

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Liturgy of the Word

**June 28, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

The service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Prelude

Opening Hymn 518

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever.**

The Presider 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.

Song of Praise

Glory to God S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Reader In this reading, Zedekiah, King of Judah, has joined a rebellion against Babylon. Jeremiah speaks tough and unpopular truths in the temple, telling the priests and the people that Jerusalem will fall to the Babylonians.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

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

Psalm 89:1-4,15-18

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
- 16 They rejoice daily in your Name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- 18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler;
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

The Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Reader This lesson teaches that by the grace of God, Christians are no longer slaves to sin but are obedient to the service of righteousness.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Gospel Hymn 641

Lord Jesus, Think On Me

The Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

Reflection

Janet Parks

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made 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 and the Son. 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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we may all be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Silence is kept. The congregation is invited to add their personal intercessions silently or aloud.

Give to the departed eternal rest. We especially remember Bill Davis and Steve Davis, and all those who died enslaved, for whom the sanctuary lamp burns; and all those who have died in wars and conflicts around the world, for whom the altar memorials have been given.

Silence is kept. The congregation is invited to add their personal intercessions silently or aloud.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

Silence is kept. The congregation is invited to add their personal intercessions silently or aloud.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Then the Presider says

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

Silence is kept.

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.

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

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Anthem

A Cup of Cold Water
After Matthew 10

C.J. Noble

REFRAIN:

Gimme a cup of cold water
Slake my thirst on a hot, hot day
Just a cup of cold, clear water
Wash the stain of my sin away.

1. I been diggin' down deep in a mine of sorrow
Took a couple spins on the wheel of fate
Livin' my life like there's no tomorrow
Need some holy water 'fore it's too late.

REFRAIN

2. Jesus keeps his eye upon the sparrow
Only by His will will it hit the ground
Don't you think He'll keep you on the
straight and narrow?
You're not gonna end up in the lost and found.

REFRAIN

3. Like Jesus told us:
"He who finds his life will lose it.
Take up your cross and follow me.
'Cause he who loses his life for
my sake will find it
That's how it was meant to be.
4. He who receives a prophet
Shall receive a prophet's reward
And he who receives a righteous man
Will receive a righteous man's reward.

REFRAIN

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

*Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts**Presider:* The Lord be with you.*People:* **And also with you.***Presider:* Lift up your hearts.*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.***Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

Spiritual Communion

Let us pray together in solidarity with those who are unable to receive communion in person this prayer of Spiritual Communion:

O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, you appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen. — (Ilia Delio, OSF, adapted)

The General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may we give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Concluding Hymn 609

Where Cross the Crowded Days of Life

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

PERMISSIONS

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ECOTA Happenings

June 28, 2026

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00am Worship & Holy Eucharist (in person & live-streamed)

Wednesday: 12:15pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist

Inquirer's Classes Two and Three ~ Tuesdays 30 from 4:30-5:30 pm

Session 3 of our Inquirer's Classes will be held on June 30 and its topic will be *Governance and The Role of the Laity*, including a discussion of Episcopal Church structure, Ordained and Lay Persons, Decision making, and the Baptismal Covenant. Please read **Chapters 6-7** to prepare. Questions? Contact Rev. Sandi (revsandi@atonementwestfield.org, 603-303-2435).

ECOTA Book Group: A New Book for May and June ~ *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

Theo of Golden is a story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen. It's an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder. We have been reading independently and we will meet on **June 8 @ 2:00 pm** to discuss it.

Boston Zimbabwe Anglicans Visit ~ Sunday, July 12, 2026 @ 10:00am – 2:00pm

On Sunday, July 12, we will have the joy of welcoming The Rev. Tobias Nyatsambo and members of the Boston Zimbabwe Anglicans to worship with us while they are on retreat at Genesis House. Our new friends will also share their gifts of music during the service, making this a wonderful opportunity for worship and fellowship together. Fr. Tobias, Rev. Sandi's friend and colleague from New Hampshire, will preach that morning, with a focus on the Book of Ruth. Our new friends will also share their gifts of music during the service, making this a wonderful opportunity for worship and fellowship together. We look forward to sharing this special time of worship, music, and fellowship with our guests. Why not invite a friend to come and see what is happening here at ECOTA?

