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Springfield, Massachusetts



- Holy Eucharist - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



October 11, 2026, 8:00 am

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 – Isaiah 25: 1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the

needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

³ He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND READING – Philippians 4: 1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 22: 1-14

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was

enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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 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, Tracie Shepard, Susan Forrest, and John Overstreet.

Let us pray for those who are celebrating birthdays, especially Roland Holstead, Christopher DeVine, Price Ray, Elba Pagan, Glenda Navarro, Nalan Ray, and Scott Jackson.

Let us also give thanks to those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Elizabeth and Tom Haller, Car and JoAnn Greene, and Cindy and David Climo.

The Flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of John and Betty Pappas by Peter and Kate Pappas.

We pray for all those departed the week of October 11th, Bertha King, Edith Plancon, Frederick Pillsbury, Nicholas Francis, Virginia Humberston Denton, George Whitney, Edith Burt, Sara Therrien, Robert Markarian, Richard Hartley, Mary Fournier, Robyn Allen, Lenora Gordon, and Jane Latakis.

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 7:05 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.

PLANNING THE ANNUAL CALENDAR

On Saturday, October 17th at 10am, all Cathedral leaders involved in worship and liturgy (altar guild, acolytes, flower guild, ushers, livestreaming, etc.) are invited to come and meet as we review the Cathedral 2026-2027 calendar and plan all of worship services and events that we have scheduled. Not every member of a particular committee needs to come. If the head or representatives of each committee come, that would be great. However, all are welcome and the more the merrier I always say. There will be lunch served. Please call (413-736-2742) or email (cccspfld@gmail.com) Maggie at the main office if you plan to attend so we know how much food to order.

FAITH FORWARD

Faith Forward, the Cathedral's young adults group, will be gathering on Saturday, October 17th at 2pm in the Kendrick Room. We will be exploring how in every season in life there is beauty, joy and challenges and how God is present in all. Come and join us for fun activities, great snacks and even better conversation. And maybe make a friend or two or ten.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Who are the Daughters of The King? They are prayer warriors. blessed to have a chapter right here at Christ Church Cathedral. confidential prayer list which includes prayers for guidance, special concerns as well as healing. If you would like prayers, 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.



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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; including the remainder of October. Questions? Please email contact Kate Pappas at 413.262.3658.

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