

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
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2019
8:00 AM

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit .

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 323

The Gloria

BCP p. 324

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on God's law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back

forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Emily Guthrie

A period of silent reflection

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

The Prayers of the People

Form IV

BCP p. 388

Confession & Absolution

BCP p. 331-332

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP p. 340

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP p.337

Invitation and Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Prayers for healing are offered in the healing chapel at the rear of the sanctuary.

A period of silence follows communion. We will begin the prayer when the healing prayers conclude.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 339

Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in Christ's body and blood.

People: **May you carry the prayers of all of us
as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Celebrant: We are one body because we share one bread and one cup.

People: **Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

The people respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Parish Picnic - TODAY after the 10am service, downstairs in the Parish Hall! Parish Life will provide hamburgers, veggie burgers, turkey burgers, hot dogs, lemonade and water, and we invite parishioners to bring side dishes and desserts!

NEXT SUNDAY - Sunday School for PreK-Grade 5 & Youth Group for Grades 6-12 begins!
Shepherding Sunday School for Parents and Children at 11:15 - 12 Noon

- This launch of our Sunday School program for children ages 3 -Grade 5 invites children, parents, and teachers to meet in the Parish Hall after the 10 AM service. