

Christ Episcopal Church

Kensington, Maryland



Welcome to Christ Church!

If you are here for the first time, or the first time in a long time, we welcome you.

We are an inclusive faith community in the Episcopal tradition. Rooted in Scripture, tradition, reason and experience, we value beautiful and diverse worship, education for all ages, lively fellowship and engaged service in our wider community.

Wherever you may be on your faith journey, you are invited to participate fully in the service and become part of our church family.

Holy Eucharist
Third Sunday in Lent
March 24, 2019
5:00 PM

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Hymn #149

Eternal Lord of love

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Stay with us Christ for evening is at hand.
People **Your radiance shines forth through the darkness.**
Celebrant: God dwells in you.
People: **And also in you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

God of infinite goodness, throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people. Renew for us your call to repentance, surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey, and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to

Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 63:1-8

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel according to Luke
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See

here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev. Emily Guthrie

A period of silence follows

A Statement of Faith

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

The Prayers of the People

The response to each bidding is, "Hear our prayer."

The Celebrant concludes with a collect

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.

I will confess my sins to the Lord,
I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence

God forgives and heals us.

We need your healing, merciful God:
give us true repentance.

Some sins are plain to us;
some escape us,
some we cannot face.

Forgive us;

set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you.

Presider: God forgives you. Forgive others; Forgive yourself.
Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
approach your God in peace.

The Peace

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

All greet one another with a sign of peace.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn, LEVAS #147 *Come, ye disconsolate*

Presentation Hymn #380 (v.3)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow / Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host: / Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving *Enriching Our Worship* Eucharistic Prayer 3

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

The Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**All: Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

All: Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All: **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer (alternate translation)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body for we all share one bread.**

Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive communion.

At this service we gather around the altar and pass the bread and wine to one another.

*When you give the bread to your neighbor,
it is our custom to say "the body of Christ" and you may add "the bread of heaven";
with the wine, "the blood of Christ" and you may add "the cup of salvation."
If you forget the words, simply pass the bread and wine with respect & love.*

Gluten-free wafers are available, simply ask the priest.

*When all have received, the Celebrant will say "Go in Peace,"
at which time please return to your seats.*

Communion Meditation

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us.
What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.
Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn #344

Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

Dismissal

After which the people respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENTEN REFLECTION

This Lent we are focusing on how to see Christ in others by being Jesus to all! Here are a few ways recommendations for ways to deepen your practice:

Join us Sunday mornings during Lent (beginning March 10) at 9:00am in the library for a book group to discuss Fr. Richard Rohr's new book, [The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe](#). Please read chapters 5, 6, & 7 for this Sunday, March 24, if possible. If you are interested or for more info, please contact Lee Puricelli at: leepuricelli@yahoo.com

It's time to... Stop, Pray, Work, Play & Love

Monastic wisdom for everyday

The Society of St. John the Evangelist is an Episcopal monastery in Cambridge, MA. They have a number of resources on their website, and a special six-week Lenten practice they are calling "Stop, Pray, Work, Play & Love" You can subscribe to receive in your inbox or find them on their website. <https://www.ssje.org/time/>

The Way of Love

There is a daily reading and activity calendar for every day during Lent that follows the Way of Love principals (Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest).

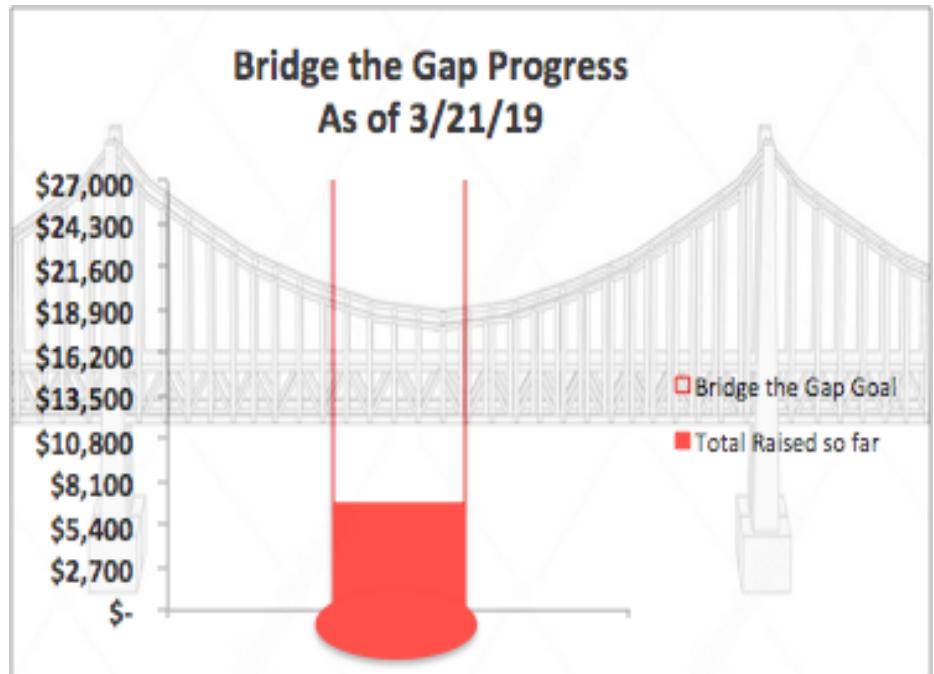
https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/way_of_love_in_lent_2019_calendar.pdf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bridge the Gap campaign is off to a strong start thanks to your generosity! After the first week of second offerings to help close our \$27,000 budget deficit, we have \$6,595 in contributions and new pledges, nearly 25% of the goal! These second collections will continue this Sunday and throughout Lent with the specially

