

*Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols  
Trumbull, CT*



*Sunday, January 18, 2026*

*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Morning Prayer – Rite II*

WELCOME!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, your joining us is a blessing. Please fill out a Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate, so that we can get to know you better.

## ❖ Parish Announcements ❖

### ❖ PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember those in need of prayer: Bill, Amy, Carolyn, Alison, Xavi, Chris, Dee, Don, Frank, Larry, Marilee, DJ, George, Chris, Michael, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Will, Lucille, Donna, Lenny, Paul, Gayle, Al, Cherie, Leslie, Joanne, Ellen, Michael, Cami, Kaitie, Pat, Georgeann, Walt, Steve, Frank, Barbara, Christine, Stacey, Drewseller, Bobby, Michael, Brandon, Cathy, Rebecca, Caitlin, Mason, Russ, Renate, Pat, Sam, Renay, Mike, Sharon, Chuck, Lou, Catherine, Michael, Patty, Kerri, Paul, Eric, Jill, Tom, Jim, Peter, Christina, Geoffery, De, Patty, Lynne, Tom, Beth. Please also pray for our military, and all those being deployed.

### ❖ WORSHIP

**This Sunday - Children's Church School** meets downstairs with Miss Brenda at 9am!

#### Upcoming Lenten Series: The Journey to Easter

Have you ever wondered why we have all these different services in Lent and Holy Week? Have you ever felt interested but didn't come for one reason or another? Well, here is your chance to really understand our walk with Jesus to the cross and beyond. After Sunday service, Rev. Kate will be leading a series on each of the unique services in Lent. This will be a time to learn, ask questions, and prepare yourself for what lies ahead of us. Any questions? Contact Rev. Kate at [rev.kemd@gmail.com](mailto:rev.kemd@gmail.com).

Sun. 2/8 – Learn about Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday  
Sun. 2/22 – Learn about Palm Sunday  
Sun. 3/1 – Learn about Maundy Thursday  
Sun. 3/8 – Learn about Good Friday  
Sun. 3/15 – Learn about Holy Saturday

#### Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Tues. 2/17 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – 6pm Parish Hall – Compline following  
Wed. 2/18 – Ash Wednesday – Imposition of Ashes 7-8am – Worship Service – **6pm**  
Thurs. 4/2 – Maundy Thursday – **6pm** Simple Dinner with foot washing and Eucharist at **7pm**.  
Fri. 4/3 – TIC Good Friday Service – 12 noon Service with Communion- 5pm Stations of the Cross  
Sat. 4/4 - 6pm Holy Saturday Service at Rectory  
Sun. 4/5 – Easter Sunday – 9am Worship with Egg Hunt to follow.

### ❖ PARISH LIFE

**Are you interested in learning about the Episcopal Church or Confirmation/Reception?** If interested, please contact Rev. Kate by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2026 Pledge envelopes are ready for those who indicated they would like them.** *If you would like envelopes and did not indicate so on your pledge sheet, please leave your name on the clipboard in the Narthex. The office will have envelopes ready the following Sunday.* We would like to thank everyone for their continued support!

**2026 Flower Chart is posted** – Please see the posted chart so you can sign up early to get the date you desire. Cost for donating flowers is \$40 (cash preferred).

**Annual Meeting – January 25<sup>th</sup> (now date February 1)** – Please bring a plate for our potluck meal and come to the annual meeting after the service on the 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a time for us to reflect on the past year and look to the year to come. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Thank you!

### ❖ OUTREACH

**Diaper Drive, Feb 18-April 15** – Diapers will go to the CT Diaper Bank. More information to follow.

**Entrance Hymn: How Bright Appears the Morning Star** (Blue Hymnal # 497)

**Opening Sentences**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

**Confession of Sin** (*sit or kneel as you are comfortable*)

*Officiant:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A brief period of silence is kept.*

*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.*

*Officiant:*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*(All stand as able)*

*Officiant:* The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

*People:* Come let us adore him.

(Remain standing as able)

**Jubilate** (Blue Hymnal # S43)



- 1 Be joyful in the'Lord, all you'lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his'presence'with a'song. [Ant.]
- 2 Know this: The Lord him'self is'God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his'people and the'sheep of his'pasture. [Ant.]
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his'courts with'praise; \*  
give thanks to'him and'call upon'his'Name. [Ant.]
- 4 For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is'ever'lasting; \*  
and his faithfulness en'dures from'age to'age. [Ant.]

(*Gloria Patri* may be added)

Glory to the Father, and'to the'Son, \*  
and'to the'Holy'Spirit:  
As it was in the be'ginning, is'now, \*  
and'will be for'ever. A'men. [Ant.]

