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# **- Holy Eucharist - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**August 23, 2026, 8:00am**

*“But who do you say  
that I am?”*

## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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**THE COLLECT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 – Isaiah 51: 1-6**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her,

thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 138**

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;

<sup>3</sup> For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.

<sup>4</sup> When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>5</sup> All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>6</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

<sup>8</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

## **THE SECOND READING – Romans 12: 1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 16: 13-20**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are

the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

**The Reverend Dr. Kate Derosé**

## **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 Mariana Bauman, Lora Kemper, Lexairy Velez, Paula Niejadlik, Cristiana Robinson, and Margaret McCarthy.

Let us also give thanks to those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Charles and Phyllis Larson.

We pray for all those departed the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cielo Cardozo Robles, Alma Sacharczyk, Ivy Wand, Edith Minor, Lizabeth B. Grumwaldt, and Dorothy Cadieux.

The Flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of Barbara Loh by Angelika Melien.

## **THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL**

### **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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. Please check and see if your box is there! If your box is not there, and you'd like one, please let Laura Manship know.

(2) Bill pay through your bank's website.

(3) PayPal -- take a photo of this QR



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