



Christ Episcopal Church

Roxbury, Connecticut

The First Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026 9:30AM

The Rev. Canon Ranjit K. Mathews

Ringling of the Bells

At ten minutes before the hour, the altar candles are lit, inviting all into a time of preparation for our worship. Please silence electronic devices.

Prelude

Prelude The *Passacaglia in G Minor* from the Keyboard Suite No. 7 in G Minor [HWV 432] of George Frederick Handel

Welcome

The Rev. Canon Ranjit K. Mathews

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn *Holy God We Praise Thy Name*

Hymn: 366 vv. 1, 2 and 4

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

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

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Glo-ry to God in the hi-gh-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God. Hea-ven-ly King. Al - mi - gh-ty God and
Fa-ther. We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we pra - ise you for your glo-ry! Lord Je - s - us Christ; On-ly s - on of the
Fa-ther. Lord God. Lamb of God. You take a - way the sins of the world have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the
right hand of God: Fa-ther re-ceive our prayer. For you - a - lone are the Ho-ly One. You a - lone are he Lord.
You a - lo-ne are the Most High Je - sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry o - f God the Fa - ther. A - men.
A - men. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (1:1-2:4a)

Read by Deb Howes

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8 *In Unison*

Led by Deb Howes

- 1 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (13:11-13) Read by Deb Howes

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Hymn 423

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew (28:16-20)

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Ranjit K. Mathews

The Nicene Creed *In Unison, please stand if able*

**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 (based on Form VI)

Led by Judy Martinez

Please stand or kneel as able.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our presiding bishop, Jeff and Laura our bishops, the ministers of Christ Church Roxbury, and all who proclaim the Gospel in word and deed.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

We remember especially those for whom prayers have been requested. Ainsley, Ana, Angelica, Annie, Bobby, Charlie, Chris, David, Deb, Deke, Denise, Diane, Drew, Ed, Genesis, Gwyn, James and Robert, Jamie, Jane, Jean, Jeffrey, Jerry, Joan, John, John and Pam, Judy and Mike, Judith, Kathy, Lance, Lily, Linda, Meg, Mia, Mike and Millie, Peter, Ryan, Sara, Sheila, Steve and Lisbet, Sydney, Timothy, and those we name before you aloud and in our hearts.

Silence

Hear us Lord;

For we put our trust in you.

We pray for an end to war and all acts of violence of one group of people against another.

We pray for peace in the Holy Land.

We pray for an end to the violence and polarization that plague our communities.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

Please add your own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for the immortal souls of the soldiers and innocent civilians who have lost their lives in the conflict in the Middle East. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Silence

Please add your own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

A Prayer While Awaiting a New Shepherd *In Unison*

Loving and Faithful God, You have guided our parish through seasons of joy and challenge. As we wait for the shepherd You have chosen for us, fill our hearts with patience, unity, and hope.

Bless those entrusted with the call to discern and decide. Prepare the heart of our future priest with wisdom, compassion, and courage, that they may lead us closer to You and serve with humility and love. Keep us steadfast in prayer, generous in service, and open to the new chapter You are writing for our community. May Your Spirit be our guide until we welcome our new pastor with joy. In Jesus' name we pray, *Amen*.

The Officiant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand as able. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements *(Also see page 12 of the service leaflet.)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ("God in Man Made Manifest") Hymn 135: (vv. as needed)

*During the offertory hymn, the ushers will collect your gifts and bring them before God's Holy Table
The Celebrant receives the gifts and all sing:*

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INTRODUCTION

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow.

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Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther,

14
Son, and Ho ly Ghost. ——— A - - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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:

Celebrant and people sing together

The Sanctus

S-130 *Schubert setting*

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

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.**

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.
Then may be sung*

The Fraction Anthem

S-155 *Near setting*

*Please come forward to receive communion either standing or kneeling along the altar rail.
You may receive either just the bread or you may dip the bread into the wine.
Gluten free wafers are also available.
If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing.
Healing prayer is offered in the back of the church during Communion.*

Communion Meditation *Ombra mai fu*, (Serse Aria) from the Opera *Serse* (*Xerxes*) [HWV 40]
of George Frederick Handel

The Celebrant says
Let us pray together.

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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

Recessional Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

Hymn: 362

The people are sent with these words

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *The Prince of Denmark's March* of Jeremiah Clarke

Ringling of the Bells

Thank you to our ministers today.

The Rev. Canon Ranjit K. Mathews, Celebrant

Music Minister: Mr. Gregory J. Cava

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Martinez

Welcoming: Peter Hurlbut

Lector: Deb Howes

Altar Guild chair: Deb Howes

Sonneur: Larry Apolzon

Allumeur: Mike Snowden

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Announcements



Welcome Canon Ranjit!

The Reverend Canon Ranjit K. Mathews has been Canon to the Ordinary on the Bishop's staff since October 2023. Prior to his current position, Ranjit served as Canon for Mission Advocacy, Racial Justice and Reconciliation for nearly two years. He served as rector of St. James Episcopal Church in New London, CT. In 2019, he was named a Community Partner by the New London chapter of the NAACP. He previously served as Partnership Officer for Africa on the Presiding Bishop's staff of The Episcopal Church. As a diplomat from The Episcopal Church and the Presiding Bishop to Anglican Provinces and dioceses in Africa south of the Sahara, Canon Ranjit worked towards mutual mission priorities amongst Anglican/Episcopal partners in the region.

He is currently a member of the interim Task Force on the Anglican Communion and Countering the Colonial Mindset. He is a board member of Episcopal Relief and Development and the Vice chair of the Episcopal Evangelism Society. He also serves as clergy representative on The Episcopal Church's delegation to the Anglican Consultative Council.

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All are welcome to come and meet Canon Ranjit for **Coffee and Friendship** in the parish hall today.

There will be **Healing Prayer** today during Communion in the back of the church, or speak with our healing minister, Judy Martinez.

Next Sunday, June 7th we welcome the Rev. Jill Morrison, Director for Congregational Development & Networking, to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and preach.

Are you interested in serving as a Eucharistic Visitor?

Bringing the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to attend services is important and very rewarding. We currently only have one Eucharistic Visitor and it would enhance our pastoral care to have more. There is a training coming up at St. John's in New Milford on Saturday, June 27th from 9:00 AM until noon. If you are interested, email the office at christchurchroxbury@gmail.com or speak to Dona or Steve as the vestry has to sponsor you.

Help is needed to do some grounds work around the campus.
Interested? Please speak to Ken Murphy.



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The Episcopal Church in Connecticut

The Right Reverend, Jeffrey Mello, Bishop Diocesan
The Right Reverend Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan

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