

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Where two or  
three are  
gathered  
together  
in my  
Name

there I am  
there I am there I am there I am there I am



Matthew 18:20

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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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

### Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

## Psalm 149

*Cantate Domino*

BCP 807

- 1 Hallelujah!  
    Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
    sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
    let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
    let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
    and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
    let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
    and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
    and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
    and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
    this is glory for all his faithful people.  
    Hallelujah!

## Second Reading

**Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far

gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

## **Sermon**

**The Rev. Rob Banse**

## **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 In thanksgiving for our new Rector John Kellogg and for the steadfast work of the Search Committee and Vestry.

People **For your blessing on John, Tait, Alec, and upon all members of this parish family during this time of transition.**

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.**

## **Back to School Blessing**

**Celebrant** As students and teachers begin to return to school, we hold them in our hearts and pray that they may meet the challenges with grace and find joy in learning and community in whatever format it exists. School will look and feel different this year; however, we pray that God will guide them in learning and adapting to today's challenges. We pray for uncomplicated technology, open minds and hearts, connecting to each other, and the gift of knowledge for all. Most of all please God keep the students, teachers, parents, and staff safe and well. **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

**Announcing 29th Rector of Christ Church:** The Vestry has called The Rev. John A. Kellogg to be the 29th Rector of Christ Church. John, his wife Tait (announced Tate), and son Alec will be moving into the rectory at the end of September. John will begin on Oct. 5th and will preside and preach on Oct. 11th. His official installation date is to be determined and opportunities to meet John and his family are currently under discussion. More information will be provided as we confirm plans. An introductory video from the Kellogg Family is available [here](#).

**Kick Off Sunday, September 13:** Mark your calendar for the kick-off of Christ Church's program year, including the return of Children's Chapel, Sunday School, and the Adult Forum.

**The Conclusion of the Weekly Reflections:** The Rev. Rob Banse has announced that the last Weekly Reflection will be on Sept. 14 to make space for the transition and prepare for our new rector. We are deeply grateful to Rev. Rob for his thoughtful words and prayerful reflections these past few months. If you missed an email or would like to review past weeks, the Weekly Reflections and the Daily Devotionals are posted on our [website](#). If you would like to share your thoughts or appreciation for the Devotionals with Rev. Rob, please send him an email at [robbanse@mac.com](mailto:robbanse@mac.com).

**Photo Updates Needed for Parish Directory:** In anticipation of Rev. John Kellogg starting this fall, we are asking people to please send an updated photo of your family to the church office, particularly if you have children or changes in your family (new member, marriage, etc.). The Parish Directory will be a huge benefit for John as he gets to know names and faces. The directory contains names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses and is only available to members of the congregation (not on the website, etc.). Please email your photo to [office@washingtonparish.org](mailto:office@washingtonparish.org), attention Jennifer Baker Howard, Parish Life & Office Manager.

**Send a Video Sharing the Peace:** In the coming weeks, we would like to share videos of parishioners sharing the peace during that part of the service. We would like to have a wide representation of the congregation, including children. Please record yourself and your family saying the Peace and send your video to Jennifer Baker Howard, Parish Life & Office Manager, at [office@washingtonparish.org](mailto:office@washingtonparish.org). A couple phases and examples include: "Peace be with you; "Peace" (simple for small children); "The peace of the Lord be with you;" sharing the peace sign with your hand or putting your hands together in prayer and bowing; a family greeting each other during the Peace; or be creative!

**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.")

## Formation and Fellowship

**Film Series, September 11, 7 pm** - Join us on September 11 for the movie, *Sliding Doors*, a 1998 romantic drama starring Gwyneth Paltrow as a woman whose life unfolds in two stories: one life where she catches her train; and the other life where she misses her train. Discussion led by Charles Floto. The movie is available on Amazon Prime and other streaming services. Watch the movie on your own and join us for lively discussion on Friday evenings at 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome.