marked envelopes in the pews. Please mark checks with "Bridge the Gap" in the memo line so we know to count your contribution towards this effort. And don't forget, you can also contribute by pledging or increasing your 2019 pledge. Forms are available for pledges. For increased pledges you can fill out another pledge form or you can simply send a note to Peter Hanke at administrator@ccpk.org with your new pledge commitment.

Thank you for your help with Bridging the Gap!



Bible Study Today at 4PM in the Library All are welcome! No prior preparation is necessary and feel free to drop in any week. Questions? Please contact Lee Puricelli (leepuricelli@yahoo.com)

Busy-ness getting you down? Need a mid-week break? The evening service every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. combining Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist Rite II just might be the answer. A Prayer Book service, it combines the end-of-the day liturgy, including familiar canticles, a brief homily with a time for personal meditation, and the Communion service using varying Eucharistic Prayers. We look forward to your joining us!

Notes from the Library

- The Library's Lenten books are on display on the table in the Library/Parlor. You can check them out to read during Lent! Questions? Please email our librarians, Sharon Bartram (psbartram@verizon.net) or Annabel Kaufman (awkaufman@verizon.net) to let them know!
- *MEDIC AGAINST BOMB - A DOCTOR'S POETRY OF WAR* by Dr. Frederick Foote, is available in the Library. Dr. Foote was the speaker at our Forum on March 17.

Bethesda Cares has asked us if we would collect water year round. Even in the cold months, clients get dehydrated due to the cold and wind. The Outreach Committee has placed a basket in the vestibule to collect 8 oz. (small) water bottles for Bethesda Cares. Thank you for making a difference!

LOOKING AHEAD

All Parish Dinner - Wed. April 3 at 6:30 to 8PM Let's gather this Fourth Week of Lent to break bread together and encourage one another on our Lenten journey to Easter. There will be good food, good conversation and game-time fun for the kids! RSVP to Ann Enkiri at sundayschool@ccpk.org by Friday, March 29th.

Samaritan Ministry Empower the Homeless Walk on Saturday April 6 We want to encourage as many kids, youth, parents, everyone to consider adding your voices to this important outreach effort to eradicate homelessness in our community! There is no fee. Everyone can register on the signup sheet in the foyer. Thanks!! Questions? Please contact Doug Leavens at Dleavens07@verizon.net.

We raise to God those who are on our hearts and are in need of prayer:

