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- Holy Eucharist - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



June 21, 2026 8:00am

“So that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”

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Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

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THE COLLECT

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING – Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 69: 8-11 (12-17), 18-20

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, *
and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, *
and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, *
at the time you have set, O Lord:

15 "In your great mercy, O God, *
answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; *
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
neither let the deep swallow me up; *
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.]

18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

19 "Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.

THE SECOND READING – Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried

with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for those we name in silence or aloud, especially: Eric and Goldie Ungar, Tom Mertz, Joseph and Jackie Crawley Claire Hamilton, Oswald & Cescell Howard, John Cabibbo, Katie and her family, Gladys Owusu Sekyre, Andre, Elba Pagán, Calista Dibble, Cecily Perez, Sherry Branstetter, Karen and Bob Soderstrom, Kathy McBride, Monique Ray Burwell, Milagros Lopez, Charlie Murrin and his family, Robert Jewell, Sr. and his family, Charlotte Carrington, Todd Shepard, Beverly Rourke, Joyce Howard, Lukas Christoforakis, David and Kathy Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Elsie Riley, Cathy and Bob Duane.

Let us pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially June Watson, Carrie Dirats, Barbara Derosé, Joel Robert Prystupa, Nilsa Velez, Tom Haller, Dr. Colin Britt, Sherry Marchessault, & Sarah P. Wheeler.

Let us also give thanks to those celebrating anniversaries this week especially Gene & Susan Shaffer-Bartley.

We pray for all those who have died the week of June 21st, especially Naomi M. Rhoades, The Very Rev. Merritt F. Williams, Margaret Tate, Susan Baker, Jean Burnett Ryan, Ralph Kimball, Charles Wesley Hayden, The Rev. Henry H. Morrill, Ethel Marsden, Robert Lyle, & Alfreda Schatz.

The Flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of Thomas Small and Sam Johnston by Kathy and David Johnston.



Father's Day Blessing

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of fatherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful fathers in scripture, like Abraham, Issac, Jacob, and Joseph. We ask you to bless all of the fathers and father figures present here today, and throughout the world, who have inspired us by their loving example. Bless them on this special day with health, joy, laughter, love and all of the eternal blessings you offer through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Let their faith and love shine forth and grant that we may always honor and appreciate them. **Amen.**

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

JUNETEENTH EVENSONG

We warmly invite you on June 21st 2026 at 6:30pm to an evening of reflection, music, and community as we honor the spirit and significance of Juneteenth. This special Evensong service will feature soulful hymns, inspirational readings, and a message from our Lawrence House Intern Mx. Alex Blenman FFSC.

Juneteenth, marking the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, is a day of profound historical importance. Let us come together in reverence and joy, embracing the values of equality, justice, and peace.

All are welcome to participate in this meaningful observance. Whether you are joining us for the first time or are a familiar face, your presence will enrich our gathering. Refreshments will be served following the service. For more information, please contact Christ Church Cathedral at cccspfld@gmail.com.

CATHEDRAL CLEAN UP ON JUNE 22ND

As a way to beautify our outdoor green space, we are holding a Clean Up Night on Monday, June 22nd from 6pm-8pm. Come and spend time with fellow parishioners pruning and planting our amazing greenery to make the Cathedral shine with the colors of summer. If you have any questions please contact Gilda García-Munroe at ggmg85@aol.com.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH FUN-HUNDRED

Our final Episcopal Church Fun-Hundred meeting will be on Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:00pm. We will explore together:

Class 6: Baptismal Covenant & Christian Life

If you have any questions please contact the Dean at dean@cccspfld.org.

CATHEDRAL ON THE GO

The Cathedral is on the go once again join us June 27th for a walk around the Whiting Street Reservoir Loop! More information coming soon. If you have any questions please contact the office at cccspfld@gmail.com.

CATHEDRAL Book Club: "Rough Sleepers" by Tracy Kidder

The Cathedral Book club's will be reading Tracy Kidder's Rough Sleepers. Book Club will be meeting on Monday, July 13th at 7:00 Via Zoom! For more information, please contact Laura or the Office.

CATHEDRAL MISSION TRIP TO STONE BRIDGE FARM

The Cathedral is leading a 5-day mission trip from August 17th-21st to **Stone Bridge Farm** in Newton, New Jersey. Stone Bridge Farm is led by Dr. Lisa Kimball, a retired professor from Virginia Theological Seminary and a dear friend of your Dean. Stone Bridge Farm is committed to knowing, loving, and supporting creation as sponsors and supporters of a space in nature for the nurture and healing of souls. The farm comes with a chapel, a pool, a river you can go fishing and kayaking and we will help them build two bridges that will give them access to an area of the farm where they hope to raise goats. If you're interested in participating, please reach out dean@cccspfld.org and if you would like to learn more about Stone Bridge Farm and their ministry, go to stonebridge.farm.