



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
CONNECTICUT'S CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral Hartford, Connecticut

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost October 25, 2026, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

We acknowledge the Tunxis, Sicaog, Wangunks and Poquonook people, the traditional custodians of the land on which Christ Church Cathedral is located. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We respect their people and traditions as a continued call to live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called.

Welcome to our community! Wherever life is taking you, know that we are honored by your presence and invite you to experience God's life-giving grace with us at Christ Church Cathedral. As a community of faith we celebrate God's graciousness by proclaiming in word and deed that God's love is abundant and unconditional. At the Lord's Table, all baptized are welcome to receive Communion. Please turn off your cell phones once the prelude begins. Should you wish to speak with a priest following the service, please contact an usher.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude - Chorale from *Suite gothique*, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Processional Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal #680 O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria ~ 1982 Hymnal S280 Glory to God

Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *Domine, refugium* ("St. Anne") (sung by Choir) John Bertalot (1931-2026)

Lord, you have been our refuge *

from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

or the land and the earth were born, *

from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *

"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *

and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; *

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; *

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *

be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *

and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works *

and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *

prosper the work of our hands;

prosper our handiwork.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal #538 God of mercy, God of grace

Lucerna, Laudoniae

Matthew 22:34-46

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon ~ The Rev. Canon Harlon Dalton

The Celebrant stands. Please stand as you are able.

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who 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

Holy God, creator and sustainer of life. We come together in prayer to put before you our needs and our hopes that you may teach, encourage, tend and challenge us to engage with you as we live into our sacred stories.

God of Hope, we pray for our church leaders that their lives may be shaped by your grace and clarity and that they will lead us with humor, compassion and creativity, calling us to share with them our faith, love and hope to the world. We pray especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; Harlon, our Interim Dean; Tony, our Canon for Latino Ministry; Melina, our Vicar/Chaplain; Bonnie, our Deacon; and all our priests associate.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Bold Vision, we pray for our Cathedral congregation and staff that during this time of transition our hearts and minds may be open to trust in your goodness and the knowledge that you are a constant presence guiding us in our lives.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Peace, we pray for the leaders of our nation and every nation that they may come together to work toward a transformed world where all people thrive and live into their God created potential.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Creation, we give thanks for the rhythm of times and seasons. Make us more aware of the beauty around us and vigilant in our daily lives to respond with wisdom and foresight to the threat

of climate change.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of Healing, stay near to those who despair, those who live with illness and pain, and strengthen and encourage those who care for them. We pray especially for: **Will, Kathleen R. Joan Z, Maïa, Lee, Almata, Camille, Gerard, Lourdes, Lenora, Ardyce, Mike R., Adrienne, Felicity, Sherrod, Graham, Richard, Betty Jo, Michael, Jason, Andrew, Jeannie, Denise, Shelly N., Dennis, Charlene, Marcia, Sean, Diane, David, Shaun, Thomas, Alberto, Kelley, Allison, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Nelson, Joan, Treviana, Bob, Tyrone, Todd, Javon, Debbie, Julian, Rose, Samy, Eugenia, Louis, Sylvia, Anne, Harmony, Cristianne, Joslin, Sheila, Priscilla, Guale, Mercy, Deborah, John, Heather, Susan, Lanny, Edgar, Goodwin, Pam, Allen and Sally M., Rayfield, Desiree, Evelyn O., Mark, Sharon, Phil, Norma, Jay, Peter, Reid, Yvonne, Emily,** and those we now name in our hearts. *(Pause)*

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of Comfort, we give thanks for the gift of those who have gone before us and for the ways they continue to enrich our lives and who now live with you and all the saints in heaven.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

God our creator and sustainer, we ask that you hear our prayers offered this day by your faithful people. Give us strength and courage to walk on the path of Christ, and embolden us for mission to fulfill the purpose for which you have created us. All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements:

8:00, Dr. Jilda Aliotta, Chair, Congregation Committee

10:00, John Decker, Vice-Chair, Congregation Committee

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem ~ Speak, Lord

Tom Trenney

You are the way, the truth, and the life. You are our hope, our vict'ry o'er the strife.

You are our peace, our calm upon the sea. Bringing good news to the oppressed, you call us to set
the captive free!

Speak, Lord, for your servants are list'ning. Speak, Lord, how we need to hear from you. Give us
courage to speak, Lord, til injustice is silent. Speak your words of love in all we say and do.

You come to heal our broken heart, to comfort as we mourn, just mercy to impart.

You call us to preach the Gospel, dream the dream till justice rolls down like water, righteousness
like a mighty stream.

Give us sight to see the world through the eyes of a stranger. Help us hear the beauty of a
language not our own. Set our hearts to beat with compassion for our neighbor. When we love
each other, you are seen and known.

Be our strength to love in all we say and do. O Lord, teach us to live and love like you.

Doxology ~ 1982 Hymnal #380, v. 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

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The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a parent cares for children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Sanctus ~ 1982 Hymnal S130 Holy, holy, holy Lord (*Sanctus*) *Franz Schubert (1797-1828)*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem ~ 1982 Hymnal S164 Jesus, Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, please follow the direction given by the ushers. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacraments will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn ~ LEVAS II #74 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Ghana Folk Song

Postcommunion Prayer

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn ~ Blest be the tie that binds

Dennis

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love; the
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers; our
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear, and
4 When here our path - ways part we suf - fer mu - tual pain; yet,

fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
fears, our hopes, our aims are one; our com - forts and our cares.
of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
one in Christ and one in heart, we hope to meet a - gain.

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. Chord symbols (F, C7, F7, Bb, C, etc.) are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in both staves.

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The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude ~ Toccata from *Suite gothique*, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)

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If you are visiting us for the first time, WELCOME!

We would like to keep you informed of the blessings we experience in this house of prayer. Please introduce yourself to Interim Dean Dalton, Canon Garcia, or Deacon Matthews.

Please join us for fellowship in the Cathedral House Auditorium following the 10:00 service.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sundays, October 25, November 1, 15:

Formation series: Plenty Good Room

Sunday, November 1:

All Saints' Sunday

Combined Hospitality Hour, following the 10:00 a.m. service

Saturday, November 7:

Hartt School Choirs Fall Concert, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 8:

Harvest Sunday

Visitation by The Rt. Reverend Laura J. Ahrens

Tuesday, November 17:

Church Street Lounge, 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17:

Congregation Committee meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27:

Cathedral office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

**Please submit name(s) of those you wish to be remembered on Sunday,
November 1, All Saints' Day, by Tuesday, October 27 to:
office@cccathedral.org
You can also call 860-527-7231, ext. 101, and leave a message.**



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Serving at 8:00 a.m.

Preacher/Celebrant

The Rev. Canon Harlon Dalton

Verger/Psalm

Dr. Jilda Aliotta

Intercessor/Altar Server

John Scott

Lector

Jennifer Peck

Serving at 10:00 a.m.

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