



Christ Episcopal Church
Norwalk, Connecticut
First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 11, 2026

Prelude: Musette Henry Kihlken

Processional Hymn: # 76 On Jordan's Banks
V. 1-2-3

The Book of Common Prayer, Page 355

All standing, the Celebrant says:

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

People: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says:

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: S 280 Powell

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **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. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders; *

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *

and strips the forests bare.

⁹ And in the temple of the Lord *

all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *

the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

¹¹ The Lord shall give strength to his people; *

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: # 121

Christ When For Us

V. 1 & 2 Before the Reading

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn: # 121

Christ When For Us

V. 3 & 4 After the Reading

Sermon: Reverend Jean Baptiste Rock

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.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

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

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

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

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

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

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially for Charlie
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Especially for: Sandy, Suzanne, Joan, Ron, Blaize, Shannon, Sarah, Kelly, Albert, Bruce, Heath, Alan, Stephen, Mary, Linda, Ruth, Tracy, Betty, David, Sandy, Judy, Kyle, Barbara, Jodi, Craig, Ron, Marilyn, Keith, Diane, Sandy, Michael, Faith, Alison, the Norton Family and Jim.

ECCT CYCLE OF PRAYER: With the Episcopal Church of Connecticut, today we pray for:

Trinity, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury; St. Luke's, Darien

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Together with the Anglican Communion throughout the world, today we pray for:

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Reverend Bello.

VIGIL LIGHT: The vigil light burns this week with prayers for the victims and families of the bar fire in Switzerland.

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

People: **And also with you.**

Peace

Announcements

Offertory Hymn # 128

We Three Kings

V. 1 & Refrain

V. 2-3-4: No Refrain

V. 5 & Refrain

Doxology

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The people remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S 129 Powell

The people remain standing

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People:

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. *AMEN.*

"Great Amen"

Two systems of musical notation for the hymn "Great Amen". Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The second system includes a series of chords written above the vocal line: Gm, F, Bb, Cm, Gm, D, Eb, Dm7, and G. The piano accompaniment in the second system includes markings for *ff*, *rit.*, *molto rit.*, and *fff*. The lyrics "A - men, a - men, a - men." are written below the vocal line in both systems. A handwritten note "major" is written next to the final G chord in the second system.

The Celebrant then continues:

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

People and Celebrant:

**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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

ALL THE BAPTIZED ARE WELCOME TO COMMUNION.

Communion Hymn # 324 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

V. 1 & 2

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

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

Benediction

Recessional Hymn # 119 As With Gladness Men Of Old

V. 1-2-3

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: A Joyful Sound Steven Scott

WHAT'S NEW AT CCEN?

BOOK BUNCH:

Our January selection is P.S. Your Cat Is Dead by James Kirkwood Jr. We will meet on January 14. Our February selection is Twice by Mitch Albom. We are planning to meet on February 18. Please join us for one of our discussions.

BIBLE STUDY:

On the first Sunday of each month, Father Powell will lead Bible study and discussion after coffee hour. The next Bible study will be on February 1. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

ANGEL FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:

*Please consider volunteering your time to help us staff the food pantry more regularly.
We appreciate all donations and helping hands too!*

If you want to donate any items, we can use cereal, rice, boxes or cans of evaporated milk, canned meats (tuna, chicken, SPAM), canned vegetables or fruits, canned soup and stews, canned chili, pasta sauce, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant and shampoo at this time. We also need more brown paper grocery bags with handles (think bags from Shoprite or Trader Joes as that is the best size). We go through those size bags very quickly.

We have been supplying people in need that have contacted us and appreciate all your donations which allows us to help the community. If you know of someone in need, please contact Lisa Helwig in the church office at 203-866-7442 or by email at secretaryccen@gmail.com

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What is the mission of the Church?

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. *Book of Common Prayer, Page 855*