

Christ Church Trumbull
The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 23, 2025, Year C
9am and 10am Service

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 376 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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

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

The Collect for Purity

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 **S280**

**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.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Old TestamentGenesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 (*said responsively by whole verse*)

Reader Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

All **For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

Reader Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

All Take delight in the LORD,
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Reader Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.

**All He will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

Reader Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him.

**All Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

Reader Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

**All For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.**

Reader In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

**All But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.**

Reader But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**All The LORD will help them and rescue them;
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

The New Testament1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

But someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, ‘The first man, Adam, became a living being’; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 493.....“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

The Gospel..... **Luke 6:27-38**

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.

‘Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.’

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

The Sermon..... The Rev. Kathleen Liles

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 Intercession and Thanksgiving, I bid your prayer requests for any special concern.

Celebrant offers a prayer and concludes the petitions:

Celebrant: Lord in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People: **That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Harold W. Hamilton, Joseph Mayo, Lucy Casola, Helen DeLibero, and Merna Benedict Goett.
People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Sophia, Jake, Evan, Rachel, Debbie, Stephen, George, Carolyn, Tori, John, Tom, Trish, Nathan, Andrea, Angela, Liam, Candace, Dennis, Jackie, Susan, Lucy, Diane, Paul, Sue, Austin, and Justin.
And for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, whose names we do not know.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Announcements

Refill the Pantry! Please look to the weekly eNews for more information on this community-wide, faith-based outreach ministry to support the Trumbull Food Pantry.

Counters Needed! We need volunteers to help count on Sundays after the 10am service. Our volunteers are scheduled in a rotating basis – with counting duties about once a month. You do not need any experience for this as your counting counterparts will train you as needed. Please contact Maryanne in the parish office if you'd like to be added to this ministry.

Readers Needed! If you'd like to be a part of the worship service on Sundays with Mother Kathleen and Deacon Lee, we'd love for you to be a reader. If interested, please contact the parish office for more information.

Coffee Hour Volunteers: We have open dates for volunteers to bring goodies to Coffee Hour. Please contact the parish office if you'd like to take a Sunday.

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice

to God.

Please stand

Offertory Hymn 581“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharist Prayer A

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.....**Sanctus S 130**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

The Celebrant continues

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

Communion Hymn Piano Solo “Be Still and Know that I am God”

Please stand. Say together

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 562..... “Onward, Christian Soldiers!”

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**