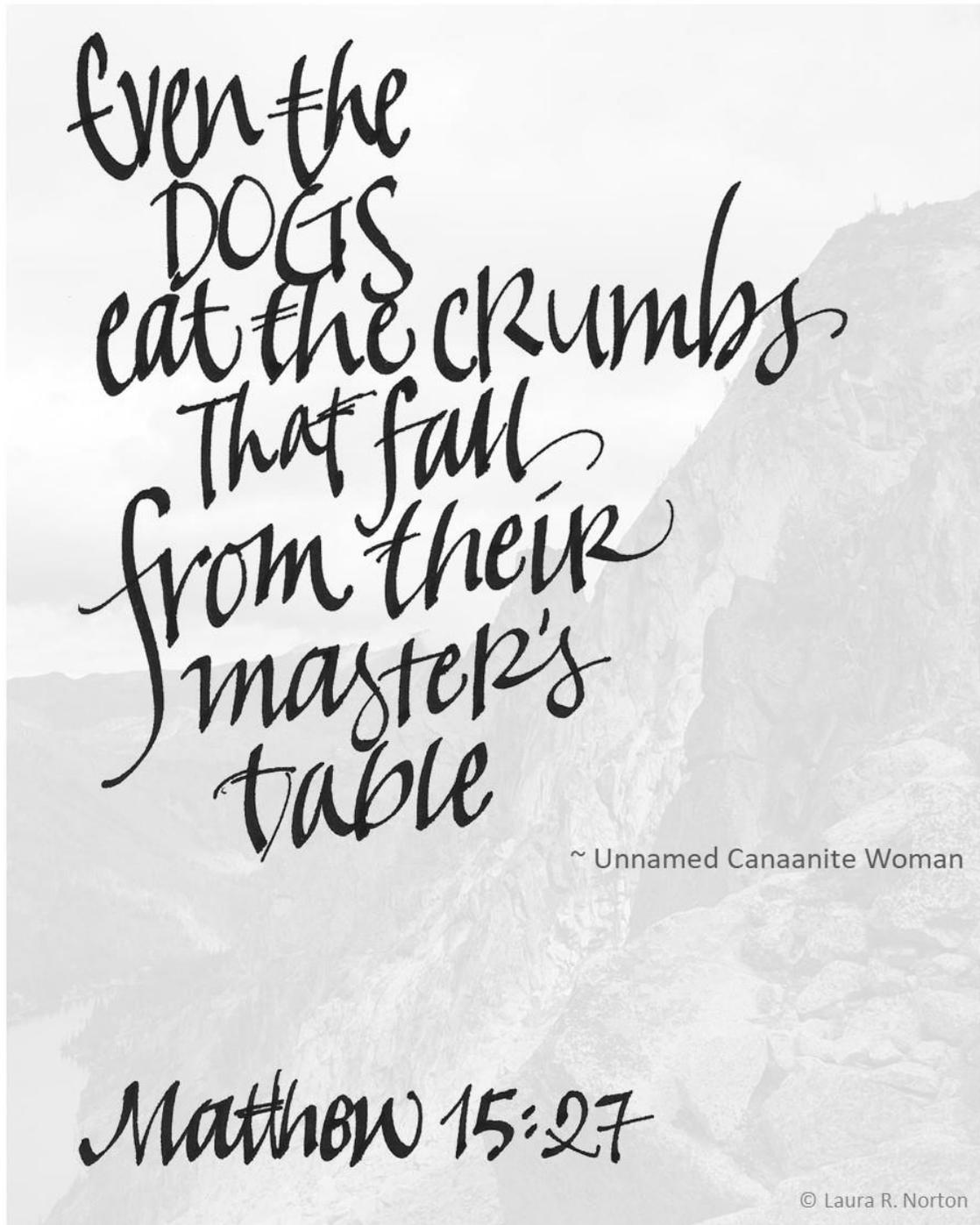


Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



August 16, 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.*

Prelude

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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will

provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm 133

Ecce, quam bonum!

BCP 787

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

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

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

(Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.")

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Jim Sandman

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.

Music

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

BCP 364

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

✠ 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

Update from the Vestry Regarding Sunday Worship Services: The Vestry met on Sunday, August 2, and approved hiring Sherwyn Santos, who has been volunteering his services since we started streaming services during Lent, to begin incorporating prerecorded music and readings into Facebook Live Sunday services. This will allow our minister of music, Richard Thibadeau, to play for Sunday services and eliminate the need for a supply organist.

This new service modality will afford us the opportunity to have readers for scripture lessons and the psalms participate in services who might be precluded from serving because of age or underlying health conditions. You will note these changes starting this Sunday, August 16th.

