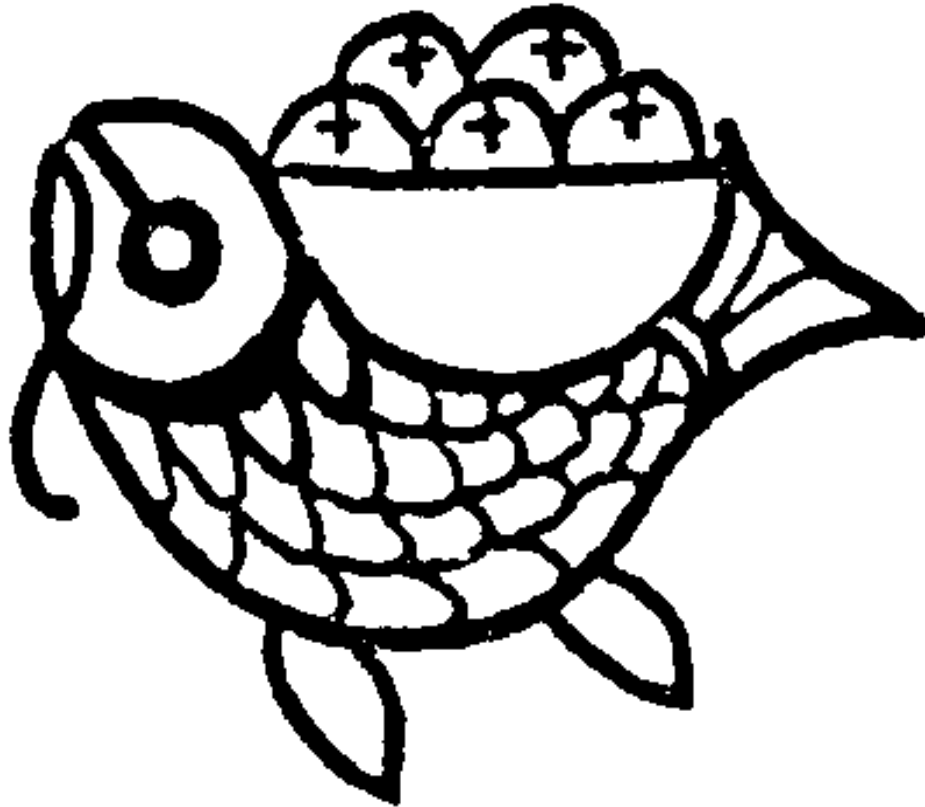


# The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

8:00 am & 10:00 am

## The Word of God

*All stand.***The Hymnal 390***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**Priest* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.***The Priest and People offer the Collect of 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.**

*At 8 am*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*At 10 am**Kyrie Eleison*

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 Chris - te e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son.  
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

*The Celebrant then says*

God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for

the guest who had come to him.” Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand*

*At 10 am* **The Hymnal 487**

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

The Gospel

John 6:24-35

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud

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**

*Book of Common Prayer, pp. 392-393*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Douglas our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Remembering especially Robert Hebert, in whose memory the sanctuary lamp burns, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence is 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.**

*Celebrant*

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 People stand.*

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*When we gather, we are happy to receive an offering of “our life and labor” which we present to God. If you are in-person, you may offer your gift in the plate at the door of the worship space.*

*At 10 am* **Hymn 488**

Be thou my vision

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*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.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

*Enriching Our Worship I*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

*Celebrant and People (spoken at 8 am, sung at 10 am)*

*Sanctus: S129*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People*

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

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

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*At 8 am*

*Celebrant*

*People*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*At 10 am is sung*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Fraction: S152*

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 are welcome to receive the presence of God in the Holy Eucharist. During times of pandemic (including this time) the church has adopted habits to mitigate the spread of disease and still share in the bread of heaven and cup of salvation. Those sitting in the choir area will receive first. Then the priest will bring the bread down the stairs to the floor of the nave. Please come forward, one person at a time. Receive the bread in your hand and know that both the body and blood of Jesus are present in the wafer. While we cannot safely share the common Cup, a member of the Altar party will receive the Wine on behalf of all.*



*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People stand to pray.*

*from Enriching Our Worship I*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

*The priest may bless the people, who respond* **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

*The priest dismisses the people, who respond* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Hymnal 594**

*God of grace and God of glory*

Voluntary

*Deo Gratias*

François Couperin

#### PERMISSIONS

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## THE MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Celebrant	The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud
Altar Guild	Bill Stroud, Lesley Frazar
Linens	Deb Randzio
8 am	
Reader	Rita Hannigan
Usher	Deb Bruno
10 am	
Readers	Kathy DeJean
Ushers	Jan Parks, Sally Angers
Counters:	Sally Angers, Chris Davis
Music	Scott Bailey, Music Director

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.*

*Contact Program Minister Jess Lee at [program@atonementwestfield.org](mailto:program@atonementwestfield.org) or call 562-5461 ext. 100.*

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert L. Hebert, given by Virginia Hebert.

