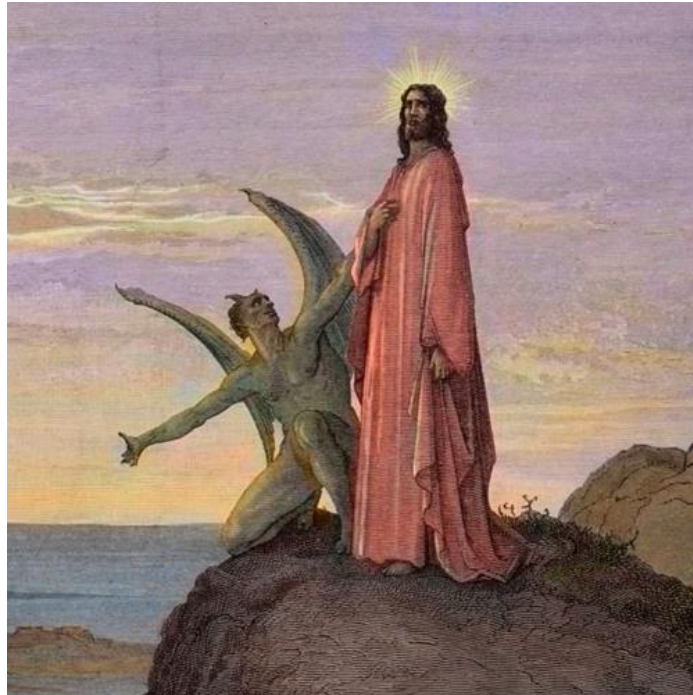




# Christ Church Cathedral Catedral Iglesia de Cristo Springfield, Massachusetts

## The Holy Eucharist for the First Sunday in LENT MARCH 9, 2025 8 a.m.



**“Christ, because He was the only Man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only Man who knows to the full what temptation means.” -C.S. Lewis**

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Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral. We are the Cathedral for the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, and an active community serving greater Springfield. It is a blessing to have you with us today. If you are new here, we encourage you to fill out a Visitor's Card to receive more information. Our clergy and leaders would love to make a connection with you. Christ Church Cathedral is an open and inclusive community which invites all people to the incredible love of God, with no barriers of race, culture or sexual orientation. You are loved and welcomed here.

**During the week, please pray for those whom Christ's healing power has been requested:**

Sherry Branstetter, Karen and Bob Soderstrom, Jim McBride, Monique Ray Burwell, Milagros Lopez, Charlie Murrin and his family, Robert Jewell, Sr. and his family, Charlotte Carrington, Todd Shepard, Beverly Rourke, Ann Lincoln, Joyce Howard, David and Kathy Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Louise Amerman, Eleanor Parke, Blaise and her family.

*Please note that the Prayer List will be reset every 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested in the Main Office!*

## THE OPENING SENTENCES

*The people standing*

*Officiant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*All* ***His mercy endures for ever.***

*Officiant:* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

*Silence.*

*All* **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.**

*Officiant:* 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.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

**Have mercy upon us.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING - Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites

and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.

**THE SECOND READING- Romans 10:8b-13**

"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."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 4:1-13**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

### 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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, Form IV

*Intersessor* Let us pray for the Church and for the world. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Douglas, our Diocesan Bishop, and for our Dean to come, The Reverend José Reyes and his family; for Church Without Walls and the Big Blue Drop-in Center.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intersessor* Let us pray for the people of this land, and of all the nations, that they may know the ways of justice and peace. We pray for our President, Vice-President, the Congress, the Supreme Court, and all elected officials.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intersessor* Let us pray for the earth and our will to preserve it and use its resources rightly.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intersessor* Let us pray for all those whose lives are closely linked with ours. For those celebrating **birthdays** this week, including; Stanley Jackson, Gilberto Garcia, Renee G. Skwirz, Joseph Haggerty, Nickolas Graham, Victoria Brown and The Reverend Dr. Kate Derosé. We pray for those celebrating **anniversaries** this week, including, Melissa & William McGuinness and Nina & Joseph Holstead.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those we name in silence or aloud now ...

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for all who have died, especially for those we name now, either aloud or in silence. We pray for those who died, in the History of Christ Church Cathedral, the week of March 9<sup>th</sup>: Abigail Sadler Partridge, Neal Witherspoon, Joan Henderson, Florence Whitaker Adolphson, George Anderson Whitney, Olive Cooper Pryor, Warren Syner, Elsie Holderness, Margaret Parkyn and Elizabeth MacGilvray Aabar. Bless all those whose lives have been cut short by gun violence and war. Give to the departed eternal rest.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS



*People may place pledges and donations in the collection basket during the offertory. You may also donate, and pledge online, just point your phone at the QR code to the left*

## COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us Pray:

**All:** **Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Officiant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All:** ***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 INVITATION

*The Officiant says:*

This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; You who have tried to follow and you who have failed; Come,

not because the Church invites you; It is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here. All who care to receive the Eucharist today are welcome to come forward to kneel or stand at the rail. *-The Iona Community*

**ADMINISTRATION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT NOW OCCURS**

*Everyone is invited to receive the Holy Communion. Our practice is to stand or kneel at the altar rail in front, where the clergy will give you the host and then will give you the chalice. If you desire only a blessing and not the Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms before you.  
Gluten-free wafers are available.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you

*All:* And also with you.

