



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Hartford, Connecticut

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 19C • September 14, 2025

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* # 533 "How wondrous and great thy works"

Lyons

Opening Acclamation

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

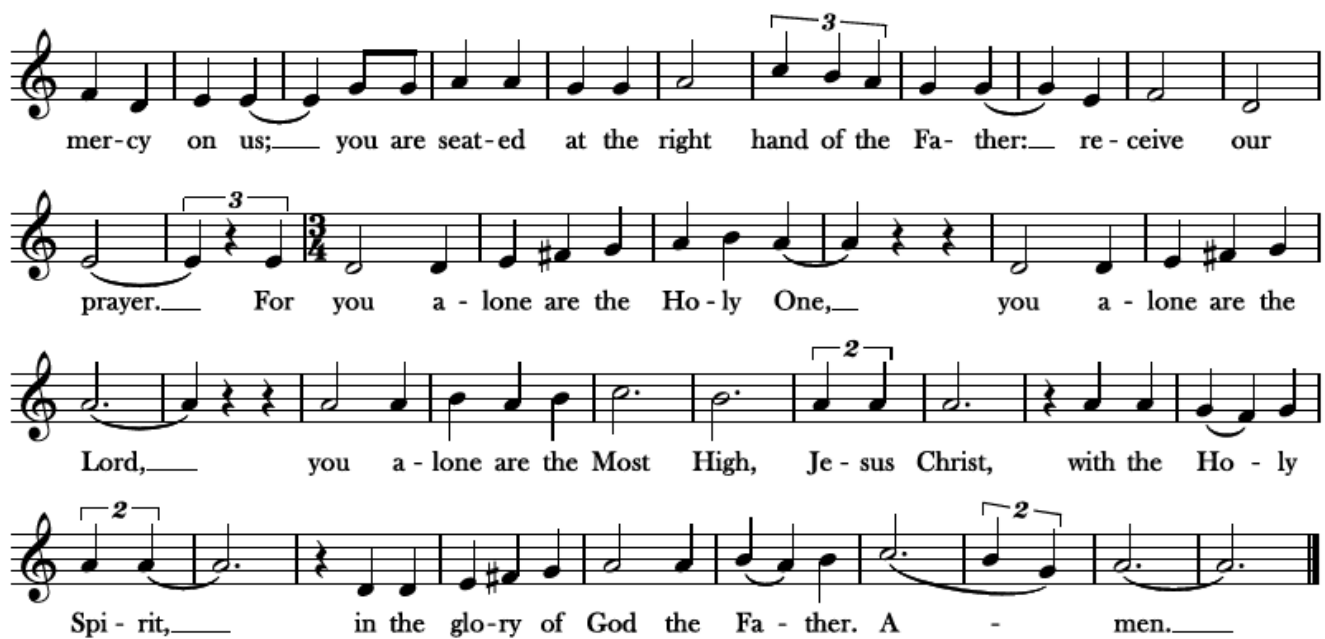
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 *Wonder, Love, and Praise* # 900

John Rutter

Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty
God and Fa- ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have



The Collect

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

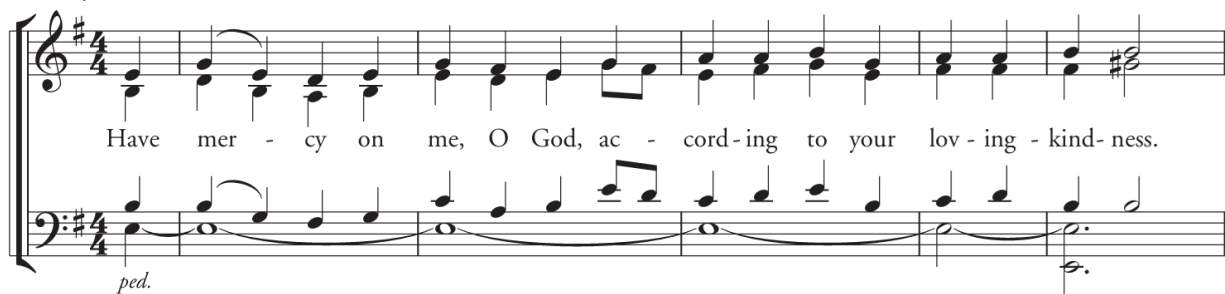
Please be seated.

