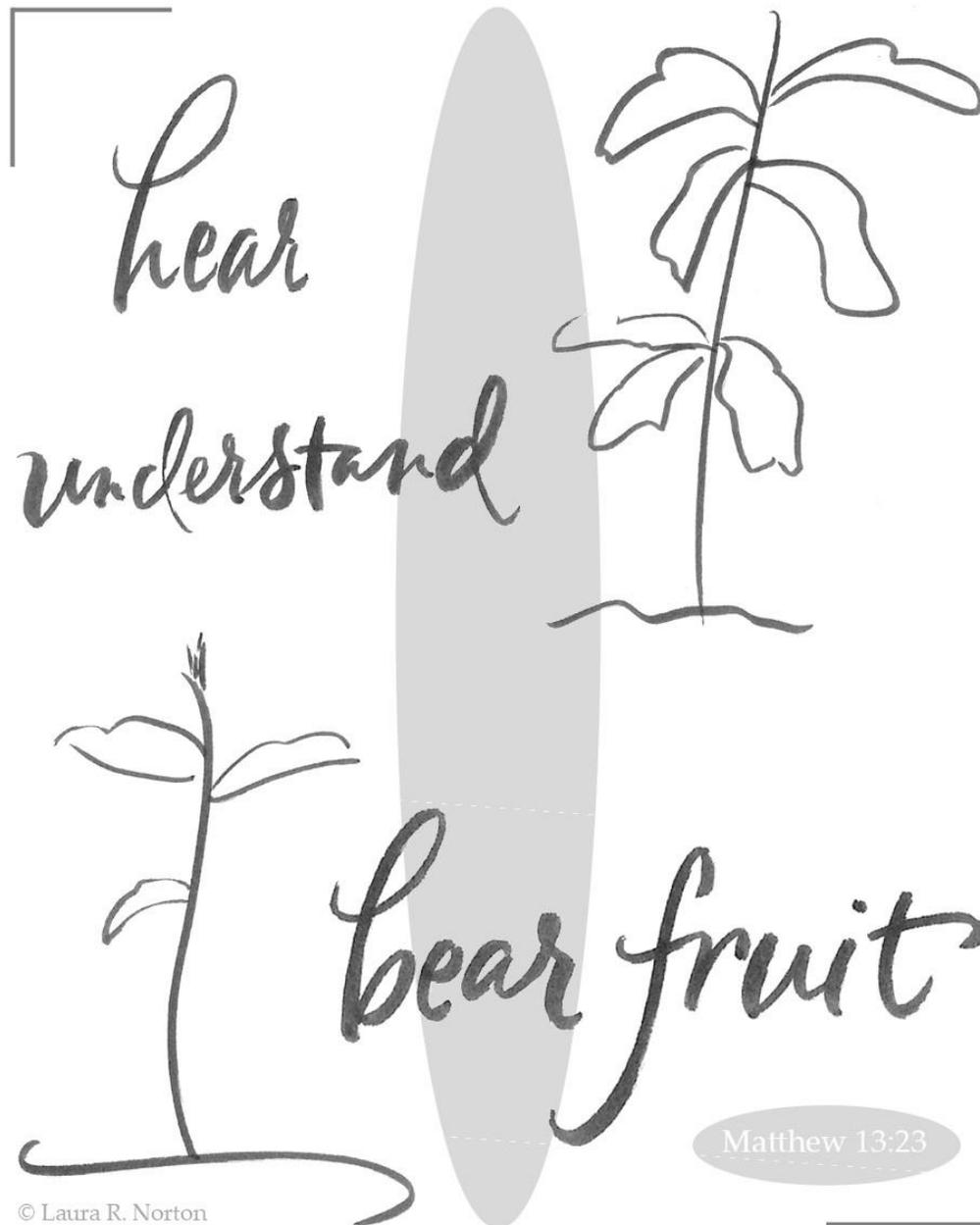


Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

July 12, 2020 + 11:00 am

Welcome to Christ Church ☩ Washington Parish

We are glad that you are worshipping online with us this morning and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor and want to know more about the church, please visit our website for more information and to contact us: www.washingtonparish.org. To contact us, see the last page of this bulletin or go to our website for more information. On the website, hover over ABOUT US and select Contact Us. The office email is linked (or [click here](#) to send an email). Also, visit us on Facebook ([Christ Church on Capitol Hill](#)).

*Let this bulletin be your guide through the service;
it includes everything you need.*

Opening Acclamation

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

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

All **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.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

Psalm 119:105-112

Lucerna pedibus meis

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- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
 and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined *
 to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; *
 preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
 and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
 yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
 but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
 truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
 for ever and to the end.

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live

according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

Leader: Enliven the Church for its mission and breathe fresh life into your people.

People: **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader: Lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

People: **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People: **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader: Inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others, especially our President and our Mayor, and those they bestow with power.

People: **That all may act with integrity, wisdom, and courage.**

Leader: For your guidance to this Congregation, the Search Committee, the Vestry and the candidates being considered as we search for a new Rector.

