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Springfield, Massachusetts



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



**September 13, 2026, 8:00 am**

*“Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy*

*Name... He forgives all your 'sins and heals  
all your in'firmities;''*

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## **THE COLLECT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING – Genesis 50: 15-21**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and

the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 103: 1-7, 8-13**

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

<sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my 'soul, \*  
and forget not all his 'benefits.

<sup>3</sup> He forgives all your 'sins \*  
and heals all your in'firmities;

<sup>4</sup> He redeems your life from the 'grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-'kindness;

<sup>5</sup> He satisfies you with good 'things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an 'eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord executes 'righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are op'pressed.

<sup>7</sup> He made his ways known to 'Moses \*  
and his works to the children of 'Israel.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is full of compassion and 'mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great 'kindness.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always ac'cuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for 'ever.

<sup>10</sup> He has not dealt with us according to our 'sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our 'wickedness.

<sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the 'earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who 'fear him.

<sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the 'west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from 'us.

<sup>13</sup> As a father cares for his 'children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who 'fear him.

## **THE SECOND READING – Romans 14: 1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God."  
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 18: 21-35**

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

## 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

*The prayers of the people are found on page 388.*

### *Intercessor*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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, , Rosa, Jacob, Milagros, Henry, José, Raul Viera, Lucho, Marco, Gladys, Ronald, Elmer, Joan Robinson, Rob Soderstrom, Owen, Tom and Carmen Cooke.

Let us pray for those who are celebrating birthdays, especially Let us pray for those who are celebrating birthdays, especially Saprenia Mohamed, Marcie

Hammond, Ron Wieners, Dolly Clarke, William Holstead, Christina Climo, Lisa Pouliot, Azadoria Ray, Analee Adorno, Jahn Hart, Lilly Barrios, and Francisco Flores.

Let us also give thanks to those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Augustus and Ilene Erskine.

We pray for all those departed the week of September 13<sup>th</sup>, Philip Simons, Tracey Kerr, Ralph Peck, Charles Robinson Sr., Leslie Nyman, Susan Walbridge, Merle Aloï, James Pyles, Charlotte Cembalisty, Kenneth Conway, Dolores Schmeck, Alice Brown, Jeff Callard, Kenneth Granger, and Nellie Robinson.

The Flowers on the Altar are given in thanksgiving for Blaise, from her grandparents Ed Farrell and Barbara Thrall.

## **THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL**

### **PRAISE, PARK, AND PICNIC!**

On Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting the 10:00 A.M. & 12:15 P.M. services together at Forest Park. Please come to Camp Star at 300 Trafton Road, Springfield, MA 01103 and join us for a bilingual service at 11:00 A.M.! We will also be serving hotdogs and having a potluck. If you are bringing a dish for the potluck, please email our Office Administrator Maggie at [cccspfld@gmail.com](mailto:cccspfld@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto: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 [cccspfld@gmail.com](mailto:cccspfld@gmail.com).

## **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**

### **Financial Position as of August 31, 2026:**

- Revenue Year To Date: \$437,757
- Expenses Year To Date: \$430,516

**Revenue minus expenses = \$7,241 surplus**

If you are 72 years of age (or older) and are required to take Distributions from your IRA, you can make a Distribution directly to the Cathedral. This is a Win-Win – the Cathedral receives the donation (your pledge) and you don't have to pay taxes on the distribution.

Questions? Ask Laura Manship 413.275.4587, or send her an email at [treasurer@cccspfld.org](mailto:treasurer@cccspfld.org).

