

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 4, 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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

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- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *

the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that

I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

 'The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
 and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

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.**

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

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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

✂ PLEASE JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR ✂

Via Zoom Meeting (teleconference or telephone)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/265300284?pwd=T1N1UUg1ZkM1anBRZINETGMwY3NzUT09>

Via telephone only: 646-558-8656 (Meeting ID 265 300 284) Password: **WayofLove**

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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The Church Office and Building are currently closed for the COVID-19 shutdown.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update on The Rev. John A. Kellogg's first Sunday: Due to travel restrictions, John and his family are following the DC quarantine requirements after traveling from a "high-risk" state. Therefore, John will not be presiding on Sun. Oct. 11th but will record his first sermon which will be shared during the service and posted on the website after the service. John and his family will be attending the Virtual Coffee Hour at 12pm and we hope you will join us (please register at the link below). Also while under quarantine, John will not be scheduling any in-person meetings but will attend Zoom worship and meetings beginning this week, including Wednesday Morning Prayer and Thursday Compline. John is very much looking forward to meeting everyone!

Virtual Welcome Coffee Hour for Rev. John Kellogg & Family, Sun. Oct. 11, 12pm: Following his first service preaching as the 29th Rector of Christ Church, please join us online for a virtual Coffee Hour to welcome Rev. John Kellogg and his family. Please register at the link below so we know how many people to expect and how best to manage the event so everyone has a chance to meet John and Tait.

Registration Link:

<https://onrealm.org/ChristChurchWashington/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NjhlNGYwNDktMTZlZS00MWVvLkZkZmZlYWM0MDAxNWU2YzE3>

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, October 9: All are invited to join the film series discussion on October 9 at 7 pm. Our movie for discussion on October 9 is *Iron Jawed Angels*, a 2004 drama depicting the efforts of the DC based National Woman's Party to secure passage of the 19th Amendment. The movie stars Hilary Swank and Frances O'Connor, screenplay by Jennifer Friedes and directed by Katja von Garnier. Guest host is Anna Laymon, executive director of the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission. Watch the movie on your own and join us for lively discussion.

Friday Night Film Series Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/315339281?pwd=YkdhcGILdEw3THNpbmJBaTdicHpHUT09>

Meeting ID: 315 339 281 (Password: **WayofLove**)

Adult Forum, 10am on Sunday via Zoom : All are welcome to participate in the Adult Forum led by The Rev. Rob Banse with the theme of *Speaking Truth to Power: The Message of the Prophets*.

This series comes from Rev. Rob's favorite class in seminary titled, "The Bible and the New York Times." In the Adult Forum, Rev. Rob will use the prophets of the Old Testament to "speak truth to power." For more information, please see the information on the [Christ Church website](#).

Adult Forum Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/377727989?pwd=RmtHamFoYW5FcEZjN3pTMWNWTGVjZz09>

Meeting ID: 377 727 989 (Password: **WayofLove**)

Sacred Ground dialogue at Christ Church: Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. Sacred Ground is part of Becoming Beloved Community, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all adults, and especially designed to help white people talk with other white people. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love. The group at Christ Church is likely to be held every other week on a weeknight and will require a commitment to readings, films and participation in the group. Please email Mary Miller Flowers or Jennifer Baker Howard if you are interested. <https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>

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

Children's Formation on Sundays: Children's Chapel and Sunday School are held on Sunday in a slightly different format. For children ages 3 years – 2nd grade, they will meet via Zoom for 30 minutes at 9am using songs, a Bible story, sometimes a short video, activities and prayers.

The Zoom link for Children's Chapel/Sunday School (3 years – 2nd grade) is [here](#):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/141023266?pwd=US9SUNG2SnMzYTFjWitWSEt2Qklqdz09>

Meeting ID: 141 023 266 (Password: **CCWPKids**)

Sunday School for grades 3rd – 5th (and older children welcome) will meet at 10am via Zoom for 40 minutes to focus on the stories of Jesus. This week the lesson will focus on Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son.

The Zoom Link for Sunday School for 3rd – 5th grade is [here](#):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88222800831?pwd=clhzNGVnVTh5eGo3OEpVejNjV1hzZz09>

Meeting ID; 882 2280 0831 (Password **CCWPKids**)

Seeking Volunteers for Sunday School and Children’s Chapel: Rev. Mary Miller Flowers is seeking volunteers to assist with programming for children from age 3 years old through 5th grade +. A variety of volunteers are needed for the children’s activities. Please contact Mary if you are willing to assist and she will send a Google Sign Up Sheet to you. 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

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 groceries, non-perishables, masks, and household cleaning supplies 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.

FALL EVENTS AT HISTORIC CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY

Christ Church’s own cemetery has a fall calendar of outdoor, pandemic-friendly, and fun events coming up. All the events are fundraisers for the cemetery, so please consider participating to support our cemetery. Insider tip: Our CCWP representatives to the HCC board of directors, Shawn Freeman and Kirsten Sloan, recommend Soul Strolls as a truly unique and entertaining hour of fun.

- **Christ Church Pet Blessing, Sun. Oct. 4, 3-4pm** (please register at the [link](#) below)
<https://onrealm.org/ChristChurchWashington/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZmYwYTM3MWYtZWYyZC00MTVjLTlhMTYtYWMDMDAxNjcwMDAx>
- Soul Strolls: October 16, 17, 23, & 24, 2020: Join these Halloween favorites with a guided twilight tour that explores some of the famous and infamous residents of the Cemetery. Changes have been implemented for everyone’s safety but it’s still a fun evening. Tickets are \$35. <https://congressionalcemetery.ticketleap.com/soul-strolls-2020/>

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); 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); Mitzi Schroeder (sister-in-law of Alison Brooks); Bill McGhee (brother of Anne Curry); Lolita Brown (friend of Andrew Lyons); Emily and Robin (friends of Jack Jacobs); and The Rev. Bill Doggett (former Associate Rector)

For the repose of the soul: Russell P. Holmes (father of Susan Holmes)

For those expecting a child: Jennifer and Andrew Kuskowski (October); Allison Spaid Atherton and Garrett Atherton (January); Jamie and Rob Schafer (pending adoption)

For those celebrating their birthdays this month: Becky Bailey; Olivia Brickey; Alison Brooks; Chuck Burger; Matthew Chicoski; Will Chicoski; Michael Crawford; Chris Daffner; Jocelyn de Castro; Ben Flowers; Shawn Freeman; Betsy Gonzalez; Henry Hughes; Sandy Hussey; Bill James; Carolyn Johnson; Scott Kilbourn; Billy Laxton; Noah Litchfield; Stephanie Miedema; Carrie Miller; Linda Norton; Paul Ozkan; Lincoln Pollock; Aman Aine Porter; Theodore Schafer; Greg Schlimm; Liz Schwartz; Kerri Sears; Nolan Spangenberg; Meg Symington; Charles Verret; Jack Verret; Samuel Verret; Jordon Wadlington; Ed Warren; Karena Weber; Judy Whalley; and Gaye Whyte

(If you would like to add someone to the Prayer list or your birthday, [email](#) 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?pwd=OG40M25pNHNhZIN2QUQ4M3IXMXN5UT09>
Meeting ID: 960 678 710 (Password: **WayofLove**)

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?pwd=UEtpb1V3MDNpM0Y0eUZ1eWU1Wkwwdz09>
Meeting ID: 376 730 107 (Password: **WayofLove**)

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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