



Christ Church Cathedral
Hartford, Connecticut
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

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 wish to speak with a priest 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 kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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.**

The Gloria (recited today) is found on the following page.

**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 of the Day

Celebrant The Lord 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 ~ Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let

us go to Dothan.” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” – that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b *Confitemini Domino*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Search for the Lord and his strength; *
 continually seek his face.
Remember the marvels he has done, *
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
 O children of Jacob his chosen.
Then he called for a famine in the land *
 and destroyed the supply of bread.
He sent a man before them, *
 Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
They bruised his feet in fetters; *
 his neck they put in an iron collar.
Until his prediction came to pass, *
 the word of the Lord tested him.
The king sent and released him; *
 the ruler of the peoples set him free.

He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,
To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.
Hallelujah!

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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

Please stand as you are able.

Matthew 14:22-33

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward

Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Sermon ~ The Rev. Jill Morrison

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

Wondrous God, during the season after Pentecost we rejoice in your presence among us,
guiding and empowering us to do your work in the world.

God of Grace, **Hear our Prayer.**

Equip the Church to proclaim your presence in the world through its words and its actions.
We pray especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff
and Laura, our bishops; Harlon, our Interim Dean; Tony, our Canon for Latino Ministry;

Bonnie, our Deacon; and all our priests associate.
God of Grace, **Hear our Prayer.**

Guide our Cathedral congregation, in this time of transition, that we may continue to grow in faith and work together to discern your will for us,
God of Grace, **Hear our Prayer.**

Bless the people of this nation and every nation. Be present with those in authority that they might govern with wisdom, justice and mercy to achieve peace in the world and the betterment of all people.
God of Grace, **Hear our Prayer.**

Instill in us a spirit of gratitude for our many blessings, especially your gifts of creation and community. Keep us mindful of the needs of the world that we may be faithful stewards of your bounty.
God of Grace, **Hear our Prayer.**

Bring comfort and your healing power to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially those who have asked for our prayers: **Will, Kathleen R. Joan Z, Maïa, Lee, Almeta, Camille, Gerard, Lourdes, Lenora, Ardyce, Mike R., Adrienne, Felicity, Sherrod, Graham, Richard, Betty Jo, Michael, Jason, Andrew, Jeannie, Denise, Shelly N., Dennis, Charlene, Marcia, Sean, Diane, David, Shaun, Thomas, Alberto, Kelley, Allison, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Nelson, Joan, Treviana, Bob, Tyrone, Todd, Javon, Debbie, Julian, Rose, Samy, Eugenia, Louis, Sylvia, Anne, Harmony, Cristianne, Joslin, Sheila, Priscilla, Guale, Mercy, Deborah, John, Heather, Susan, Lanny, Edgar, Goodwin, Pam, Allen and Sally M., Rayfield, Desiree, Evelyn O., Mark, Sharon,** and those we now name in our hearts. *(pause)*
God of Grace, **Hear our Prayer.**

Comfort those who mourn. Grant the dying knowledge of your presence, and bring them into your eternal home. We remember Catherine Frances Finocchiaro, daughter-in-law of Cindy Hursty, who died last weekend.
God of Grace, **Hear our Prayer.**

Celebrant:

Wondrous God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life, you know our needs before we ask. Receive our prayers that we may walk in your love and do the work you have set before us.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.
Minister and People

God of all mercy
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

This morning, healing prayer will be available in the chapel immediately following the service.

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: Dr. Jilda Aliotta, Chair, Congregations Committee

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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 has risen,

Christ will come again;

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:

**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 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.

Postcommunion Prayer

**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

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

We would like to keep you informed of the blessings we experience in this house of prayer. Please introduce yourself to Canon Garcia or Deacon Matthews.

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dwelling in the Word is on summer hiatus, resuming at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10. (More details found in weekly e-news.)

Sunday 9 a.m. Formation sessions are on hiatus until September

(Sessions resume on Sunday, Sept. 6 at 9 a.m. with "30 Minutes with the Preacher")

Tuesday, August 18:

Congregation Committee meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 22:

St. Thomas Church Vestry Retreat, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 29:

Spiritual Retreat (Spanish): Hope in Time of Crisis, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 27:

Faith in the Public Square, Zoom meeting, 5:00 p.m.

(Login information for this meeting is found in the weekly e-news.)

Sundays, through September 6:

Extraordinary Women of the Bible (Spanish), 11 a.m.

Calendar continues on opposite page.

Taste and See 2026

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

August 16: Worship in 12:30 p.m. style (service in Spanish)

August 23:

NOTE: This service takes place at Bushnell Park, not the Cathedral.

Worship in Church by the Pond Style

August 30: Bilingual Service



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

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

The Rev. Canon Harlon Dalton, Interim Cathedral Dean

The Rev. Ramon Antonio Garcia, Canon for Latino Ministry

The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon

The Rev. Dana Campbell, The Rev. Jay Cooke, The Rev. Canon Rebekah Hatch, The Rev. Canon D Littlepage, The Rev. Canon Ranjit K. Mathews, and The Rev. Canon Kevin Olds, Priest Associates

Dr. Jilda Aliotta, Chair of Congregation Committee

John Decker, Co-Chair of Congregation Committee

During August, Interim Dean Harlon Dalton continues to be on sabbatical. While he is away, The Rev. Linda Spiers will oversee the Cathedral. Please direct inquiries and concerns to her at linda.spiers@cccathedral.org.

Serving today:

Celebrant/Preacher

The Rev. Jill Morrison

Assisting

The Rev. Ramon Antonio Garcia

Assisting

The Ven. Bonnie Matthews

Verger/Psalm

John Scott

Intercessor/Altar Server

Dr. Jilda Aliotta

Crucifer

John Scott

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