



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 20, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.
LITURGY OF THE WORD, PRAYERS AND SERMON**

Bell Prelude

Organ Prelude *Grand Fantasia in E minor "The Storm"* Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

All stand, as able

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity *Said in unison*

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.



1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God, who made the
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint - ing
 4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in



death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My
 sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose
 mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He
 death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My



days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing
 truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed, and feeds the
 helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther -
 days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing



last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 poor. And none shall find his prom - ise vain.
 less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
 last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); alt. John Wesley (1703-1791), alt.; para. of Psalm 146. Music: *Old 113th*, melody from *Strassburger Kirchenamt*, 1525; harm. Vicar Earle Copes (b. 1921) Copyright ©1964, Abingdon Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

The Congregation is seated for the Lessons

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

17:57-18:5, 10-16

On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite." When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it

to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved. The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice. Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the LORD was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

Read in unison

Ecce, quam bonum!

- 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.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our

heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Song (*Sung in Hebrew as a round*)

Hinei ma tov



Hi - nei ma tov u - ma na - im sche - vet a - chim gam - ya - chad.
How good and plea - sant it is the u - ni - ty of God's peo - ple.



Hi - nei ma tov u - ma na - im sche - vet a - chim gam - ya - chad.
How good and plea - sant it is the u - ni - ty of God's peo - ple.



Hi - nei ma tov sche - vet a - chim gam - ya - chad.
Good and plea - sant is u - ni - ty a - mong bro - thers.



Hi - nei ma tov sche - vet a - chim gam - ya - chad.
Good and plea - sant is u - ni - ty a - mong sis - ters.

Traditional Hebrew round. Words: Ps 133:1, trans. Kerry Yong 2009.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark

4:35-41

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Susan Richardson

All stand, as able

The Peace

Please be seated

Greetings

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Anthem

Still, Still with Thee

Music: Fred Gramann

Words: Harriet Beecher Stowe

Still, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh, and the shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness I am with Thee.

Alone with Thee amid the mystic shadows,
The solemn hush of nature newly born;
Alone with Thee in breathless adoration,
In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

Still, still with Thee! as to each newborn morning
A fresh and solemn splendor still is given,
So does this blessed consciousness, awaking,
Breathe each day nearness unto Thee and heaven.

So shall it be at last, in that bright morning,
When the soul waketh, and life's shadows flee;
O in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,
Shall rise the glorious thought, I am with Thee.

Apostles' Creed

The people may stand or kneel

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

A Collect for Juneteenth

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us, resist the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

A Blessing for the High School Seniors

Aidan Donohue
Veronica Timberlake

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Closing Prayer

Creator God,

May we who have been strengthened in this worship,
strengthen those in weakness

We who have been fed, feed those in hunger

We who have been welcomed, welcome others

We who have been seen and known,

see and know the needs of others

Give us your grace to respond always in loving service

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

The Blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Savior: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 559

Dulce Carmen



1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
 thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;
 heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867), alt. Music: *Dulce carmen*, melody from *An Essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782; adapt. *Collection of Motetts or Antiphons*, ca. 1840; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Organ and Bell Postludes

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.

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USHERS Miguel Ruiz, Kevin Kerchner

READER Michael Furfari

LIVESTREAM COORDINATORS Nate Drew, James Ashforth, Ethan Berlenbach

CLERGY The Rev. Timothy Safford, *Rector*; The Rev. Susan Richardson, *Assistant Minister*;
The Rev. K. Palmer Hartl, *Parish Associate*

ALTAR FLOWER GUILD Jen Miller

*The flowers today have been offered to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the lives of
GEORGE D. & RUTH BERTOLET
and the life of
ROBERT J. GILL, M.D.*

Please remember this week those in our parish family in need of healing:

Anthony, Jenna Baffone, Lauralou Bates, Janie Bingham, Rick Bravo, Frances Milliken Cramer, Trinity Eobbi, Heidi Fielding, Jean France, Kathy Frohlich, Annie George, Mary Gonzales, Sally Hardy, Emily Hayes, Barbara Kieran, Michael Krumrine, Sandra Langan, Terrance Langan, Joe Laskowski, Mary, Robert Metzger, Peggy Oakes, Lizunette Real, Jonathon Rist, Samantha, Tom Spencer, Ken Sprang, Sue, Claire Lu Thomas, Stan Tomczak,

With prayers of special intentions for: **Craig, David, Joseph Gabriel, H.R. & Philip, Tramble,** and the victims of gun violence.

LIFE AT CHRIST CHURCH

Find your place within this community.

Offerings



The vestry and staff of Christ Church are very grateful for all who are keeping their offerings and covenant giving current during this time of disruption. Offering checks may be sent to Christ Church, 20 N. American St. Philadelphia, PA 19106.

