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Catedral Iglesia de Cristo
Springfield, Massachusetts



- Holy Eucharist - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 27, 2026, 8:00 am

*“Lead me in your truth and teach
me,*

*for you are the God of my
salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day
long.”*

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

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Service Times on Sundays: 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12:15PM en Español
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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises,
may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 – Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25: 1-8

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³ Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

- ⁵ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- ⁸ He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

THE SECOND READING – Philippians 2: 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 21: 23-32

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of the People can be found on page 388 in the Common Book of 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, Carmen Cooke, and Tracie Shepard.

Let us pray for those who are celebrating birthdays, especially Roland Holstead, Edward Niejadlik, Patricia Parker, Maria Capellan, and Miguel Maysonet.

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

The Flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of Edgar and Eleanor Forrest, Langsford and Vera Baldwin, David Baldwin and Elizabeth Baldwin by Dick and Susan Forrest. Also in loving memory of George Whitney by the LaRochelle family

We pray for all those departed the week of September 27th, Norca Blank, Rev. Edgar Forrest, Elise Therrien, Georgia Reed, Doris Mansur, and William McLean.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

IT'S HOCKEY TIME!

Our Cathedral Choir will be singing the National Anthem at the Springfield Thunderbirds on Friday, October 16th at 6:05 PM! We have partnered with the Thunderbirds for group discounted tickets - \$19 each! We are excited to support our choir while they are on the ice! Please contact Maggie at cccspfld@gmail.com to register & pay for tickets.

THE EARLS AND PEARLS

The Earls and the Pearls will be hosting a concert at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday, October 11th from 3-4:30 P.M.! Admission to the concert is free and there will be a free will offering to benefit the church's programs. Please join us!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday, October 4th we will be hosting Blessing of the Animals! Our beloved pets will be welcomed to receive a blessing during the service. If your beloved pet is unable to be present for the service, we will have treat bags to go.

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 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.

NOVEMBER EVENTS – More Details Coming Soon!

- Renewal of Daughters of the King Vows – Sunday, November 1st
- Diocese Convention – Saturday, November 7th
- Scottish Heritage Day – Sunday, November 22nd

