmingham, from Repository of Sacred Music*

**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**

**Psalm 111**

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

### **Hymn 567: Thine Arm, O Lord in Days of Old**

*Lyrics: Edward Hayes Plumptre*

*Music: St. Matthew, from Supplement in the New Version of Psalms*

*1 Your hands, O Lord, in days  
of old. Were strong to heal and  
save; They triumphed o'er  
disease and death, o'er  
darkness and the grave. To  
you they went, the blind, the  
deaf, the palsied, and the lame,  
the leper set apart and  
shunned, the sick and those in  
shame.*

*2 And then your touch brought  
life and health, gave hearing,  
speech, and sight; While  
strength renewed and health  
restored acclaimed you Lord*

*of light; and so, O Lord, be  
near to bless, with all your  
healing pow'r, In troubled  
home, in crowded street, in  
sorrow's saddest hour.*

*3 O be our mighty healer still,  
Great Lord of life and death;  
Restore and strengthen, soothe  
and bless, with your almighty  
breath; on hands that work  
and eyes that see, your healing  
wisdom pour, that whole and  
sick, and weak and strong,  
may praise you evermore\*

## **First Reading**

**Lector: David Hargrove**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Second Reading**

**Mark 1:21-28**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God.*

**Homily**

**Mrs. Joanie Yahn**

***Moment of Silence- Music Meditation***

***Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word***

***Lyrics: Tobias Clausnitzer***

***Music: Liebster Jesu, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle***

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

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.

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. Amen.

**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 B**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

**The Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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	Heidi Soderberg
Nancy Briggs	Alex Fagan	Shelley Strid
Lyle Burnett	Jane Farnol	John Swart
Mary Jean Calvi	Francoise Kelz	Richard Tucker
Mary Jean Chacona	Larry Mac Neil	Philip Waugh
Betty Dearborn	Joyce Millage	Joyce Weegar
Janis Downey	Wendy Grace Rossi	Jon Widing

We especially pray for for the safe repose of the soul of Brian Franks. May he rest in perpetual peace.

The Altar Flowers, which adorn the Sanctuary, are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lucy Mac Neil and Kathy Mac Neil by Lauren Welsh.

And in loving memory of Brian William Franks and Mary Jean Franks  
by William and Barbara Franks.

**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 616: Hail to the Lord's Anointed***

*Lyrics: James Montgomery*

*Music: Henry Walford Davies*

*1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.*

*2 He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.*

*3 He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth;*

*before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, to;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.*

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**

**Organist, Sherry Dwyer**

*Hymn 535: Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

**Lyrics:** *Charles Wesley*

**Music:** *Sydney Hugo Nicholson*

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

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

**Dismissal:** *Go In Peace*

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**THIS SUNDAY AT 10 a.m.**

**5th Sundays Across ECCT: January 31, 2021, at 10 a.m.**  
***UPDATE! Join us on [ECCT's Facebook](#) or [YouTube Channel](#)***



An offering of ECCT, featuring our parishes and coordinated by our Cathedral.

January 31: A collaboration by Grace, Stafford Springs, Holy Trinity, Enfield, and Good Shepherd, Hartford

**Our first "Fifth Sundays Across ECCT" liturgical offering of 2021 is here!** Coordinated by our Cathedral, we invite you to join Grace Episcopal in Stafford Springs, Holy Trinity in Enfield, and Church of the Good Shepherd in Hartford **this Sunday, January 31, at 10 a.m.** as we worship together in English and Spanish "across ECCT" live on [ECCT's Facebook page](#) and [ECCT's YouTube Channel](#).

**[Download the Service Bulletin.](#)**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### January Celebrations:

1 Barbara Franks

5 Joanie Yahn

14 Cicily Hajek

17 Liza Smith

28 Dobrila Makic Waugh

30 Daniel Widing

**Ash Wednesday, February 17**-Rev. Tucker wishes for you to attend a Virtual service she will record and send in email to you that morning.

**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.**

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