For online giving, please go to

www.christchurchphila.org/give. Christ Church relies on two

different online giving methods: our Paypal email address is give@christchurchphila.org, or if using the PayPal mobile app, search for Christ Church Philadelphia. We have also recommend



the reliable, securely encrypted site: [Tithe.ly/give](https://tithe.ly/give). No “.com” or “.org,” just “tithe.ly/give”. They also provide an easy, intuitive giving app for iOS or Android. Please download the app and search for Christ Church in Philadelphia. Follow the instructions for making a one-time or recurring gift from a bank account or debit/credit card. Questions? Contact cwagner@christchurchphila.org.

THIS WEEK

Christ Church POWER

Christ Church POWER (an interfaith, multi-racial, people’s movement involving over 50 Philadelphia congregations) invites everyone to join in a Pilgrimage for Education Funding on **June 21 at noon**. This event will be a march to demonstrate public support for the Fair Funding Formula, which has been included in Governor Wolf’s proposed education budget, and will begin at Samuel Gompers School in Philadelphia and conclude at Merion Elementary School in Lower Merion. Not a far distance as the two schools are a little over a mile apart. Please contact **Mimi Drew** (mimidrew200@gmail.com) or **Andy Halstead** (andrewmalyonhalstead@gmail.com) for more information should you have any questions.

Once again, attendees do not need to be Christ Church members or affiliated with POWER, so feel free to bring a friend or two! Here is the link to register. See you there! <https://secure.everyaction.com/RQkO-Nb4dESMXYGVRFz0A2>

Wednesday Noon Service

This simple liturgy is no longer than 30 minutes and is in the church every Wednesday.

The Farmers’ Market at Christ Church

Each Wednesday from 3:00 – 6:00p.m. Visit our local vendors on Church Street through the end of October.

Fellowship at Christ Church – Small Groups

See a topic you’re interested in? Contact the convener directly for more information, using the email listed. Have a topic you’d like to suggest, either as a participant or a convener?

Contact **Cheryl Dobleke Beirne** on the Parish Life team at cld331@gmail.com.

GROUPS TO JOIN

Lectio Divina. A group to discuss some scripture using a Lectio Divina format (re-reading a passage 2-3 times for personal influences/reactions).

Convener: **Dennis Hendricks**, dennisjhendricks@gmail.com

Good Shepherds. Reaching out to parishioners who may be lonely or struggling.

Convener: **Kate Hall**, cyprus8018@verizon.net

Sunday Bible Study. Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m., online. *Convener:* **The Rev. Palmer Hartl.** Use the link in the weekly parish email.

Tuesday Koin Group at 8:20 a.m. Morning Prayer using the appointed readings from Holy Women, Holy Men. *Convener:* **Cecilia Wagner,** cwagner@christchurchphila.org

Know how to use Zoom? Google Meet?

A few in our community are still struggling with connecting via Zoom. Would you be willing to be on a list of folks who can phone-talk them through getting on and off, muting and unmuting, etc.? Let **Beth Wilson** on the Parish Life team know: ewilson8044@gmail.com

Congregational Listening

With the Rector's announcement of his plans to retire as Rector of Christ Church on March 31, 2022, the Vestry has been actively listening to members of our congregation as they give their thoughts on our future. Please feel free to reach out to any member of the Clergy or Vestry, should you wish to discuss any aspect of this privately. We are here to listen.

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God of love, in this season of change, we pray for our parish community, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, vibrant in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, joyous in our celebrations, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this time of change with excitement, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you continue to bless us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrate the 325th Anniversary of Christ Church with events hosted by the Christ Church Preservation Trust throughout the year.

July 1 – 6:00 – 7:00p.m. Virtual on Zoom

“**The Weeping Time Slave Auction: Why Memory Matters**” Author Anne C. Bailey will join us to discuss her book [The Weeping Time: Memory and the Largest Slave Auction in American History](#). Over 400 men, women, and children sold by the Butler Plantation estates in 1859. This book analyzes the operation of this auction and traces the lives of slaves before, during, and after their sale. **Advanced free registration required.** Go to: <https://bit.ly/2S9bXZj>

Patriotic Pipes: An Organ Concert of American Music

On Friday July 2 at 7:00pm, organists **Parker Kitterman and Wesley Parrott** will present a program of American music on Christ Church’s mighty Fisk organ, including works by Aaron Copland, Florence Price, Jon Knowles Paine and Scott Joplin. This free concert will be followed by an up-close tour of the organ. Masks or face coverings required inside the church.