People: **For your grace, that we may be a community of love to support each other in this search and to welcome our next rector.**

Leader: We pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; for those who are stricken or otherwise affected by COVID-19 and those who help them, especially first responders and healthcare workers.

People: **Protect, strengthen, and heal them, O Lord.**

Leader: Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit and make us willing agents of your compassion. *Please add your own petitions.*

Let us pray

People: **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Leader: We remember with thanksgiving those who have died. *Please add your own petitions.*

Let us pray

People: **Into your hands we commend them.**

Leader: We praise you for our blessings and the blessings of those who lives are closely linked to ours. *Please add your own petitions.*

Let us pray

People: **May we sing your praises now and forever.**

Celebrant: Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Enriching Our Worship 1, adapted

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

All Loving God, our Creator, 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 and restore us through Jesus Christ our Savior,

and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit our Sustainer,

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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory

All are invited to support Christ Church's ministry of sharing God's love with the world by contributing using one of the many options available.  (*Christ Church Giving QR Code.*)



Please see the back of the bulletin for links and more information.

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord,
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 3, Modified

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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. You brought forth all creatures of the earth. You gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey, and so we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

All **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.

Celebrant 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.

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, and longing for Christ's coming in glory, we present to you these gifts that your earth has formed and human hands have made. We acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit into these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Send your Holy Spirit into us, 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.

Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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All **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

Celebrant **Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.****

The Invitation to a Spiritual Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray anytime to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving elements of bread and wine.

Celebrant Let us pray.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you at the Altar, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787, adapted)

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

Post Communion Prayer

(from A Prayer Book for Australia)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this table: for the life-giving story, the living bread and the wine of new creation. Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal, to tell the Good News to neighbors and strangers with creative words and compassionate service, walking the way of Christ. Amen.**

Blessing

(from *A Prayer Book for Australia*)

Celebrant God who has called you is faithful. Go into the world with joy, forgive generously, love extravagantly, live abundantly. And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Liturgist Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Catherine Dubas, *organ*

✦ PLEASE JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR ✦

Via Zoom Meeting (teleconference or telephone)

Via teleconference: <https://zoom.us/j/265300284>

Via telephone only: 646-558-8656 (Meeting ID 265300284)

Use of Zoom: you can copy and paste the link above into your browser. You can use any device that can access the internet: smartphone, tablet, laptop/computer with a camera. You do not need to download an app to gain access to the meeting.

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Praise God for Those Who Serve Today

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The Church Office and Building are currently closed for the COVID-19 shutdown.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Re-opening Plan Approved: The Episcopal Diocese of Washington has approved the plan that was submitted by Christ Church on how we will safely re-open to in-person gatherings. The staff, Vestry and lay leadership is working to determine when we can safely gather for worship. In the meantime, we will continue to broadcast a live Sunday worship service and weekday worship services on Zoom, for those people who do not feel comfortable attending in-person gatherings.

Please sign & return *Covenant for Regathering in Worship* letter. If you have not signed the Covenant for Regathering in Worship letter, please sign it and return to the Church Office as soon as possible. This letter is a REQUIREMENT from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. All parishioners must agree with the *Covenant* and the Christ Church Office must have a copy of the signed letter on file before we begin in-person worship. You can find a copy of the letter [here](#) (and on our website under "Re-opening Resources & Information.")

Weekly Reflections: At the end of June, Interim Rector Rev. Rick Miles and Rev. Rob Banse announced that the Daily Devotionals have been suspended to focus on reopening the church facilities for in-person worship and gatherings. [Read the original message and the last Daily Devotional email here](#). Instead of a Daily Devotional, Rev. Rob will post a Weekly Reflection on Monday mornings. The theme will be *Blessed - Reflections on Discipleship in 2020* and the focus will be Matthew chapters 5-7. Please look for the Monday morning email in your inbox. You can find past editions of The Daily & Weekly Devotionals in The Daily & Weekly Devotional Archives on our [website](#). If you would like to share your thoughts on the Devotionals with Rev. Rob, please send him an email at robbanse@mac.com.

Friday Night Film Series, Friday, July 17 at 7 pm: Our movie for July 17 is *Echo in the Canyon*, a 2019 documentary on the music scene in L.A.'s Laurel Canyon in the late 1960's, where Brian Wilson (Beach Boys), The Byrds, and The Mamas and the Papas came together. Available on Kanopy and other streaming services. Watch on your own and join the discussion led by our resident musicologists, Rick and D'aun Miles. All are welcome.

Friday Night Film Series Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/315339281>

Meeting ID: 315 339 281

Save the Date, Outreach Adult Forum on Sun. July 19: We will have a special discussion on Sun. July 19 when Kris Thompson, Chief Executive Director of Calvary Women's Services, will talk about their work and how they are empowering women who are survivors of violence and trauma, living with mental illness or in recovery from substance abuse.

