

# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

But  
who do  
**YOU**  
say  
that  
**I**  
am?



*Matthew 16:15*

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# 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.*

## 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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

**Exodus 1:8-2:10**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

## Psalm 124

## *Nisi quia Dominus*

**BCP 781**

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

## Second Reading

**Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

## The Gospel

**Matthew 16:13-20**

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

## Sermon

**Kirsten Sloan**

## 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

Officiant:	The Rev. Rob Banse
Preacher:	Kirsten Sloan
Sacristan:	Cynthia Thomas
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The Church Office and Building are currently closed for the COVID-19 shutdown.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Diocesan-wide virtual service, Sunday, August 30:** Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde 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.

**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. These changes started on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

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 Vestry's mandate to the Search Committee was to recommend three qualified candidates, ranked in order, who were willing to live in the rectory. The committee has presented its recommendations to the vestry, along with a detailed report. The vestry will consider the committee's report and make the final decision after consultation with the bishop.

**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.")

**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](mailto:robbanse@mac.com).

**Film Series, August 28 at 7 pm** - Our movie for August 28 is the classic 1948 Italian neo-realist film, *Bicycle Thieves*, directed by Vittorio De Sica. Discussion led by Russ Mawn. Watch the movie on your own and join us for a 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.)*

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- (4) by sending a check to Christ Church - Washington Parish, 620 G Street SE, Washington, DC 20003