Reading ~ Exodus 32:7–14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Antiphon

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

Antiphon

- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

*Antiphon***Reading** ~ 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost

patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn ~ LEVAS II # 111

"Come, thou fount of every blessing"

Nettleton

The Gospel ~ Luke 15:1–10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

Sermon The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon

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

God of compassion and mercy, may we be open to hear your word and one another as we offer our prayers to you in love and humility by saying: Hear our prayer.

For the Church, and for those who are bearers of your Word that the message of love, hope and healing may comfort those whose lives are broken or lost. 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.

Give wisdom and courage to the leaders of our nation and the world to stand up for those suffering from the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and those in our own country whose lives are impacted by the immigration crisis. May they come together, lay aside their differences and pursue a world with justice, peace and freedom, where all peoples may flourish in the beauty of your creation.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For our Cathedral family that we may support and encourage each other and continue to grow in faith as we work and walk together carrying out your mission of love.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Keep us mindful of your creation and help us to appreciate and care for the rhythm of times and seasons. For the earth, and sea and sky and the creatures who make their home among us.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Give strength and solace to those who are suffering from oppression, sickness in body and mind, fear, abuse, neglect, violence or loneliness. And may we be open to be the bearers of your healing presence in their lives.. 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, Gualde, Mercy, Deborah, Camden, John, Mark C., John, Heather, Susan, Lanny, Grayson, Becky, David M, Nancy, and those we now name in our hearts. *(Pause)*

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

May God bring peace and wholeness to all those whose earthly journey has ended and now abide in his Heavenly Kingdom.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Loving creator and sustainer hear the prayers of your faithful people offered today. Give us strength and courage to walk on the path of Christ and be a reflection of your love and mercy to those we meet along the way. All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

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 Anthem

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

"All the beauty of the Lord"

Gwyneth Walker

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness in the sea.

There's a kindness and a justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where our sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.

There is no place where our failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

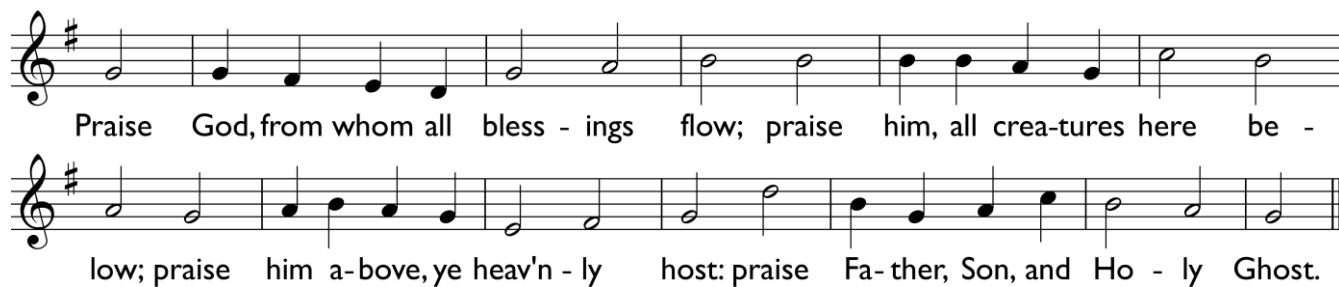
There's a wideness in God's mercy.
There's a kindness in Gods love.

For the love of God is broader
than the vision of our mind.

And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If we could but love more simply,
ever living by The Word,
then our lives would be enlightened
with the beauty of the Lord.

If we could but love more simply
ever living by The Word,
then our lives would be enlightened
with the mercy and the kindness,
with the healing and forgiveness,
with the sweetness and compassion,
all the beauty of the Lord!