Music: Richard Woodward (1744-1777).

(Be seated)

**The First Lesson** *Isaiah 49:1-7*

*Sharon Buzzell*

*A reading from the book of Isaiah;*  
Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength--  
he says,  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

*(Remain seated)*

**Psalm 40** (*Congregation invited to join choir on **bolded** verses*) *(Remain Seated)*

I waited patiently up/on the LORD;\*  
he stooped to / me and / heard my cry.

***He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the / mire and clay;\****  
***he set my feet upon a high cliff and / made my / footing sure.***

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our / God;\*  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their / trust in / the LORD.

***Happy are they who trust in the / LORD!\****  
***they do not resort to evil spirits or / turn to / false gods.***

Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
how great your wonders and your / plans for us!\*

there is none who can / be com/pared with you.

*Oh, that I could make them known and / tell them!\**  
*but they are / more than / I can count.*

In sacrifice and offering you take no / pleasure\*  
(you have given me / ears to / hear you );

*Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have / not required,\**  
*and so I / said, “Be/hold, I come.*

In the roll of the book it is written con/cerning me:  
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is / deep in / my heart.' "

*I proclaimed righteousness in the great congre/gation;\**  
*behold, I did not restrain my lips; and / that, O / LORD, you know.*

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your de/liverance;\*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness  
from the great / congre/gation.

*You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion / from me;\**  
*let your love and your faithfulness keep me / safe for / ever.*

## **The Second Lesson** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*Jackie Mullady*

*A reading from the First letter of Paul to the Corinthians;*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**Canticle of Zechariah** (Blue Hymnal # S 248) *(Congregation invited to join choir on Antiphon)*  
*(Remain seated)*

*Antiphon*

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

1. Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has come  
to his peo - ple and set them free. 2. He has raised up for us  
a mighty sa - vior, born of the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.

3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us  
from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who hate us.

4. He prom - ised to show mercy to our fa - thers and to remember his  
ho - ly cov - e - nant. 5. This was the oath he swore to our father  
A - bra - ham, to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,

6. Free to worship him with - out fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the  
days of our life. 7. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare his way, 8. To give

his people knowledge of sal - va - tion by the for - give - ness of their sins.

9. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break up - on us, 10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace. [Ant.]

(*Gloria Patri* may be omitted)

11. Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:

12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A-men. [Ant.]

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### The Third Lesson      John 1:29-42

*(remain seated)*

*Joanne Deluca*

*A reading from the book of John;*

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter). *Reader:* The word of the Lord. *All:* Thanks be to God.

## **Canticle 11** *The Third Song of Isaiah Sung by Choir (Remain Seated)*

- 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
- 2 For behold, darkness covers the land;  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
- 3 But over you the Lord will rise,  
and his glory will appear upon you.
- 4 Nations will stream to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
- 5 Your gates will always be open;  
by day or night they will never be shut.
- 6 They will call you, The City of the Lord,  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
- 7 Violence will no more be heard in your land,  
ruin or destruction within your borders.
- 8 You will call your walls, Salvation,  
and all your portals, Praise.
- 9 The sun will no more be your light by day;  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
- 10 The Lord will be your everlasting light,  
and your God will be your glory.

  

- 11 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
- 12 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Reflections** *(Remain seated)*

### **The Apostles' Creed** *(said together, all standing as able)*

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 Peace**

*Officiant:* The Peace of the Lord be with you. *All:* And also with you.

## **Announcements**

## **The Offertory**

*Officiant* Let us walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Hymn: When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known** (Blue Hymnal # 132) *(Stand as you are able)*

## The Doxology (*Sung to ‘Puer Nobis’*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heav’ly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

## Prayers and Intercessions (*sit or kneel as you are comfortable*)

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And with your spirit.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Officiant:*    God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfil now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory. **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 of the Day

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.**

## A 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.**

## A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched our 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.**

## The General Thanksgiving (*All*)

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 our selves 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.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us Bless the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God**

*Officiant:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

**Hymn: Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim** (*Stand as able*) (Blue Hymnal # 535)

## The Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us go forth into the word, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Officiant:* Simon Howes

*Organist:* Herb Lazration

*Lectors:* Sharon Buzzeto, Jackie Mullady, Joanne Deluca

*Ushers:* Christian Medina, Antonio Medina

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### MISSION STATEMENT

OUR MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM BY WORD AND DEED, THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, REACHING OUT TO ALL IN HIS NAME. OUR DESIRE IS THAT OTHERS MAY COME TO FAITH IN HIM, DRAWN BY THE EXAMPLE OF OUR LIVES.

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Please note, the office is closed on Friday.