

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Hartford, Connecticut

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14C • August 10, 2025 • 9:30am

"Taste & See 2025: Worship in the 10:00am Style"

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 liturgy begins. Should you like to speak with a clergy person following the service, please contact an usher.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Processional Hymn ~ The Hymnal 1982 # 636 "How firm a foundation"

Foundation

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Most Holy, Glorious, and Undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, 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 ~ *The Hymnal 1982 #* S 280

Robert Powell

The Collect

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

Reading ~ Isaiah 1:1. 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God. People

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 Deus deorum

- The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes;

cease to do evil, learn to do good;

seek justice, rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

- Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.
- Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; * for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
 lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; * but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Reading ~ Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



The Gospel ~ Luke 12:32-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Sermon The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean

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

Merciful God, align the desires of our hearts with your will for us and answer our prayers as may be best for us as we say, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Fill your church with faith, that our hope might embolden us to be your agents of love in all corners of our lives. 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.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Move the hearts of this nation and its leaders that we and they might see clearly both what holds us together and what pulls us apart, that joining together we might build a just and merciful society. We pray especially for peace in the Middle East, for the victims of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. We also pray for those effected by the immigration crisis in our country.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Remind us of the glory of your creation and spur us into action that it might be preserved and sustained, not only for ourselves but for future generations.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Tend to those who suffer, bring wholeness to what is broken, reconciliation to what has been separated, and lift up what has been pressed down. 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, Adrianne, 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, John, Mark C., John, Heather, and those we now name in our hearts. (Pause)

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Fulfill your promises to the dying, care for the grieving, and grant us all an entrance into your eternal loving presence. We pray especially for the repose of Bishop Jeffery William Rowthorn as we give thanks for his service to your church.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Celebrant

Generous God, you desire that we should live in love and not fear; hear our prayers, be known in our lives, and respond to the needs and hopes of your people; all this we ask through Jesus our Savior, who with you and the Holy spirit lives and reigns, now and always. **Amen**

The Confession & Absolution

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept

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.

Celebrant

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.**

Healing Prayer

Healing Anthems "Sometimes a light surprises the Christian"

The words for this anthem may be found in The Hymnal 1982 #667

"From miles around the sick ones came"

- 1 From miles around the sick ones came, In hope that One they heard was Lord would make their souls and bodies well, with healing touch or saving word.
- 2 And still they come, new preys of plague, while often in their rooms of prayer God's people worship, safe and sound, unheeding, even unaware.
- 3 Recall us to our mission, Lord, to reach for those cut off, in pain; to offer friendship, strength, and peace and be a faithful church again.

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 & Announcements ~ Anne Bartholomew, Chair of the Congregation Committee
John Decker, Vice-Chair of the Congregation Committee
The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean

Offertory Sentence

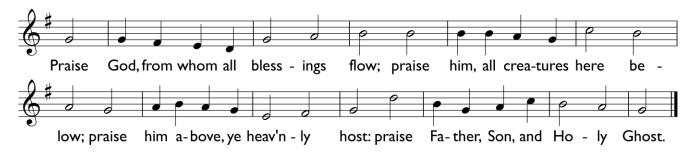
Offertory Anthem

Come, and go with me to that land

Gwyneth Walker

The Doxology

Old 100th



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B (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 you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 ~The Hymnal 1982 # S 130

Franz Peter Schubert

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

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.

Fraction Anthem ~ The Hymnal 1982 # S 164

Franz Peter Schubert

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.

Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacraments will be brought to you.

Recessional Hymn ~ Life Every Voice and Sing II # 208 "We've come this far by faith"

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn ~ The Hymnal 1982 # 527 "Singing songs of expectation"

Ton-y-botel

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"

Claude Murphee

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

Please join us for fellowship in the Cathedral House Auditorium following the service. 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 García, or Archdeacon Matthews.



SAVE THE DATE TASTE & SEE AUGUST 2025

Only one Combined Service at 9:30 a.m.



TASTE & SEE 2025

One combined service at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the month of August

August 17th

Worship in 12:30 Style (Spanish only)

August 24th

Worship in Church by the Pond Style at Bushnell Park

August 31st

Bilingual Service

PRUEBE Y VEA 2025

Un servicio combinado a las 9:30 a.m. todos los domingos en el mes de agosto

17 de agosto

Adoración al estilo de las 12:30

24 de agosto

Adoración en la iglesia junto al estanque al estilo en Bushnell Park

31 de agosto

Servicio bilingüe

Save the Date:

Christ Church Cathedral Homecoming Sunday

Christ Church Cathedral will mark the annual "Homecoming Sunday" with a festal celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:00am on Sunday, September 28.

Volunteers Needed for Annual "Bee-ing Community" Summer Camp

We are still looking for volunteers to assist us with our annual "Bee-ing Community" summer camp programs. Please contact Marianne Vogel at directorofmusic@cccathedral.org if you are interested or have any questions.





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> 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 9:30:

Celebrant The Rev. Dana Campbell, Priest Associate Preacher The Vey Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean

The Rev. Canon Ramón Antonio García, Canon for Latino Ministry Assisting

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