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer 3 (Enriching our Worship 1; 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.**

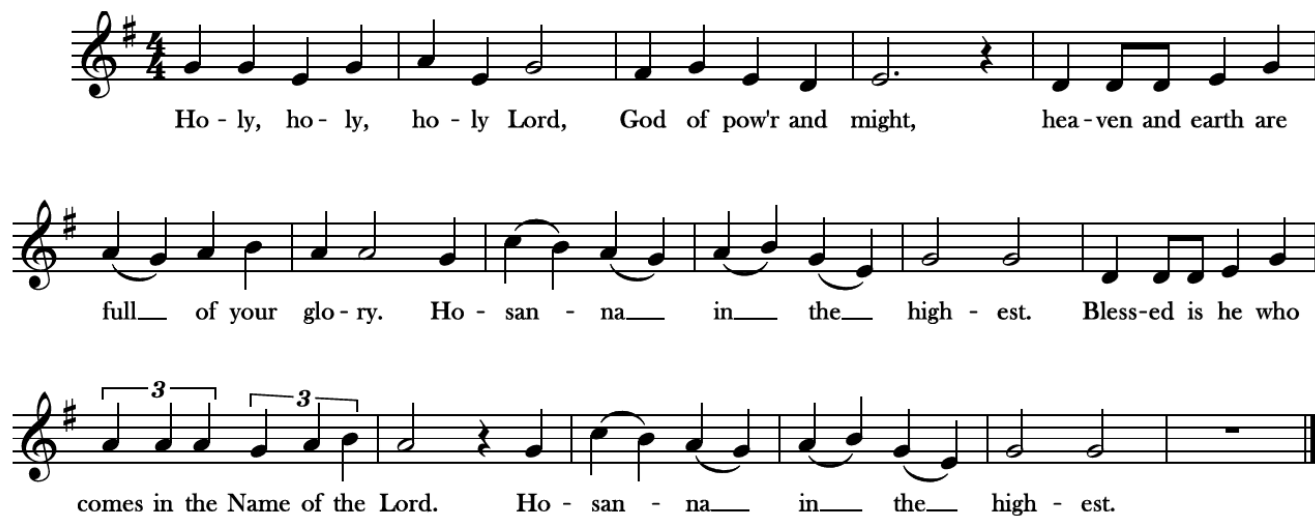
All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus ~ Wonder, Love, and Praise # 851

Jack Warren Burnham



Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you 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 ~ *Wonder, Love, and Praise* #877 "The disciples knew the Lord Jesus" Mark Sedio

Choir *All*

The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread, The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord

Choir

Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com

All *Choir*

mun-ion of the bod-y of Christ. The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread. One

All

bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, though ma - ny we share one bread. The dis -

ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread - .

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.

Communion Hymn *LEVAS II* # 181 "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound"

New Britain

Prayer After Communion

God of abundance,
 you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one with all your people
 in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982* #334 "Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing" *Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Toccata on "Amazing Grace"

Christopher Pardini

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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:

"30 Minutes with the Preacher" Conversation Series
Sundays in September at 9:00am

Today: ECCT Pride Service at 6:00pm

Join the wider diocese as the Episcopal Church in Connecticut celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community

Next Week:

Christ Church Cathedral Homecoming Sunday

The Cathedral community will mark our annual "Homecoming Sunday" with a festal celebration of the Holy Eucharist at **10:00am** on Sunday, **September 21**.
Please bring a dish to share.

Next Month:

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut's
241st Annual Convention

October 24-25, 2025

Our Cathedral Lay Delegates are
Anne Bartholomew & Richard Baraglia

Note: The first Sunday of every month prayers are offered for those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary during the month.

The second Sunday of the month, prayers for healing are offered for anyone who needs spiritual healing.



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An Episcopal Church within the Anglican Communion

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

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello, Bishop Diocesan

The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan

The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean

The Rev. Ramón Antonio García, Canon for Latino Ministry

The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon

The Rev. Dana Campbell, the Rev. Dr. Jay Cooke, the Rev. Canon Harlon Dalton, the Rev. Canon Rebekah Hatch,

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

The Rev. Dana Campbell, Priest Associate

Preacher

The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon

Lector

Tom Smith

Verger

John Scott

Altar Server

Dr. Jilda Aliotta

Serving at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant

The Rev. Dana Campbell, Priest Associate

Preacher

The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon

Assisting

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

The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon

Choir Verger

Peggy Ornell

Celebrant's & Gospel Verger

Marcia Barnett

Clergy Verger & Altar Server

Dr. Jilda Aliotta

Crucifer

John Scott

First Lector

Pat Wrice

Second Lector

John Decker

Usher

Samuel Hernandez

Altar Guild

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Richard Baraglia & Dr. Deborah Simmons

Digital Evangelist

Samuel Hernandez

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