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer** Church of the Province of South East Asia

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle** Trinity Church, Shelburne Falls; Hampden Region and Dean of Clericus; Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless, Worcester; Worcester Interfaith

**At this time of pandemic** we remember before God all who died and all who are suffering due to the COVID 19 virus and we thank God for all doctors, nurses, medical technicians, hospital workers, essential workers, research scientists, and all working to distribute vaccines.

**For these families and individuals** Art, Anne, Jean, Ruth, Virginia, Ruby, Thelma, Vivian, Connie, Seth, Candy, Betty, Jeff, Bonnie, Edward, Irida, Bryan, Jayden, Jillian, Jasmin, Steve, Mary, Kris, Florence, David, Lesley, Ciro, Christina, Andrea, Ted, Ginni, Rebecca, Scott, Bill, Becky, Mark, Iris, Jenny, Theodore, Hilda, Cheryl, Brad, Sarah, Skip, Marcia, Ruth, Chris, Paul, Dick, Lyla, Scott, Jeff, Michelle, Jennie, Marcel, Lyn, Susan, Tom, Maria, Mark, Derrick, Nancy, Matthew, Ellie, Laura, Jan

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING** We are following the guidance of the CDC. Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. Those who are not yet vaccinated (including children) are strongly encouraged to wear masks and socially distance. Our music director is monitoring the guidance of choral societies throughout the nation, and suggests that we ALL wear masks to sing while indoors. Because our first protocol is always *love for one another*, we ask you to allow for social distance by skipping every other pew, and honoring each other's use of masks.

**LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY** will be having a food drive on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 11 am. Please bring non-perishable food to the parking lot to restock our Little Free Food Pantry.

## OFFERING AND MEMORIALS

*As we get used to worshipping together again, it would be lovely to have fresh flowers on the Altar again! Would you like to help arrange them? If you are interested in being on the Flower Guild, please be in touch with Mother Nancy.*

One of the safety protocols we are following is not handing things to one another. That is why you will find the offering plate at the door of the church. On the floor near the offering table are baskets for non-perishable food that we will distribute through our Little Free Food Pantry. We invite you to be generous! It is our custom to offer Altar Memorials every week which helps us to pay for fresh flowers on the Altar. Any offering received that does not go to flowers will be added to our livestream equipment budget.

**COFFEE HOUR** We have all missed the opportunity to gather for casual conversation! This summer, you are invited to gather following the service, on the lawn between the church and the parking lot. If you wish to offer refreshments, please sign up on the board in the Narthex.

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY** services are cancelled July 21, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

**WESTFIELD FARMERS' MARKET** is open every Thursday from Noon to 5. We have many vendors—including a lunch truck and music as well as fresh vegetables and freshly baked goods. Church members are very welcome to volunteer! Call us at 413-562-5461, ext. 101.

**STREAM TEAM** Our Stream Team is on vacation July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>, so we will not be livestreaming our services. You may watch a service from a previous week by going to YouTube and searching for “The Episcopal Church of the Atonement, Westfield,” or try a different church! Washington National Cathedral streams Sundays at 11:15 am at [cathedral.org](http://cathedral.org). Grace Church in New York ([gracechurchnyc.org](http://gracechurchnyc.org)) streams at 11:00 am on Sundays. Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield streams on Facebook at 10 am.

**RERUNS** While our Stream Team is on vacation, we will show reruns on Channel 15 at 6 pm. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, join us for Christmas! On August 1<sup>st</sup>, join us for Easter!

## THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

<b>Sunday, August 1</b>	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person 6:00 pm Repeated Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
<b>Monday, August 2</b>	8:00 pm AA
<b>Wednesday, August 4</b>	12:15 pm Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm OA
<b>Thursday, August 5</b>	12-5 pm Farmers' Market 6:30 pm Evensong on Zoom 7:30 pm NA
<b>Saturday, August 7</b>	9-11 am Little Free Food Pantry Drop Off in parking lot
<b>Sunday, August 8</b>	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person and livestreamed 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

*"Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love"*

*God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work in the world. God's grace draws us in: straight, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer—all of us.*

*And together all of us reach out with God's love.*



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