Friends and Family of our Community

Karen Sechrist (friend of Virginia Sheard)
Sister Mary Joan (friend of Leslie Everheart)
Naneita Smith (daughter of Calvin Smith)
Erika Auchterlonie (daughter of Brenda Rupli)
Chris McCann (cousin of Katie Wallace)
Madalyn Hoffeditz (Steve Hoffeditz's Mother)
Eleanor McIntire (Steve Hoffeditz's Aunt)
Alexandra Vilela (friend of Teodora Salow)
Debi Sheard (niece of Virginia Sheard and Liz Quinn)
Danielle Labare and family (friends of the Blackmans)
Karen Hudson (cousin of JoAnn Price)
Shane Young (friend of JoAnn and Lew Price)
Carolina Allen (Daughter-in-law of Dwight A. and Joan C.)
Pam King-Williams (friend of Joan Centrella)
Kevin Richards (friend of the Pujols)
Nancy and her family (friends of Anne Chase)
Ibrahim Ansari (Student of Kitty Shuler)
Tom Schoeny (friend of Winnie & John Holbrooke)
Ramzi Nemo, Sr. (father of Ramzi Nemo)
Faye Neal (mother of Donna Berkowitz)
Margarethe and Arnold Nye (parents of Eva Nye)
Tom Blackwood (uncle of Winnie Holbrooke)
Ann Silberberg (friend of Winnie Holbrooke)
Sandy Kahner (friend of Winnie Holbrooke)
Michael Harlow (nephew of Jean Shorett)
Ellen Watson (friend of Jane Aylor)
Barbara Fulwood (friend of Liz Quinn)
Denise Myrup (niece of Nora Buckley)
Kevin Newman (friend of the Thanos Family)
Betty Penfold (mother of Barbara Ferry)
David Bunting (friend of Ted & Victoria Thanos)
Ryan Mahoney (Friend of David & Virginia Blackman)
Joyce Macy (grandmother of Allan Wallace)
Ginny Asetline (Friend of Madison Chase)
Amy Carter (niece of Amy Saylor)
Joan Cantwell (sister-in-law to Amy Saylor)
The Rt. Rev. Don Hart (father of Tom Hart)
Kenny Honck (cousin of Lori Pujol)
Peg Werszila (friend of Sue Mitchell)

Those in need of continued prayer

Madge Darneille, Dorothy Clarke, Barbara Pierson, Nancy Maxwell, Chlaila Haynie, Eddie Daniels, Joan Davis, Amy Saylor, Yvonne Jackson, & Calvin Smith.

Those in need of healing prayers

Andrew Lee, Betsy Robbins, Liz McLeod, Bob Mand, Sallie Buck, Sara Cowan, Adam Gonzalez, Jo Crozier, Anne Chase, Ann Gagarin, & Charlie Briggs

We remember those serving our country

Dallas Sheard, Alex Cox, Andrew Coe, Caleb Daisley, & Virginia Blackman

We remember those who have died

Thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays this week, a heartfelt Happy Birthday!

Robert Mand 03/24, Edythe Anderson 03/25
Yvonne Bryan 03/25, Charles Eckert 03/25
Marcia Coe 03/26, Elizabeth A. Lakey 03/26
Susan Barrett 03/27, Virginia Blackman 03/28
Grace Brown 03/30, David May 03/30
& Elin Wackernagel-Slotten 03/30

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
Chapel of the Intercession, Washington Hospital Center
Pray for all hospital, hospice, nursing home and healthcare chaplains
Pray for all parish nurses and healthcare providers
The Annunciation (March 25)

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

For the World

For those impacted by natural disasters. For all victims of gun violence. For all refugees. For the people of South Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, Bangladesh; people suffering everywhere.

Pray for an end to famine and violence.

The Sanctuary Candle burns and the **Flowers on the Altar** are given to the glory of God & In loving memory of David M. Robbins whose 20th birthday was this past Friday, by his mother. May we celebrate David and cherish our memories of him..

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Communications

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, March 24

- 8:00 AM **Holy Eucharist**
9:00 AM Choir Warm-Up &
Lenten Book Group
9:45 AM Nursery Care
**10:00 AM Holy Eucharist &
Children's Chapel**
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
Sunday School
& Youth Group
4:00 PM Bible Study (Library)
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, March 27

- 6:30 PM Evening Prayer
with Holy Eucharist**
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 28

- 6:00 PM Central MoCo Strategic
Planning Session
7:00 PM Vestry Meeting
Helping Parents Heal Gp.

Saturday, March 30

- 9:30 AM Flower Guild

Sunday, March 31

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist**
9:45 AM Nursery Care
**10:00 AM Holy Eucharist &
Children's Chapel**
11:15 AM Coffee Hour,
Sun. School & Youth Gp.
4:00 PM Bible Study (Library)
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist

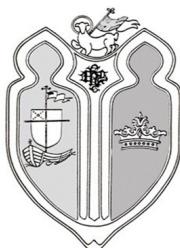
New or Visiting?

We're so glad you're here today! Would you like more info about Christ Church? To receive our weekly e-announcements, please send an email with your contact information to Parish Administrator Peter Hanke at: administrator@ccpk.org, or simply fill out a visitor's card found in the racks on the back of each pew. You can give the card to the priest, or put it in the offering plate.

In Today's Service

Justin Fitch
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Members of the Congregation
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