Signers' Day at the Burial Ground – July 3

Join us at 5th and Arch Sts for the return of Signers' Day, a holiday where we honor and celebrate the seven signers of the Declaration of Independence buried at the Christ Church grounds -- more than any other place in America. On Saturday, July 3, the Burial Ground will be **open 11:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.** with free admission and a history hunt for all children 12 and under! At noon, we will lay a wreath honoring Sarah Franklin Bache and the other founders of the Ladies Association, a leading fundraiser of the revolution. We’ll also be presenting our special Signers’ Tour all weekend. Children (12 and under): FREE; Adults: \$5.00

A Festive Reception after the July 4th Service

Plan to stay after the 10a.m. Independence Day Service to enjoy refreshments in the North Garden provided by the Hospitality Team and to say “thank you” to **Neil Ronk**, Senior Guide who retired from Christ Church staff last summer.

Fair Trade Coffee & Tea (and Honey!)

Fair Trade Coffee and tea will be for sale the first Sunday of each month **beginning July 4**. The proceeds of this special organic coffee support the work of the Episcopal Relief and Development programs.

July 15 – 6:00 – 8:00p.m. (rain date: July 29, 6-8p.m.)

Sip and Paint Night with Kaity Lacy. Purchase tickets in advance at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sip-and-paint-night-tickets-149918840287>

Want a fun painting night out with your friends where you can actually learn how to paint? Kaity Lacy is a highly sought-after commission artist, art teacher, and published illustrator of the Gata Unbound book series. Her years of experience in the art industry will help you tap into skills you didn't even know you had. Join us as we complete together a watercolor painting featuring the historic south side view of Christ Church from the roof of Christ Church Neighborhood House. Cocktails from Art in the Age, wine, beer, and snacks available.

Baptisms at Christ Church in 2021

September 19, November 7 (All Saints'). If you would like to have a baptism for yourself or your child, please contact the **Rev. Susan Richardson** at 215.922.1695, ext 25.

Journeys for Newcomers and Longtimers in 2021

Want to find out more about Christ Church? Or have you been here awhile and would enjoy a check-in? Our Journeys class combines newcomers and longer-time members in talk about faith and life, vocation, Anglicanism and Episcopal history, and how Christ Church can be part of your path now. Meeting over the course of three Sundays, members, newcomers, and clergy will journey together. Childcare and snacks provided; RSVP is needed. Questions? Check with **Susan Richardson**. srichardson@christchurchphila.org

Sun Sept 26, 11:30-12:45 - "Journeys become stories"

Sun Oct 10, 11:30-12:45 "The journey of the Episcopal Church"

Sun Oct 24, 11:30-12:45 - "Living faith"

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CHRIST CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA

Thirty-nine Philadelphia families, loyal to the Bishop of London and desiring to worship according to the rites of the Church of England, established Christ Church on November 15, 1695. Construction began on the current church building in 1727 and concluded in 1744. The tower and steeple, financed by a lottery managed in part by Benjamin Franklin, were completed in 1754. The building is an outstanding example of colonial architecture in the Georgian spirit, possibly the finest building of its time in the colonies.

Christ Church and its clergy played a critical role during the Revolutionary era. In September 1774, the Rev. Jacob Duché, opened the first Continental Congress with prayers citing the 35th Psalm, *Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me; fight against them that fight against me.* John Adams recounted to his wife Abigail, “I must confess I never heard a better prayer; heaven had ordained that psalm to be read on that morning.”

During this time, influential Philadelphians heard sermons in Christ Church both supporting and discouraging Independence. On July 4, 1776, Christ Church struck King George’s name from the prayers in worship.



In 1790, Christ Church designated a large, double-pew in the center aisle for the President of the United States to use for worship. President George Washington regularly attended, as did President John Adams while Philadelphia remained the capital of the United States. The pew is still so designated, but any worshipper may use it if not occupied.

Seven signers of the Declaration of Independence and five framers of the Constitution are buried in the hallowed grounds of Christ Church. In 1948, Congress designated Christ Church as a national shrine during the creation of Independence National Historical Park.

After the Revolution, Christ Church played the instrumental role in organizing the Episcopal Church out of the remnants of the colonial Church of England. Buried in the chancel of Christ Church is the Right Reverend William White, ninth Rector of the parish, Chaplain of the Continental Congress, first Bishop of Pennsylvania, and first Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in its formative years, all while remaining Rector of the parish. Bishop White demonstrated that the Church in this nation could be independent yet still in communion with the Church in England, a fundamental tenet of Anglicanism. The first General Convention that unified the scattered Episcopal Church and approved the first American *Book of Common Prayer* met in this building in 1789.

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you belong and are welcomed just as you are, to receive the blessings of God.

Worship: Sunday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at Noon
Services are livestreamed at www.christchurchphila.org/live

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