



Christ Church Cathedral

Hartford, Connecticut

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 19, 2025

We acknowledge the Tunxis, Sicaog, Wangunks and Poquonook people, the traditional custodians on the land on which Christ Church Cathedral is located. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We respect their people and traditions as a continued call to live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called.

Welcome to our community! Wherever life is taking you, know that we are honored by your presence and invite you to experience God's life-giving grace with us at Christ Church Cathedral. As a community of faith we celebrate God's graciousness by proclaiming in word and deed that God's love is abundant and unconditional. At the Lord's Table, all baptized are welcome to receive Communion. Please turn off your cell phones once the prelude begins. Should you like to speak with a priest following the service, please contact an usher.

Hymns are in *The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (LEVAS).

At the 8 a.m. service, hymns and the second reading are omitted.

The Gloria is recited at the 8 a.m. service. It can be found on page 356 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude ~ Give me Jesus in the morning arr. W. Patrick Alston

Processional Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # 680 O God, our help in ages past St. Anne

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
People And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

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. Amen.

Gloria ~ LEVAS II # 243 Carl Haywood

Collects of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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, Jr., may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may 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. Amen.

Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.

A Reading From ~ Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36:5-10 *Dixit injustus ~ Sung by the Choir*

John Stainer

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
 and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
 your justice like the great deep; *
 you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
 your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
 you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, *
 and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
 and your favor to those who are true of heart.

A Reading From ~ 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn ~ LEVAS II # 106 Precious Lord, take my hand

The Gospel ~ John 2:1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon ~ The Rev. Canon D Littlepage, Priest Associate

Following the Sermon, the Celebrant stands. Please stand as you are able.

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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
 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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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.

A Prayer for Justice and Reconciliation

For your household with its blessed diversity of races and ethnicities,
We give thanks, O God.

For your presence with those who suffer the pain of oppression because of racism,
We pray, O God.

For the courage and commitment of those who challenge injustice,
We give thanks, O God.

For your forgiveness for our denial and apathy when we have cooperated with powers of dominance and discrimination,
We pray, O God.

For ears to hear stereotyping in church and community, and the courage to name it,
We pray, O God.

For eyes to see exclusion in our lives and churches and for resolve to confront it,
We pray O God.

For minds to address what the conscience knows,
We pray, O God.

For hearts freed of cynicism and despair and renewed with hope,
We pray, O God.

For faith that acts on the certainty of your love for us and on your desire that we honor our differences and live in harmony,
We pray, O God.

For our Ministers, that they may preach the Gospel at all time and seasons and use words when necessary. We pray especially for Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell; the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally; and the Bishop of Dover, Rose Hudson-Wilkin, who have been delegated the official functions of the Archbishop of Canterbury while the seat is vacant. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Lina, our Dean; Tony, our Canon for Latino Ministry; Bonnie, our Deacon; Julia, our Intern; Jay, Tim, Ranjit, D, and Rebekah, our Associate Clergy; and for our Congregation Committee and Ministry Teams. We also pray for our sister diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney.

We pray, O God.

For those who have asked our prayers: Will, Kathleen R., Connie, Joan Z, Maïa, Lee, Almeta, Camille, Gerard, Lourdes, Lenora, Ardyce, Mike R., Jennifer, Andrew, Benjamin, Adrienne, Felicity, Sherrod, Graham, Richard, Mark, Bill, Betty Jo, Michael, Jason, Andrew, Jeannie, Denise, Shelly N., Dennis, Charlene, Marcia, Sean, Mary, Andrew, David, Shaun, Thomas, Alberto, Kelley, Allison, Dina, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Eric, Nelson, Joan, Treviana, Bob, Tyrone, Todd, Rosa, Miguel, Javon, Debbie, Julian, Rose, Samy, Eugenia, Louis, Sylvia, Anne, Harmony, Cristianne, Joslin, Mary Ellen, Sheila, Priscilla, and those we name in our hearts.

We pray, O God.

We pray in fellowship with those from this time and beyond time who have witnessed to your call to community. We covenant with you and each other to be your instruments of justice and reconciliation in this time and in this place. In the name of Christ, who is loving, just, and forgiving, we offer our prayer.
Amen.

The Confession of Sin

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean

Offertory Anthem ~ Freedom's Plow

Rollo Dilworth

*A long time ago, an enslaved people heading toward freedom made up a song:
Keep Your Hand on the Plow! Hold On!
That plow plowed a new furrow across the field of history.
Into that furrow the freedom seed was dropped.
From that seed a tree grew, is growing, will ever grow.
That tree is for everybody, for all America, for all the world.
May its branches spread and its shelter grow until all races and all peoples know its shade.*

The Doxology ~ LEVAS II # 56 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A - Expansive Language

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Savior.

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:

Sanctus ~ LEVAS II # 255

Grayson Warren Brown

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People:

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei ~ LEVAS II # 270

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The celebrant leads a prayer for spiritual communion for those worshipping online.

Act of Spiritual Communion

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, please follow the direction given by the ushers. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn ~ LEVAS II # 194 Lead me, guide me

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn ~ LEVAS II # 208 We've come this far by faith

Postlude ~ Credo in unum Deum from Missa Brevis for Organ on Gospel Tunes

Sam Batt Owens

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If you are visiting us for the first time, WELCOME! We would like to keep you informed of the amazing blessings we experience in this house of prayer. Please introduce yourself to
Dean Howell, Canon Garcia, or Deacon Matthews.

Following today's 10:00am service, join us for our annual **MLK Luncheon hosted by Church Street Eats**. This is an opportunity for our cathedral members and guests of Church Street Eats to gather in community, share a meal, and continue conversations about social justice.



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the Rev. Canon D Littlepage, and the Rev. Canon Ranjit K. Mathews, Priest Associates

Anne Bartholomew, Chair of Congregation Committee

John Decker, Vice-Chair of Congregation Committee

*Since 1762, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries
we share in this place, you are invited to speak to the clergy or parishioners after the service.*

Serving at 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Canon D Littlepage, Priest Associate

Assisting

The Rev. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon

Psalm Leader / Verger

John Scott

Intercessor / Altar Server

Jilda Aliotta

Lector

Nancy Jacobs

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