

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

"Come, everyone who
thirsts, to the

WATERS

Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and
without price.

Listen diligently to me, and eat that which is good,
and let your soul delight itself in richness."

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From Isaiah 55:1-2

August 2, 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.

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.**

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

The Gospel**Matthew 14:13-21**

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

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

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke

the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Mary Miller Flowers

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

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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.

At the presentation:

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

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.**

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

Celebrant/Preacher:	The Rev. Mary Miller Flowers
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The Church Office and Building are currently closed for the COVID-19 shutdown.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector Search Committee Update: The search committee has identified a slate of final candidates and has begun in-person interviews with these candidates in the District. Contact co-chairs Jean Denton or Paul Laymon with any questions or concerns.

Sundays in August Update: In August, Children's Chapel (virtual and in-person) and the Adult Forum will be on summer break. They will resume on Kick Off Sunday on Sun. Sept. 13. During August, we will continue to broadcast a worship service at 11am via Facebook Live, followed by Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom.

Friday Film Series, August 7, 7pm: Our August 7th movie is *Wild Strawberries*, directed by Ingmar Bergman, as we continue the five-week series on renowned directors and their classic movies. Watch the movies 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

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.

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.

Financial Update, July 30, 2020: Treasurer's Report by Jason Miller

I hope all is well with each of you as we continue to navigate our current environment. I'm pleased to present to you the 2nd Quarter Financial Results. Please know, the Finance Committee and Leadership continue to meet weekly to stay on-top of current developments of which Finance is a usual topic.

Through June 30, 2020 we have offerings of \$224,568 which is trending greater than budget and is aligned with the 2019 six-month ending offerings of \$223,275. The Church conservatively budgeted the offering amounts, which is why we're beating budget. We're grateful to see our offerings holding steady when compared to 2019. As for other revenue types, the onsite programs, including the use of our space for evening and day-time events have stopped and we do not expect to reopen for such programs until both the Diocese and District of Columbia provides re-opening guidelines. The impact through June is only \$6,500 below budget and slightly less than prior year. Additionally, Church investment performance was lagging through

the first part of 2020, but recently we experienced a strong turn-around in investment performance, so investments are holding steady with only a limited loss to date of \$1,307. The investment loss was as high as \$24,000 at one point earlier this year.

Overall through June 30th, the Church revenue is aligned with the budget where June 30th, 2020 shows revenue of \$298,491 (excluding ear-marked donations) compared to a budget of \$304,550. During prior year 2019, our Church revenue was \$333,012, so this represents a year-over-year decline of 8.5%. Also note, we did not hold the St. Pats Dinner this year, which as one of our important fundraising activities has caused us to miss a net of \$8,500 in fundraising revenue. We've established a giving method through on-line donations, which assists as we hold on-line services. Please reach out if you need assistance in processing on-line donations and we'll respond to help. We're excited to see that we've navigated through the first part of 2020 in a positive revenue position.

We continue to monitor the Payroll Protection Program loan forgiveness. At first, this amount is established as a low interest loan, but is expected to be forgiven after the eight or twenty-four week period as long as no less than 60% of the proceeds are used toward Employee related costs such as salary, benefits, and retirement costs. Additionally, no more than 40% of the proceeds are allowed toward utilities, mortgage, etc.. We fully expect to hit the targets of this loan and for the amount to be forgiven.

Expenses remain below budget. Total expenses through the six months of 2020 is \$287,233 (after ear-marked costs for window cleaning), which is 8.7% below budget. Every expense line item compared to budget is lower in 2020 compared to 2019, with the exception of Worship, which we generated extra costs moving to on-line services.

You can see where our revenue is \$298,491 and our expense is \$287,233 for the first half of the year, so the Church continues to show positive operations. Positive operations coupled with the recent Payroll Protection Loan allows us to continue to remain financial stable.

I'm looking forward to providing the next update as we continuously navigate our current environment. We appreciate our Parishioners and wanted to ensure to you that all financial operations are functioning and secure during this time.

PRAYERS AND BIRTHDAYS

For prayer requests for parishioners: Keith Lopes

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); and Mitzi Schroeder (sister-in-law of Alison Brooks)

For the repose of the soul: Joe Citro (longtime parishioner); Russell Holmes (father of Susan Holmes)

For those expecting a child: Allison Spaid Atherton and Garrett Atherton (January)

For those celebrating their birthdays this month: Audrey Bevans; Lydia Bevans; Charles Bolden; Hazel Dannan; Janet Eisenbarth; Claire Flakker; Ashton Heitger; John Jameson; Nathanael Kahn; Paul Laymon; Kelly Mac Garrigle; Ivy Malone; Major Malone; Christian Miller; John Payne III; Lynne Schlimm; Barbara Spaid; Cheryl Stadel-Bevans; Emerson Stewart; Vale Wadlington; Graham Wallner; Kimberly Wallner; Allison Wood; and, Morey Yost

(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