



CHRIST CHURCH

REVOLUTIONARY. SPIRIT.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 11, 2021 - 10:00 A.M. LITURGY OF THE WORD, PRAYERS AND SERMON

Prelude

An Exalted Ritual from *Five Dances*

Calvin Hampton

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.**

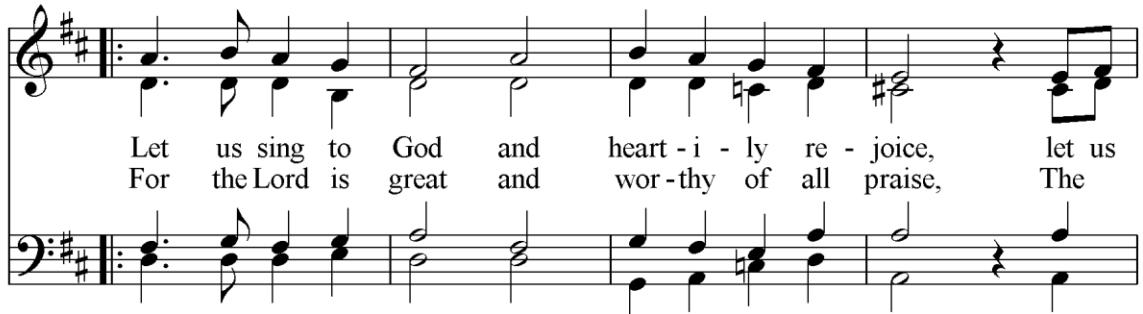
The Collect for Purity

Said in unison

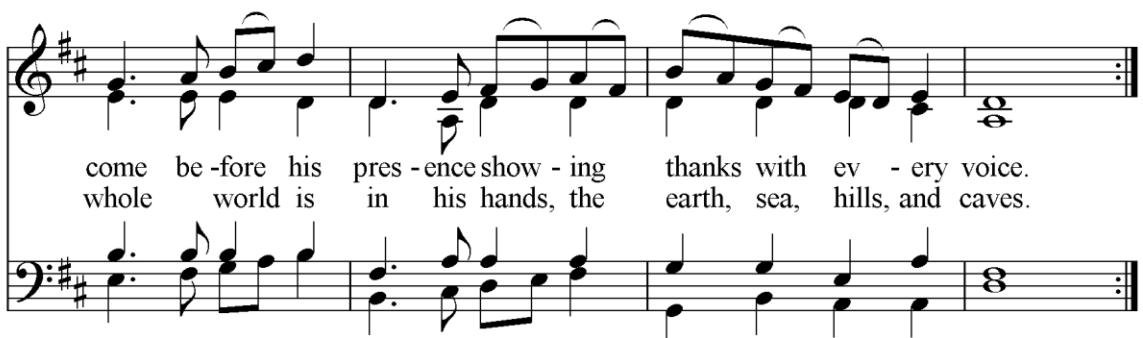
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Venite



Let us sing to God and heart - i - ly re - joice, let us
For the Lord is great and wor - thy of all praise, The



come be - fore his pres - ence show - ing thanks with ev - ery voice.
whole world is in his hands, the earth, sea, hills, and caves.



Come let us wor - ship and fall down, with saints and an - gels kneel - ing round.

We are the people of his pasture and the
Oh, that to - day you would heark - en to his
sheep voice of and his hand, re - joice and sing!
and re - joice and sing!

Music: *Unter der Linden grüne*, arr. Parker Kitterman after J. P. Sweelinck (1562-1621). Words: Parker Kitterman (paraphrase of Psalm 95).

The Congregation is seated for the Lessons

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being

before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

Read responsively by half-verse

Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *

the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *

and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? " *

and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *

who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,

nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *

and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *

of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *

and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *

"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *

and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *

"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of

his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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People Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Salaam



1 Your peace with-in us, Lord, will stand, sur - pas-sing all we un- der-stand. E
 2 When walk - ing we are led a - stray, your Spi - rit in us lights the way to
 3 God's peace you of-fered us to live, a peace the world can ne- ver give, and



ven when fears sur-round our land you fill our lives with peace. *Sa -*
 bring us back and guard our days. You fill our lives with peace. *Sa -*
 while your Spi - rit in us lives, you fill our lives with peace.



laam, sa - laam, the peace of God to ev- ery race. *Sa -* ev - ery place.
 the peace of God in

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A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark

6:14-29

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

O Sing Joyfully

Adrian Batten

O sing joyfully unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the song, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon: even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day. For this was made a statute for Israel: and a law of the God of Jacob.

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.

Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Form III

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That thy may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Closing Prayer

Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son.
May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith,
walk in hope and be renewed in love,
until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

Darwall

1 Let all cre - a - tion dance in en - er - gies sub - lime, as
 2 God's breath each force un - furls, ig - nit - ing from a spark ex -
 3 Our own a - maz - ing earth, with sun - light, cloud and storms, and
 4 Lift heart and soul and voice: in Christ all prais - es meet, and

or - der turns with chance, un - fold - ing space and time; for na - ture's
 pand-ing star - ry swirls, with whirl-pools dense and dark. Though moon and
 life's a - bun-dant growth in love - ly shapes and forms is made for
 na - ture shall re - joice as all is made com - plete. In hope be

art in glo - ry grows, and new-ly shows God's mind and heart.
 sun seem mind-less things, each or - bit sings: "Your will be done."
 praise, a fra - gile whole, and from its soul heav'n's mu - sic plays.
 strong, all life be-friend, and kindly tend cre - a - tion's song.

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The Worship has ended. The Service begins.

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

Alice Abrash, Bernadette Allbaugh, Anthony, Jenna Baffone, Lauralou Bates, Janie Bingham, Rick Bravo, Frances Milliken Cramer, Trinity Eobbi, Heidi Fielding, Patricia Finneran, 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.



Congregational Listening

With the announcement of the Rector's plans to retire 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.

THIS WEEK

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 – 7:00p.m. Visit our local vendors on Church Street through the end of October.

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 historic Christ Church as viewed from the North Garden. Cocktails from Art in the Age, wine, beer, and snacks available.

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 Dobleske 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fair Trade Coffee & Tea (and Honey!)

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

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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Free Parking

When attending Christ Church services, classes and fellowship on Sunday morning, you may park free of charge in the lot behind Neighborhood House. Always display the "ATTENDING SERVICES" sign (available from an usher or the office) on your front dashboard and on the back windshield, too! This also allows free parking on Market, American and both sides of Second Streets, but NOT IN THE SEPTA BUS ZONE NOR FILBERT STREET! If you receive a parking violations ticket while parking in the allowable spaces for Sunday or Wednesday service, give the ticket (or a good copy) to the office. Please leave your name with the ticket.

Flowers Given to the Glory of God

Each week, a member of the Christ Church Flower Guild lovingly arranges loose cut flowers into two beautiful bouquets. Placed at the front altar, these bouquets become thanksgivings for blessings in our lives or memorials for loved ones now passed. You are invited to name a thanksgiving or memorial with a suggested donation of \$70.00. Just contact **Cecilia** at 215.922.1695, ext 21 or cwagner@christchurchphila.org to make your request now.

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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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