



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Hartford, Connecticut
The Third Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 8C
June 29, 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 prelude begins. Should you like to speak with a clergy person following the service, please contact an usher. Hymns are in The Hymnal 1982 and Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS).

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Processional Hymn ~ *The Hymnal 1982* # 525 "The Church's one foundation"

Aurelia

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.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 ~ 2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of

the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

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

Psalms 77:1–2, 11–20 *Voca mea ad Dominum*

- 1 I will cry aloud to God; *
 I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; *
 my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;
 I refused to be comforted.
- 11 I will remember the works of the Lord, *
 and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts *
 and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
 who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders *
 and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
 the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God;
 the waters saw you and trembled; *
 the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water;
 the skies thundered; *
 your arrows flashed to and fro;

- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; *
the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea,
and your paths in the great waters, *
yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock *
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Reading ~ Galatians 5:1, 13–25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

Please stand as you are able for the

Gradual Hymn ~ The Hymnal 1982 # 513 "Like the murmur of the dove's song"

Bridegroom

The Gospel ~ Luke 9:51–62

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

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And

Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Sermon The Rev. Dr. James Cooke, *Priest Associate*

The Celebrant stands. Please stand as you are able for

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, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal 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 functions 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.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for those who are impacted by the recent immigration raids across the nation. We also pray for peace in the Middle East.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially 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, Colin Campbell,** and for those we now name in our hearts. *(Pause)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Gerene Bennett, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant

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.**

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

Offertory Sentence

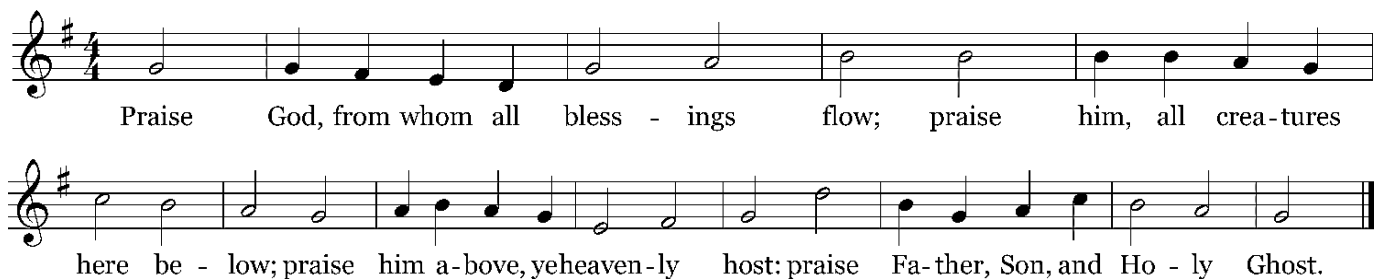
Offertory Anthem

"Lord, to Thee, each night and day" from *Theodora*

George Frideric Handel

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 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:

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 169

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.

Communion Hymn ~ *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* # 136 "I have decided to follow Jesus"

Prayer After Communion

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 Blessing

Recessional Hymn ~ *The Hymnal 1982* # 550

"Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult"

Restoration

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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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

JUNE

29 Sun Formation Time (English)

JULY

*Sundays, June 22 – September 7: Bible Study on
Extraordinary Women of the Bible (Spanish), 11am*

4 Fri Office closed (Independence Day)

15 Tue Congregation Committee meeting

20 Sun Jazz Mass, 10am

20 Sun Workshop for Readers (Spanish), 1:30pm

26 Sat Dinner conference (in Spanish)

Bible Reading: An Invitation for All

The Formation Ministry Team invites you to engage in the **reading of the Book of Acts** as a personal spiritual practice throughout the month of **July**.

We warmly welcome you to join us for a **virtual wrap-up session** (in English) on **Tuesday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom**, where we'll reflect together on insights and inspirations from this powerful book of scripture.

TASTE & SEE 2025

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

August 3rd- Worship in 8 am style

August 10th- Worship in 10 am style

August 17th - Worship in 12:30 Style (Spanish only)

August 24th- Worship in Church by the Pond Style at Bushnell Park

August 31- Bilingual Service

Cathedral Youth Summer Camp August 18 - 22. Volunteers needed.

For more information, please contact Marianne Vogel.

RESERVA LA FECHA

JUNIO

29 Tiempo de Formación del Sol (Inglés)

JULIO

*Domingos, 22 de junio - 7 de septiembre: Estudio Bíblico sobre
Mujeres Extraordinarias de la Biblia, 11am*

4 Viernes Oficina cerrada (Día de la Independencia)

15 Mar Reunión del Comité de la Congregación

20 Sun Jazz Mass, 10am

20 Sol Taller para Lectores, 1:30pm

26 Sábado Cena conferencia

PRUEBE Y VEA 2025

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

3 de agosto- Adoración al estilo de las 8 am

10 de agosto- Adoración al estilo de las 10 am

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

Campamento de Verano Juvenil de la Catedral

18 - 22 de agosto. Se necesitan voluntarios.

Para más información, póngase en contacto con Marianne Vogel.

THE BOOK OF ACTS

Author: The book of Acts, also called Acts of the Apostles, does not specifically identify its author. From **Luke 1:1-4** and **Acts 1:1-3**, we know that the same author wrote both Luke and Acts. The tradition from the earliest days of the church has been that **Luke**, a companion of the apostle Paul, wrote the books of Luke and Acts (**Colossians 4:14**; **2 Timothy 4:11**).

Date of Writing: The book of Acts was likely written between AD 61 and 64.

Key Themes

- The power of the Holy Spirit given to human beings
- Jesus' ongoing mission to Israel and the nations after his departure
- The self-giving faithfulness of the early Church
- **Sub-Themes:**
 - The Holy Spirit
 - Church Beginnings
 - Church Growth
 - Witnessing
 - Opposition

Key Verses:

Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 2:4: "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Acts 4:12: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:19-20: "But Peter and John replied, 'Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.'"

Acts 9:3-6: "As [Saul] neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'"

Acts 16:31: "So they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.'"



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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

The Rev. Dr. James Cooke, Priest Associate

Assisting

The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Archdeacon

Lector

Nancy Jacobs

Verger

Dr. Jilda Aliotta

Altar Server

John Scott

Serving at 10:00 a.m.

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