Additional Worship Opportunities During the Week

All additional worship opportunities and formation events are held as Zoom meetings via video and/or telephone conference call via (646) 558-8656 and enter the Meeting ID number.

Wednesday Morning Prayer, 7:30am: The text for the service will be broadcast on the screen or follow along in The Book of Common Prayer online. Volunteers needed to lead Morning Prayer; guidance in advance provided.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/960678710> (Meeting ID: 960 678 710)

Thursday Compline, 8:30pm: The text for the service will be broadcast on the screen or follow along in The Book of Common Prayer online. Volunteers needed to lead the service; guidance in advance provided.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/376730107>

Meeting ID: 376 730 107

Formation Opportunities

Saturday Morning Men's Spirituality Group via Zoom, 9am: A long-standing Christ Church tradition, the Saturday Morning Men's Spirituality Group meets every Saturday at 9am for conversation and reflection. It is easy to join the conversation during the shutdown via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/568905645>

Meeting ID: 568 905 645

Outreach, Serving the Community

Back to School Initiative with our community partner, Support Everyone Home DC – Goal is 300 \$50

Gift Cards to Rising Scholars: Each year, Everyone Home DC begins planning around this time so that when our families start to think about the new school year, we are ready to provide support. During these uncertain times, Everyone Home DC is shifting its back-to-school approach to ensure we offer our families the flexible support they will need as they wait to hear what the new school year will look like.

Additionally, we want to limit traffic to our drop-in day center and headquarters to encourage continued social distancing. **This year's goal is to distribute a \$50 gift card to each Everyone Home DC scholar, which means we need 300 \$50 gift cards. We need YOUR help to reach our goal.** We are asking Christ Church parishioners to mail gift cards (Visa, Mastercard, Target, Walmart, and Amazon) to Everyone Home DC's offices at 415 2nd St NE, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20002. You can also sponsor a child or two individually, [make a donation on Everyone Home DC's website](#), Every little bit helps. To learn more visit [Everyone Home DC's website](#) or contact Kate Akalonu at akalonu@everyonehomedc.org.

PRAYERS AND BIRTHDAYS

For prayer requests from parish members and friends of the larger community: Emily Lewis (aunt of Marian Connolly); Cindy Hambleton (mother of Carole Anne Hawkins); Jurate Butkute (friend of Bill James); Caitlin Miles Cline (daughter of Rick and D'aun Miles); Kathie Crandall (aunt of Del Crandall); Noah Piper (friend of Lauren Welch); Jane Penn (sister of Charles Free); Linda Hine (friend of Katherine Patterson); Eileen James (sister-in-law of Bill James); Tom Howard (son-in-law of Sandra Hanbury); Fran Laskofski (family friend of Jennifer Baker Howard); Carol Itskowitz (Christ Church bookkeeper); Steve Merrill (former parishioner and friend of the Connolly family); Russell Holmes (father of Susan Holmes)

For repose of the soul: Melissa Nolasco (sister of George Redden-Liotta) and Karl Kruse (cousin of Cheryl Stadel-Bevans)

For the marriage of Alissa Robinson and Mike Byers

For the birth of a child: Jude Bayless Wadlington (son of Julie McClure & Jordan Wadlington); River James Clelan (son of Elizabeth & Kyle Clelan)

For those celebrating their birthdays this month: Blake Barton; Keira Barton; Nancy Broers; Natalie Chalk; Lise Clavel; Marian Connolly; Lilly Cooper; David Dettman; Louise Dettman; Anne Fletcher;

Andrew Flowers; Campbell Hall; Michael Hash; Brittani Head; Evan Hoffman; Dima Jenkins; Ruth Kroeger; Inez Lester; Beth Mullin; Jordan Myers; Celia O'Brien; Will Patterson; John Pollock; Judy Schneider; Nathan Silk; Jamie Sledge; Joe Smith; Joe Thompson; and, Lauren Welch

(If you would like to add someone to the Prayer list or your birthday, [email](#) the Church Office.)

Financial Support to Christ Church + Washington Parish:

As you are financially able, please support Christ Church during the shutdown by continuing your pledges and financial gifts. We are all still here with and for each other, and we continue to have expenses for salary, insurance, benefits, bills, etc.

You may give to Christ Church in one of four ways:

- (1) Using the QR code below, make a one-time gift or set up recurring, automatic gifts from your bank account or via credit card to the Christ Church's Annual Fund via our secure database. You will use your email address to log in and create a password.



- (2) one-time donations via our website: <https://washingtonparish.org/donate-to-christ-church/>
- (3) by phone – Text 73256, in the message field type CCWP (Christ Church's keyword) and the gift amount (e.g. \$20, \$100, etc.). You will receive a text with a link to a secure site to complete your gift via bank account, credit card, or debit card. Click the link to complete your donation. You will receive a receipt by email. Standard text message rates apply if applicable.
- (4) by sending a check to Christ Church - Washington Parish, 620 G Street SE, Washington, DC 20003