Special Bible Study Session on the Book of Ruth ~ Wednesday, July 8, 2026 @ 1:00pm

Ruth is a short and beautiful story from the Hebrew Bible, and everyone is encouraged to take some time to read it before July 12. To help us prepare, **a special Bible study on Ruth will be held on Wednesday, July 8, @ 1:00, following the 12:15 healing service.** All are welcome.

Guest Housing Request ~ Friday, July 10, 2026

Fr. Tobias and his wife, Rose, are hoping to arrive a bit early for their retreat. **They are wondering if an ECOTA household might be willing to offer them hospitality for the night of Friday, July 10.** If you would be interested in hosting them, please speak to Rev. Sandi or contact the church office.

Appalachian Trail Magic Day of Kindness ~ Saturday, July 25, 2026 @ 10:00am – 2:00pm

Imagine you've been walking for 1,000 miles. Your feet are wet. Your water bottle is empty. Your phone is dead. How glad would you be to see someone offering you dry socks, fresh water, something to eat, a place to charge your phone? Make the magic happen and be that help! We need a supply of dry socks, snacks, water, and phone charging cords to provide a support ministry to hikers on the Appalachian Trail on Saturday, July 19 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Westfield Farmers Market | Thursdays, June - October

The Westfield Farmers Market has been at ECOTA since 2015 providing fresh, locally grown produce, dairy products, jams & jellies, raw honey, maple products, breads, baked goods, coffee, fresh lemonade, & hand-made pizza. It also features hand-made products, from crafters & artists and music. We're looking forward to another Market great season! Shop, volunteer, or spend some time at the ECOTA Welcome Table to introduce people to the church and help them get to know more about our community.

Summer Office Hours

MONDAYS:	Closed
TUESDAYS:	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
WEDNESDAYS:	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
THURSDAYS:	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
FRIDAYS:	Closed
SATURDAYS:	Closed
SUNDAYS:	Open before & after the 9am worship service

THE MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presiders	Alice Ehresman, Janet Parks
Vestry Person of the Day	Deb Bruno
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Cole
Lectors	Sandra Chamberlain, Jerry Noble
Usher/Greeter	Samantha Hemmingsen
Stream Team	Kara Noble
Altar Guild	Tanya Kellogg
Linens	Deb Bruno
Flower Guild	Chris Davis
Counters	Kathy DeJean, coordinator
Office Angels	Deb Bruno, Alice Ehresman
Opener	Kara Noble
Closer	Sue Cole

PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.
Contact office administrator at program@atonementwestfield.org or call 562-5461.*

Altar Memorials are given to the Glory of God and in memory of all of those who have died in wars and conflicts around the world.

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Davis and Steve Davis and of all those who died enslaved.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Diocesan Prayer for The Good Shepherd, Oxford; the Standing Committee; and Church Publishing, Inc.

For those suffering throughout the world especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes, and disease.

For these families and individuals Barbara, Mike, Ann, Anne, Danny, Janet, Caroline, Liz, Chris, Caryl, Frank, Jenny, Mark, Sally, Fred, Sue, Hala, Tom, Michael, Mark, Jessica, John, Mark P., Jim L., Kate, Rick, Lee, Teresa, Candi, John, Coralee & Gemariah; Nancy, Tracy Davis; Lily and her parents, Leianne, Fran, Madeline, Debra, Brad, Colin, Bill, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Lily, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Fred, Tom, Shannon, Joan, Deborah, Matt, Darlene, Rick & family, Anne, Ann, Jean, Ruth, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, David, Christina, Sharon, Marcia, Jan, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Sheila, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Brittany, Rick

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Sunday June 28	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am Holy Eucharist in person live-streamed 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
Monday, June 29	5:00 pm <i>Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)</i> 8:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Tuesday, June 30	6:30 pm <i>Music Together (SMGR)</i>
Wednesday, July 1	12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm <i>Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)</i> 7:00 pm <i>Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)</i>
Thursday, July 2	12:00-5:00 pm <i>Farmers Market</i> 5:30 pm <i>Girl Scouts (Sunday School Room)</i> 7:30 pm <i>Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Friday, July 3	7:00 pm <i>Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)</i>
Saturday, July 4	4:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Sunday, July 5	Sixth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am Holy Eucharist in person live-streamed 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

SMGR= Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)

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



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