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Springfield, Massachusetts

# - Holy Eucharist –

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



## November 15, 2026, 8:00 am

*"Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another."*

# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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## THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**
Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING – Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, “The Lord will not do good, nor will he

do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

## PSALM 90: 1-8, (9-11), 12

[1] Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

[2] Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

[3] You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

[4] For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

[5] You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

[6] In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

[7] For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

[8] Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

[9] [When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

[10] The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

[11] Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?]

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

## THE SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 25: 14-30

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

## THE SERMON — The Very Reverend José Reyes

## 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 Jennifer Kilmer and family in the wake of the loss of Christopher Kilmer, Clive Dawkins, the Rev. Jerry True, Ramon Vargas, 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, David Johnston, Robert Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Elsie Riley, Bob Duane, Mary Tyler, Peter Pappas, Burt Hansen, Joan Robinson, Rob Soderstrom, Owen, Tom, Carmen Cooke, Tracie Shepard, Susan Forrest, John Overstreet.

Let us pray for those who are celebrating birthdays, especially Audrey Ortega, John Asante, Susan Holt, Jorge Rivera, Elizabeth Levesque, Emily Garcia, and Lee Vaughn.

Let us also give thanks to those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Linda and Edward Prystupa.

The Flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of the Hansen and Allan families by Burt and Juliet Hansen.

We pray for all those departed the week of November 15th, Frances Iles, Joan Kraynick, Mae Wildman, Samuel Johnston, Hamilton Doherty, Frederick Kingsbury, Marina Ghareeb, Anne Chapin, Mabelle Brooks, Phoebe Pieroway, Ida MacPhaul, Ortrud Schulz, and Elfrieda Halpin.

# THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

**PIE SALE!**
We, (the Cathedral Choir and the Bishop Choir School will be baking pies on Saturday November 21, 2026 starting at 10 am. The pies will be ready for pick up on Sunday November 22, 2026 after each Service. (Pumpkin and Pecan) The pies are $20 each!
Preorder forms are available on the table in the foyer.
Please see Judith MacMunn, June Watson or any other member of the Choir!

**ENGLISH CLASSES**
The English class in the Cathedral will begin again soon on Wednesdays from 4-6 pm. Any-one who would like more information can talk with the teacher, Sara Kalter Orsino, after the 12:15 mass in the Sacristy or text her your name and interest in the class to 413-454-7172 She will be happy to return your call and give you more information.

**BIG BLUE DROP-IN CENTER**
The Big Blue Drop-In Center runs every Thursday from 9a-1p in the Undercroft. This is a space for members of our community to have access to clothing and food donations, along with great conversation and support of one another. The drop-in center is always accepting donations. Needed donations include **sweatshirts and sweat pants of all sizes,** shirts, shoes, and other gently used clothing. They also accept food donations, such as canned goods (pop tops) and other non-perishable items.

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

**FINANCE TEAM NEWS**

**Financial Position as of September 30, 2026:**

- Revenue Year To Date: $461,424
- Expenses Year To Date: $474,904

**Revenue minus expenses = minus $13,480 (deficit)**

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.



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