Friday Night Film Series Zoom Link:

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

Meeting ID: 315 339 281

**First Friday Book Group Fall Schedule:** The Christ Church Book Club will resume on October 2 at 7pm to discuss the monthly book selection. Dates and books are: October 2 - *The Woman's Hour* by Elaine Weiss (Anna Laymon presenter); November 6 - *The Book of Common Prayer: A Biography* by Alan Jacobs (Sandy Hussey presenter); and December 4 - *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo (Karen Wilson Roman presenter). All meetings will be virtual via Zoom and all are welcome to participate.

**Young Adult Course offered through the Diocese beginning in mid-Sept.:** The Episcopal Diocese of Washington is offering a 6 week course on Thursday evenings from 7pm – 8:30pm beginning on Sept. 17 via Zoom for young adults (under age 40). This course, led by spiritual director Kathy Staudt, is 6-week long and will explore the connection between listening for God in our lives and following Jesus. Registration is required and number of participants are limited. For more information and to register, please visit the [Eventbrite invitation](#).

**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.

## Children and Family Ministries

**Photos of First Day of School:** On Sept. 13th, we would like to share photos students and teachers starting the new school year in these unusual times. Please send your photos to Jennifer Baker Howard, Parish Life & Office Manager, at [office@washingtonparish.org](mailto:office@washingtonparish.org) to be included in a photo collage during the Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> service. Please include names and grades in the email so we can add captions to the collage. **Deadline for photos will be Wednesday, Sept. 9.** Tune in at 11am on Sept. 13th to see your friends and Christ Church community online!

**Children's Formation Resumes on Sept. 13:** Rev. Mary Miller Flowers is seeking volunteers to assist with programming for children from age 3 years old through 5th grade +. This is the proposed format for the first 6-8 weeks (all virtual): 9am Chapel/Sunday School hybrid for kids 3 years old – 2nd grade on Zoom with videos and breakout rooms; 10am Sunday School group for children 3rd – 5th grade (and older children are welcome to join); and Wednesday Evenings once a month would be a more social, fellowship-style event with groups of children that can be broken out (3rd – 5th graders and 6th grade and up). Mary has a Google Sign Up Sheet for sign up. All activities would be via Zoom as many people are still out of town and for the safety of all participants.

## Outreach, Serving the Community

**Meal Preparation for Homeless Women:** On Sunday, September 13th, Christ Church volunteers will prepare a meal for the women living in Calvary Women's Service (CWS) transitional housing. We give thanks to Lisa Nickerson, Mike Grace, Sandy Hussey, Lauren Welch, and Barb Crandall for preparing and delivering food this month. More information

about CWS can be found on their website (<https://www.calvaryservices.org/>). To sign up to assist in October, November and December, please contact Linda Mellgren ([p3mp4@verizon.net](mailto:p3mp4@verizon.net)) and she will send you a link to the Signup Genius for food preparation volunteer opportunities.

**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 healthy snacks for families there. Little Lights needs the following items or monetary donations on their website: 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. Rev. Mary Miller Flower has offered to serve a dropoff point at her house (around the corner from the church) at 508 7th St SE). You can contact Rev. Mary to coordinate dropoff 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 the repose of the soul:** Viola Marsingill (grandmother of Jason Jordan)

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

**For those celebrating their birthdays this month:** Zachary Chicoski; Del Crandall; Kathryn DeTura; Jameson Duffy; Laurel Duffy; Peggy Farrow; Mike Grace; Lindsay Heitger; Elizabeth Lyons; Ellen Mac Garrigle; Moira Marzen; Ferris Mitchell; Riley Mitchell; Kris Muench; Lisa Nickerson; Ruth Pontius; Nelson Rimensnyder; Robert Schafer; Deborah Schmid; Hank Schwartz; Suzanne Singer; Dominic Thompson; Lynn Thompson; Chris Van Wagoner; and Marcia Warren

*(If you would like to add someone to the Prayer list or your birthday, [email](mailto:formation@washingtonparish.org) the Church Office.)*

## 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

### **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