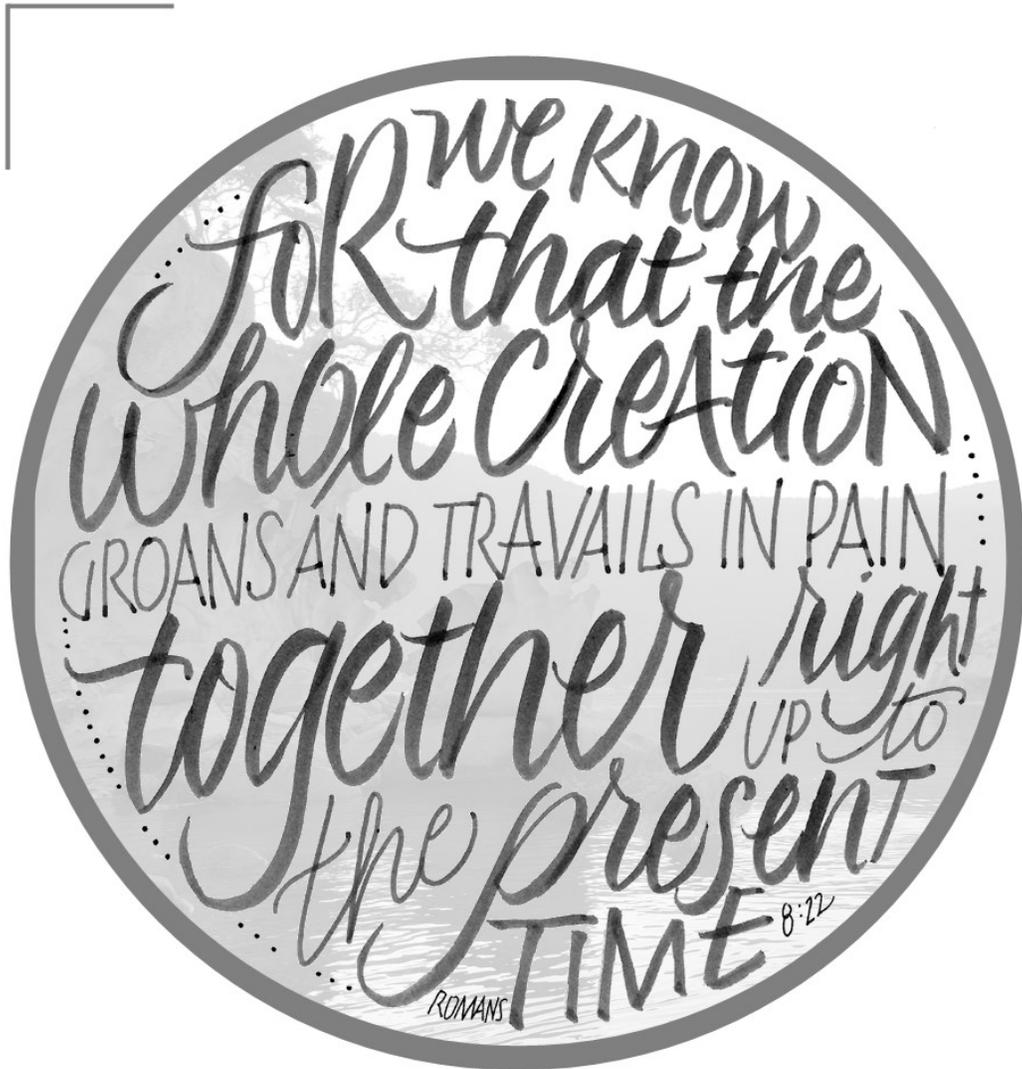


# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

July 19, 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](http://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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

**Genesis 28:10-19a**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

**Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23**

*Domine, probasti*

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- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
    you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
    you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
    and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
    but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
    and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
    it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
    where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
    if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
    and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
    and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
    and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
    the night is as bright as the day; \*  
    darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
    try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
    and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

## Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

## The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom;

the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

## **Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Richard Miles**

## **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 whose 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**

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*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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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Interim Rector Farewell and Update:** Rev. Rick Miles' last Sunday worship will be next Sunday, July 26. Please be sure to tune in via Facebook Live for his last service as well as the Wed. morning worship on July 22 or 29 at 7:30am or the Thurs. evening compline service on July 23 or 30 at 8:30pm to say farewell. He and his wife D'aun will be with us through the end of the month.

**Update on In-person worship gatherings:** The staff and lay leadership have determined that there will be no in-person worship services or social gatherings until the new rector arrives. There is too much to do to implement all the procedures and protocols necessary for everyone's safety before Rev. Rick leaves so it was decided that the best course of action is to continue our virtual worship until a new rector arrives.

**Please sign & return *Covenant for Regathering in Worship* letter.** If you have not signed the Covenant for Regathering in Worship letter, please sign and return it 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:** Instead of a Daily Devotional, Rev. Rob Banse 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. The Weekly Reflections and the Daily Devotionals are posted 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](mailto:robbanse@mac.com).

**Film Series, Friday, July 24 at 7 pm:** Join us online for *The Lives of Others*, a 2006 German drama (English subtitles) about an East German spy assigned to wiretap a prominent playwright and his actress girlfriend. Discussion led by Mary Frances Lowe. Available on Prime and other streaming services. Watch the movie on your own and join our lively discussion. All are welcome.

Friday Night Film Series Zoom Link:

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

Meeting ID: 315 339 281

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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); Steve Merrill (former parishioner and friend of the Connolly family); Russell Holmes (father of Susan Holmes); the crew of the USS Bonhomme Richard

**For repose of the soul:** Karl Kruse (cousin of Cheryl Stadel-Bevans)

**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:

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- (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