



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
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Hartford, Connecticut

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 11C

July 20, 2025 • 8:00 AM

We acknowledge the Tunxis, Sicaog, Wangunks and Poquonook people, the traditional custodians of 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 clergy person following the service, please contact an usher.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation

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

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.

The Collect

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading From ~ Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the Lord said to me,

“The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord God; “the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!” Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

<i>Reader</i>	The word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalms 52 *Quid gloriaris?*

- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness *
 against the godly all day long?
- 2 You plot ruin;
 your tongue is like a sharpened razor, *
 O worker of deception.
- 3 You love evil more than good *
 and lying more than speaking the truth.
- 4 You love all words that hurt, *
 O you deceitful tongue.
- 5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, *
 topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
 and root you out of the land of the living!
- 6 The righteous shall see and tremble, *
 and they shall laugh at him, saying,
- 7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, *
 but trusted in great wealth
 and relied upon wickedness.”
- 8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; *
 I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will give you thanks for what you have done *
 and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

A Reading From ~ Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel ~ Luke 10:38-41

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior
Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

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

The Sermon ~ The Rev. Canon Harlon Dalton, 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.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant us, Almighty God, that all of us who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live with one accord in your love, and manifest your glory in the world. We pray especially for the 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 duties 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; Jay, Harlon, Dana, Ranjit, D, Rebekah, and Kevin, our Associate Clergy; and for our Congregation Committee and Ministry Teams. We pray also for our sister-diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lead the people of this country and all the nations of the world, in ways of justice and peace, so that we may respect one another and seek the common good. We pray especially for peace in the Middle East, for the victims of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and for families divided because of migration measures.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give us the grace to look into the eyes of others, to hear your voice, to reach out to you, to exchange smiles, to give you a hug, to offer you our attentive ears and our hearts open.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

In times of drought and aridity, when we confuse reality with mirages in our thirst, allow us to find you, a true Oasis and an inexhaustible source of life.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give us a reverence for the earth, which is your creation, so that we may properly use its resources in the service of others and for your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless those whose lives are united to ours, grant that we may serve Christ in them, listening to His voice, reaching out to Him, and loving one another, even as You love us.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; In their tribulations give them courage and hope and bring them to the joy of your salvation. In particular, we pray for: **Charles L., 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, Sheila, Priscilla, Guale, Mercy, Deborah, Pam, Camden, Mark C., John, Gail, Lexi,** and those we now name in our hearts. *(Pause)*

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

You have sanctified the grave to be a bed of hope to your people; pour your continual grace upon those whom we love but see no longer, and grant that by their mutual intercession with ours, we may find this hope awakened in us, so that at the last, in communion with all your saints, we may rise in your power made perfect in our human weakness.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Eternal God, who has entrusted us with the fleeting and sacred gift of life, we thank you for all the good memories and all the living hope; by the ties that unite us to the sensible world; We thank you for those who look upon us as a cloud of witnesses and draw the distant sky closer to our hearts. Make us always aware of your gaze and permanent mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 our Lord 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 ~ Anne Bartholomew, Chair of the Congregation Committee

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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.

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.

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.**

If you are visiting us for the first time, WELCOME!

Please join us for fellowship in the Cathedral House Auditorium following the service.



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All faithful lay people and clergy of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

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The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon

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the Rev. Canon D Littlepage, the Rev. Canon Ranjit K. Mathews, & the Rev. Canon Kevin Olds, 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

Lector

Altar Server

The Rev. Canon Harlon Dalton, Priest Associate

Jennifer Peck

John Scott



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