



**Christ Episcopal Church Kensington**  
**Evening Prayer**  
**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 23, 2020**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**      *It Is Well with My Soul*      arr. Jerry Ray  
Dr. Theodore M. Guarrant, Organist Choirmaster, Christ Church

**Opening Acclamation**

**Presider**      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

**People**      **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**The Collect of the Day**

**Presider**      God dwells in you.

**People**      **And also in you.**

**Presider**      Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A Reading from Exodus (1:8-2:10)**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore, they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave

them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

**Psalm 138** *Confitebor tibi (Read responsively by half verse, breaking at the asterisk)*

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 sovereigns 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, the Lord cares for the lowly; \*

and perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;**  
**your right hand shall save me.**

9 The Lord will make good God's purpose for me; \*  
**O Lord, your love endures for ever;**  
**do not abandon the works of your hands.**

### The Epistle

#### A Reading from the Letter to the Romans (12:1-8)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

### Hymn 525

The Church's one foundation  
Christine Taylor, Soprano

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

## The Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
 All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"  
Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."  
And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

## Homily

**Affirmation of Faith**      *Originally from Grace Episcopal Cathedral, San Francisco.*

**We believe in God the Creator,  
by whom every person in heaven and earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God:  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen**

## Confession & Absolution

Presider      Let us confess our sins to God

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Presider offers absolution.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Prayers

**Presider**      The Lord be with you.

**People**        **And also with you.**

**Presider**      Let us pray.

**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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**    Form IV, *The Book of Common Prayer*

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.

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 Christ 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. We remember those on our prayer list, Teodora Carabas Salow, Marcia Coe, Mary Lou Cumberpatch, Marc Donnelly, Kate Ganascioli, Carl Keith, Gail Marks, Jon Martineau, Sue Mitchell, Betsy Robbins, and Amy Saylor.

*The congregation is invited to add their intercessions either silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

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

*The congregation is invited to add their intercessions either silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us grateful hearts for the many blessings of our lives.  
We give thanks for the birth of Elizabeth Marie DePaz to Catherine Cross and Roberto DePaz; and for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Kevin Robinson, Tochukwe Udogwu, Amy Brown, Teodora Salow, and Betsy Robbins.

*The congregation is invited to add their prayers of thanksgiving either silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

### **The Peace**

Presider      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People      **And also with you.**

**Offertory**      *You Are Mine*

by David Haas  
Justin Fitch, piano

Even though we are not able to meet together during this time, the work of the Church continues. Please mail your offering to Christ Church, 4001 Franklin St., Kensington, MD 20895, or take this time to contribute online <https://christchurchkensington.org/give/>  
We are so very grateful for your generosity.

Whether at home or in person, as school begins the students at Arcola Elementary need some assistance. Please consider donating school supplies as well as food and essentials. You can find details in the Christ Church Connection, or by emailing Liz Quinn, Chair of Outreach at [webethemom@aol.com](mailto:webethemom@aol.com)

Finally, our neighbors on the street in DC need hand sanitizer. The most useful are individual bottles of hand sanitizer that fit in your pocket. They continue to need masks as well. For info on how to contribute to support our neighbors who are part of *Street Sense*, please email Parish Administrator, Jen Luna [administrator@ccpk.org](mailto:administrator@ccpk.org)

## Benediction

## Dismissal

Presider      Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord, **Alleluia! alleluia!**  
People      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! alleluia!**

**grab a lemonade and stay on for conversation!**



## **welcome to all our visitors**

If you'd like more information about Christ Church, please email Parish Administrator Jen Luna [administrator@ccpk.org](mailto:administrator@ccpk.org), we'll add you to our weekly e-newsletter, or call us at 301-942-4673.

Send an email to the Rector, the Rev. Emily Guthrie, [emily@ccpk.org](mailto:emily@ccpk.org)

We are better for your presence with us today, and would love to get to know you!



## **thank you to our musicians this evening**

Teddy Guarrant, Organist Choir master, Christ Church

Christine Taylor, Soprano

Justin Fitch, Director of Music, Luther Place DC

(and musician for the *in-person* Christ Church 5:00pm service!)



## **virtual flower dedication**

If you would like to dedicate virtual flowers that appear in the weekly email,  
please contact Jen Luna, [administrator@ccpk.org](mailto:administrator@ccpk.org).