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- Holy Eucharist - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



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*“Let your ways be known upon
earth, your saving health among all
nations”*

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Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

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Wednesday Service at 12:00 Noon

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.



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THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; 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 – Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who

join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant-- these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

² Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷ May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE SECOND READING – Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a de-scendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from

their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Reyes

The Very Reverend José

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The prayers of the people are found on page 392.

We pray especially for Goldie Ungar, Tom Mertz, Joseph and Jackie Crawley, Claire Hamilton, Oswald & Cescell Howard, 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, Robert Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Elsie Riley, Bob Duane, Mary Tyler, Peter Pappas, Burt Hansen, Nizida Arauzo Barrera, Rosa Gamboa Arauzo, Jacob Lopez, Milagros Gamboa Arauzo, Henry Gamboa Arauzo, Jose Luis Gamboa Arauzo, Raul Viera, Lucho, Marco, Gladys, Ronald, and Elmer.

Let us pray for those who are celebrating birthdays, especially John Pappas, Elizabeth Ayala, Elliott Schlieben-Reilly, Sinda Mohamed, and Carmen Ocasio.

Let us also give thanks to those celebrating anniversaries this week.

We pray for all those departed the week of August 16th, Edwin Cheney, John Fogel, Thomas Small Jr., Mary West, The Right Rev. Andrew Wisseman, Lena Kircherr, and Edith Ball.

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

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

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 would like to learn more about Stone Bridge Farm and their ministry, go to stone-bridge.farm.

SQUARE ONE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It is almost back to school season! Please help us support our Square One classroom by donating school supplies. Requests from Square One include crayons, construction paper, magnetic sand, play doh, magic markers, glue sticks, safety scissors, finger paint, and magnetic tiles. The donation box is in the office, thank you for your support!

CATHEDRAL ON THE GO

The Cathedral is on the go once again! Join us August 29th in Shelburne Falls at the Bridge of Flowers! We will be meeting at the Church at 4:00 PM and car-pooling from there. If you have any questions, please contact the office at cccspfld@gmail.com

CATHEDRAL Book Club: "Emily Alone" by Stewart O'Nan

The Cathedral Book club's will be reading Stewart O'Nan's "Emily Alone". Book Club will be meeting on Monday, August 24th at 7:00 Via Zoom! For more information, please contact Laura or the Office.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Who are the Daughters of The King? They are prayer warriors. We are blessed to have a chapter right here at Christ Church Cathedral. We have a confidential prayer list which includes prayers for guidance, travel, special concerns as well as healing. If you would like prayers, please contact BishopsChapter96@gmail.com or Phyllis Larson at 413-374-4453 phone or text. We look forward to praying for you and or your family.

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UPS ☕

We are looking for coffee hour hosts! There is a sign-up board in the library and we would greatly appreciate volunteers! Questions? Please email Judith Cooke at ajudith01108@comcast.net.

FLOWER GUILD ❁

The Cathedral's Flower Guild is here with a few reminders! The Flower Guild is looking for members to volunteer to help display the beautiful flowers you see every week. Please reach out to the office if you are interested in joining. Additionally, if you have asked to have dedicated flowers, please submit your \$45.00 payment to the office addressed to "Flower Guild".

FINANCE TEAM NEWS

First off, we want to say how very grateful we are to everyone who has made donations to the Cathedral during this first six months of 2026. We count on your generosity, and we're prayfully hopeful that you will continue your support throughout the rest of the year. Ways to support the Cathedral:

(1) Giving envelopes -- There are quite a few already assigned envelopes waiting to be picked up on the table in the foyer.

your box is there! If your box is not one, please let Laura Manship know.

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