*Officiant:* Let us pray:

**Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*All:* ***Thanks be to God.***

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. ***Amen***

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Officiant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS March 2, 2025**

Questions, links: Contact Amanda Paredes at [cccspfld@gmail.com](mailto:cccspfld@gmail.com) or 413-736-2742

### **LENT MADNESS 2025**



-- Are you ready for Lent this year? In addition to omitting Alleluias and possibly changing your menu, check out Lent Madness – a fun and educational online devotional. Be inspired by the bios and witness of 32 saints, and cast your votes in a single-elimination “tournament” that ends with awarding the “Golden Halo” to the winner. Sometimes choosing whom to vote for is hard, but lots of people add comments and that helps. Check out [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org), sign up for emails, follow Lent Madness on social media, and track the bracket at the cathedral.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Christ Church Cathedral is a sponsor of GreenNFit Springfield. Join us on Saturday, April 26th to make a difference! #GreenNFit Neighborhood Rebuild: Rebuilding 1 block of homes in 1 neighborhood with the help of over 100 supporters and 1,000 volunteers all in 1 day! The program focuses on making homes energy-efficient, safe and healthy. Volunteers must be age 14 and over. Please wear boots or sneakers that you don't mind getting dirty or wet. Please bring your own work gloves if you some and if not then gloves will be provided for you. Questions:

See Jahn Hart [jahnhart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jahnhart@sbcglobal.net) or Gary Hart [gary\\_hart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gary_hart@sbcglobal.net)



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Rebuilding our Community Since 1992



**DONATIONS NEEDED!** - Christ Church Cathedral has some exciting events coming soon, which include a special Mother’s Day themed round of Bingo, a Spring Fashion Show, Easter Egg Hunts for the kiddos, a Murder/Mystery Party and many more! To make these events as dynamic as possible, we are asking for donations of Gift cards to stores or restaurants, Easter candy and eggs, maybe even some volunteer work? More information will be available about the events in the coming weeks!



**WE ARE COLLECTING MEAL KITS FOR SQUARE ONE!** - Christ Church Cathedral has begun to collect Meal Kits to send to Square One! Meal kits are items placed in a bag that will be given to parents. They should be non-perishables or items with an extended shelf life.

**FLOWER DEDICATIONS** - Donate flowers in memory of a loved one today! Send your dedication, along with your \$45 donation to the Main office, and we will call you to confirm placement! We still need dedications for 01/19/2025, and 02/21/2025, 03/02/2025, 07/07/2025, and 11/23/2025



**UPDATED CORI CHECKS 2024** - All of those who participate in the following need to have an updated CORI



check to be able to engage in any ministries involving children: Sextons, secretaries, choir directors, Sunday school leaders, activity chaperones, nursery, J2A, confirmation mentors, acolyte trainers and adult acolytes, VBS, Christmas programs, ACTS, Drop In Center. Forms may be obtained from Delphine Williams or the office and must be returned with a copy of a valid ID in a sealed envelope. Safe Church also needs to be completed by the same group as above via ZOOM. **Certificates of Completion must be forwarded to the Office when received!**

### **DONATIONS NEEDED AT THE DROP-IN CENTER!**

**We need individual snacks and bottles of water!** Please clean out your closets and bring in WINTER COATS, sneakers and boots, etc.. We are also looking for NEW underwear, in all sizes for both men and women. For more information, contact the CCC Main office at 413-736-2742 or Jeanne Conrad at [jeanne@conrad.us.com](mailto:jeanne@conrad.us.com).





## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES

FOR BEGINNERS, LEVEL 1:

\*Sundays at 2:00 in the afternoon until 3:30 (after mass in Spanish)

\*Mondays at 5:30 in the afternoon until 7:30

FOR LEVEL 2 AND UP:

\*Wednesdays at 5:30 in the afternoon until 7:00 (make an appointment)

For more information, speak with Sara at 413-454-7172.

**CATHEDRAL FINANCES – February 2025** – Looking for a way to increase your **MA Income Tax Refund?**

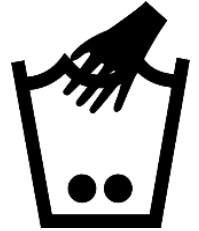
Did you know that MA will give you a deduction for CHARITABLE DONATIONS on your taxes?

The deduction is worth 5% of what you gave...no matter how small, or large, the amount. For example, if you donated \$2000 to the Cathedral last year, your refund would be increased by \$100.

Just remember to give the “**Donations Statement**” that you received a few weeks ago to whomever is doing your taxes. This does not apply to your Federal taxes – only your MA taxes. And, only money donations (not items) count. Questions? Or, need a reprint of your Donations Statement?

Ask Laura, or send her an email at [Treasurer@cccspfld.org](mailto:Treasurer@cccspfld.org).

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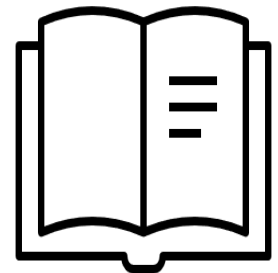


### FEED YOUR SOUL

**BIBLE STUDY** Weekly on zoom, Sunday morning 9:00am, Wednesday morning 8:00am, Saturday evening 5:00 pm. Links and more information are available through the office.

**CENTERING PRAYER** weekly on zoom, Saturday morning at 10:30. Lectio Divino with a guided meditation every week. Links and more information are available through the office.

**BOOK CLUB** meets via Zoom every 6 weeks or so. Next Meeting: Monday, March 31, 2025, at 7:00 pm, via zoom. The book is “*Small Things Like These*” by **Claire Keegan** - For links and more information contact Laura Manship at [laura@shouldertoshouler.com](mailto:laura@shouldertoshouler.com)



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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” – Matthew 6:21



