



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 6, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.  
LITURGY OF THE WORD, PRAYERS AND SERMON

**Bell Preludes**

**Organ Prelude**

*Fantaisie in C*

César Franck

*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 390

*Lobe den Herren*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
 2 Praise to the Lord, over all things he reigns enthroned;  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
 4 Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation;  
 borne as on eagle-wings, safe-ly his health he sus-tain-eth.  
 sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall ev-er at-tend thee;  
 All that hath life and breath come now with prais-es be-fore him!

join the great throng, psal-te-ry, organ, and song,  
 Hast thou not seen how all thou need-est hath been  
 pon-der a- new what the Al-mighty can  
 Let the a- men sound from his peo-ple a-gain;

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

*The Congregation is seated for the Lessons*

**A Reading from the First Book of Samuel**

**8:4-11, 16-20**

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

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

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

*Confitebor tibi*

When I called, you an -swered me; you in - creased my strength with-  
 in me. Though I walk in the midst of trou - ble, you  
 keep me safe, you stretch your hand out to save me.

*Choir:*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
     before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*  
     because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
     and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
     you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
     when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
     that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
     he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
     O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
     do not abandon the works of your hands.

**REFRAIN**

## A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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People      Thanks be to God.

Chant

Taizé

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## A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark

3:20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

**People**                    **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Timothy Safford, *Rector*

*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 Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit*

Thomas Tallis

O Lord, give Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name, all the days of our life: that we may know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

## **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

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.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 594

*Cwm Rhondda*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad-ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
 shame our wan - ton, self --ish glad-ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king-dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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 Music: *Cum Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

## Organ and Bell Postludes

**The Worship has ended. The Service begins.**

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**BELL RINGER** Catherine Conybeare

**ORGANIST** Parker Kitterman

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**USHERS** Nicole Cesare, Greg Cesare

**READER** Marie Weaver

**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** Helen Niedermayer

*The flowers today have been offered to the glory of God  
 and in thanksgiving for the marriage of  
 CLAIRE DAVIS and PETER REKAWEK*

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

**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, Margaret Simmons, Tom Spencer, Ken Sprang, Sue, 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**

### **Offerings**

*Find your place within this community.*



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](http://www.christchurchphila.org/give). Christ Church relies on

two different online giving methods: our Paypal email address is [give@christchurchphila.org](mailto: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](https://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](mailto:cwagner@christchurchphila.org).



**TODAY, JUNE 6, 2021**

### **The Bridge**

**June 6 at Noon** - meals, kids, and pets welcome on zoom! For the last meeting of the season – before starting back up in the Fall - we continue our shared journey with intentional, covenanted talk about faith and life, hopes and doubts, along with solid biblical research. We meet via zoom to discuss an excerpt from a spiritual writer; to get the link and info, email the **Rev. Susan Richardson** at [srichardson@christchurchphila.org](mailto:srichardson@christchurchphila.org).

## **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.

## **Vestry Members of Christ Church**

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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**

### **Food Donations Needed**

Crucifixion Food Distribution is a new center in south Philadelphia and we are accepting food donations to support their mission of serving more than 600 families. Please deliver food staples such as rice, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, canned tuna, cereal, peanut butter, canned fruits & vegetables, etc. to Christ Church Neighborhood House on Saturdays and Sundays from 9a.m. to Noon. Or deliver to the Church of the Crucifixion, 8<sup>th</sup> and Bainbridge Streets on Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30a.m. Thank you!

### **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.

**Celebrate the 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christ Church with events hosted by the Christ Church Preservation Trust throughout the year.**

**June 10 – 12:00 – 1:00p.m. Virtual on Zoom**

**“Benjamin Franklin and His Lightning Rods Across the Atlantic”**

A co-presentation with the Benjamin Franklin House in London. Join us on the 269<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Benjamin Franklin’s kite experiment for this transatlantic adventure.

**Advanced free registration required.** Go to:

<http://www.neighborhood-house.com/325-celebration-series/virtual-events>

**June 11 – 7:00 – 9:00p.m. Neighborhood House Rooftop Event; Queer Quizzo and Show.**

Happy Pride Month! Join Philly’s finest for an evening of high energy performances, comedy, and glamour with Ophelia Hotass and VinChelle by testing your knowledge. These queens have been slaying the Philly scene for 7 years and they can’t wait to share their over-the-top looks and love of performing with all of you. Grab a group of your “smartest” friends and come celebrate the warm weather on the roof of Christ Church Neighborhood House. Cocktails from Art in the Age, wine, beer, and snacks available. Purchase tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/queer-quizzo-and-show-tickets-154124302939>

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Sages in June**

**June 13 -** Picnic in the North Garden and a walk to Elfreth's Alley. Maybe there will even be a special guest appearance from a person from our past. Join us for our last program before the summer break when we will all bring our own lunch, enjoy the north garden and share a guided tour of one of Philadelphia's oldest streets. Contact **Palmer** at [kphartl@aol.com](mailto:kphartl@aol.com) with questions. **Watch for updates in the weekly email.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Christ Church POWER**

POWER (an interfaith, multi-racial, people’s movement involving over 50 Philadelphia congregations) is currently working on an education initiative supporting the passing of the new budget proposed by Gov. Wolf which includes the Fair Funding Formula. This formula guarantees a more equitable distribution of the education budget to all school districts. You can support this effort by contacting your local state representatives and leaving a message urging them to pass the proposed budget. If you have any questions about the Fair Funding Formula, or how to contact your local representatives, please do not hesitate to reach out to **Mimi Drew** ([mimidrew200@gmail.com](mailto:mimidrew200@gmail.com)) or **Andy Halstead**

([andrewmalyonhalstead@gmail.com](mailto:andrewmalyonhalstead@gmail.com)). The PA General Assembly will be moving to vote on the new budget over the course of the next month.

POWER will also be hosting public demonstrations to show support of the Fair Funding Formula across the state over the next few weeks. Some details for the Philadelphia event are still forthcoming, but **the date will be June 21**, so mark your calendars now! All are invited to attend and feel free to invite any and all friends that would be interested. It would be great to have a strong showing in representation at this event, so attendees do not need to be Christ Church members or affiliated with POWER. Again, if there are any questions, please contact Mimi or Andy!



## **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](mailto: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](mailto:dennisjhendricks@gmail.com)*

**Study Group.** We will read excerpts from several sources including the abolitionist journal of Fanny Kemble, who was married at Christ Church in 1834 to Pierce Mease Butler, grandson of Major Pierce Butler, a wealthy slave owner from South Carolina and member of the church. *Conveners: Kaye Pyle and Liz Kimball, [ekimball99@gmail.com](mailto:ekimball99@gmail.com)*

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

*Convener: Kate Hall, [cyprus8018@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ewilson8044@gmail.com)

## 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.**

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