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“Royal Wedding Preacher” coming to Worcester

Episcopal revival October 21 at The Hanover Theater

September 5, 2018 [Springfield, MA] — On October 21, 2018, [The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry](#), Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, will preach at an Episcopal revival sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts and The Episcopal Church. The Presiding Bishop will preach at a 5:00 pm service to be held at The Hanover Theater. The Hanover was selected among several sites because of location and size. Curry will begin the day in Pittsfield and travel to Worcester in the afternoon. Both revival events on October 21 will be [livestreamed by The Episcopal Church](#).

What is an Episcopal revival? As episcopalchurch.org describes it, “A revival is a dedicated series of gatherings that combine inspiring worship, compelling teaching, honest faith-sharing, intensified prayer, and some form of engagement with the mission of God—all for the sake of the spiritual renewal and transformation of people and of society.” The theme of this revival is:

Rekindling Sharing Loving
HOPE LIGHT JESUS

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Wherever he goes, the Presiding Bishop offers his vision of the Jesus Movement. No preaching moment has been more visible than his address at [the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle](#) this past spring. Curry is no longer just our Presiding Bishop. Following the wedding, Curry was invited to do interviews with major media outlets and to visit all the [morning shows](#). This unprecedented exposure is both challenge and opportunity for the Church. Most agree that this unexpected “15 minutes of fame” has been a boost for evangelism. “Love is the way,”

Curry proclaimed to a spellbound assembly of royals, nobles and celebrities. Millions more heard the message [via livestream](#).

When asked about the Presiding Bishop's second visit to Western Massachusetts, Bishop Doug Fisher talked about Curry's gift as preacher. "Fifteen year ago my son went to a national gathering of Episcopal youth. He came back and said 'Dad, I just heard the greatest preacher. Michael Curry. Ever hear of him?' I did and have been blessed to know him as a fellow bishop these last six years and have heard him preach great sermons numerous times. Michael is authentic. He lives what he preaches. Revival is a holy opportunity to revive our souls and our communities."

Revival is open to everyone. It is not just for Episcopalians. Free tickets will be available online September 17 through the revival website: wmarevival.org.

There will be an outdoor pre-revival gathering at Fuller Park from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. A procession of clergy and laity from Fuller Park to the Hanover will begin at 4:30 pm. The event at The Hanover will feature music, testimonies of faith, and the dynamic preaching of the Presiding Bishop. Doors will open at 4:00 pm.

Revival [promo video 1](#) Revival [promo video 2](#)

*Members of the press will be given press passes at the door.

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