As we complete the final leg of our interim journey, you will have noticed or will notice that streamed services will not include communion for August and September. Since our services during these two months will include a rotating schedule of clergy and lay preachers, we opted for the continuity of not offering communion for these months as we complete the final steps in calling a new settled Rector.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or reach out to the Reverend Mary Miller Flowers for pastoral concerns.

Best regards,
Ed Warren
Senior Warden

Rector Search Committee Update: The Search Committee has selected the finalists for our rector position. The mandate to the committee from the vestry was to recommend three qualified candidates, ranked in order, who were willing to live in the rectory. The committee has met and ranked the candidates, and has prepared a detailed report. The Search Committee first met on May 23, 2019, more than 14 months ago. The committee has worked diligently and quickly. From October 2019 into January 2020, they received a significant number of applications, each of which was thoroughly reviewed. The whole committee met more than 30 times, and subcommittees of the whole met more than 25 times. Along the way, they interviewed many candidates and their references, listened to a lot of sermons, and sampled an amazing variety of our candidates' online services and programming. We are nearing the end of the Search Committee's role in the search for our next rector. For the committee, it has been a fascinating and rewarding experience. The next step is for the committee co-chairs (Jean Denton and Paul Laymon) to meet with the vestry, share their recommendations, and discuss the report.

The Rev. Dr. Rick Miles' next position: Fr. Rick has accepted the position of Interim Rector at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA and will begin there later in August. We offer him and D'aun congratulations and best wishes as well as our deep gratitude for their service to Christ Church during the search for our next rector. They are thrilled to be staying in the DMV area, allowing them to be near their children and grandchildren.

No Adult Forums in August: Adult Forums will take a break in August and resume after Labor Day.

No Children's Chapel in August: Children's Chapel will take a break in August and will resume on Kick Off Sunday, Sept. 13.

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.")

Diocesan-wide virtual service, Sunday, August 30: Bishop Mariann invites all in the diocese to take part in a live-streamed Washington National Cathedral service at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, August 30, at which she will preside and preach. In light of this diocesan-wide service, Christ Church will NOT be holding its own service on August 30. Here is the [Link to the diocesan-wide virtual service](#) on the Cathedral's YouTube channel.

Weekly Reflections: Instead of a Daily Devotional, Rev. Rob Banse is posting a Weekly Reflection on Monday mornings. The theme is "Blessed - Reflections on Discipleship in 2020" and the focus is 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.

Film Series, Friday, August 21 at 7 pm - Join us for the fourth in our five-week series on renowned directors and their signature movies. Our movie for August 21 is *North by Northwest*, a comedy thriller from 1959, directed by Alfred Hitchcock and starring Cary Grant. Discussion led by Norman Metzger. Watch the movies on your own and join us for 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, 9am: A long-standing Christ Church tradition, the Saturday Morning Men's Spirituality Group meets every Saturday at 9am for conversation and reflection. Weather permitting, the group has been gathering outside in the church courtyard for a socially distanced, in-person meeting.

Outreach, Serving the Community

Meal Preparation for Homeless Women: Sunday, August 9th, was our second monthly meal preparation for the women living in Calvary Women's Service (CWS) transitional housing. Kris Thompson, Chief Executive Office for CWS, led the forum on July 19th, providing parishioners with information about the needs of and services for homeless women in DC. More information about CWS can be found on their website (<https://www.calvaryservices.org/>). We give thanks this month for food preparation by Nancy Broers, Barbara Crandall, Anne Fletcher, Mary Miller Flowers, Beth Mullins, Lisa Nickerson, Doris Robinson, and Sherry Saunders. The sign-up sheet is already filled for September, but there will be opportunities in October, November and December. We use Signup Genius for food preparation volunteer opportunities; if you want to be on the contact list, please get in touch with Linda Mellgren (p3mp4@verizon.net).

Collecting Supplies for Families in Local Housing Projects: Little Lights, the NGO that supports families in Hopkins and Potomac Gardens Housing Projects here in the church neighborhood, is collecting supplies and snacks for families there. We can collect and organize them into reusable bags for drop off. If you can donate items to this effort, please drop them at Rev. Mary Miller Flower's house near

the church (508 7th St. SE) and leave them in the milk bin. Here's what they need: masks or handmade masks, soap (bar or liquid), hand sanitizer, Lysol and other disinfecting sprays/wipes, lotion, gloves, toilet paper or flushable wipes, paper towels, and non-perishable food.

Other churches have done drives - using bags with the church logo and filling all the bags with the same items. Let me know if you'd like to participate, or simply drop off items you have to donate. Email Rev. Mary at formation@washingtonparish.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); 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: Eileen James (sister-in-law of Bill James).

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 Danna; 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.



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