



CHRIST CHURCH

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THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 18, 2021 - 10:00 A.M. LITURGY OF THE WORD, PRAYERS AND SERMON

Organ Prelude

Psalm Prelude

Craig Phillips

I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stopped to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

—Ps. 40:1-3

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

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - tery,
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4 Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way;
we are the old who yearn for your face;
here we will take the bread of new birth,
not in some heav - en, light years a - way



see in this space our fears and our dream - ings
we have been sung through - out all of his - tory,
here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en,
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty,
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er,



gath - er us in, the blind and the lame;
gath - er us in, the proud and the strong;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
gath - er us in and make us your own;



call us to now, and we shall a - wak - en,
give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire____ of love in our flesh and our bone.

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The Congregation is seated for the Lessons

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

7:1-14a

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.” But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:20-37

Read responsively by half-verse

Tunc locutus es

20 I have found David my servant; *
 with my holy oil have I anointed him.
21 My hand will hold him fast *
 and my arm will make him strong.
22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
 nor any wicked man bring him down.
23 I will crush his foes before him *
 and strike down those who hate him.
24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
 and he shall be victorious through my Name.
25 I shall make his dominion extend *
 from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

27 I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven."

30 "If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;

33 But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.

34 I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
'I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky.' "

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the

foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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People Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Sam-Kiap

1 Christ is our peace, Christ is our health,
2 Peace in your mouth, peace in the hands,
3 Who work for peace find the true wealth,
he the true Word, his the true wealth-
o - pen to truth, to love's de- mands;
who heal the hurt find their own health -

gifts to be shared by the sim - ple and poor:
those who would go with Christ al - so must bleed;
peace will flow on through the hearts that be - lieve:

peace in your land, peace at your door.
bright is the flower, burst in the seed.
this may we know, this may we live.

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A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark

6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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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

The Last Words of David

Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia. Amen. —2 Samuel 23:3-4

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 III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

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.

Intercessions

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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

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

Closing Hymn 518

Westminster Abbey

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the blessed to retain, and here - af - ter
bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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Organ Postlude

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.

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LIVESTREAM COORDINATORS Nate Drew, James Ashforth, Ethan Berlenbach

ALTAR FLOWER GUILD Sandy Karger

ALTAR GUILD Cheryl Dobleske Beirne

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

Aideen, Alice Abrash, Bernadette Allbaugh, Anthony, Jenna Baffone, Lauralou Bates, Janie Bingham, Rick Bravo, Frances Milliken Cramer, Trinity Eobbi, Ernie, Heidi Fielding, Patricia Finneran, Jean France, Kathy Frohlich, Annie George, Mary Gonzales, Sally Hardy, Emily Hayes, Barbara Kieran, Michael Krumrine, Sandra Langan, Terrance Langan, Mary, Robert Metzger, Peggy Oakes, Lizunette Real, Jonathon Rist, Samantha, Sal Sermania, 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

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.

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
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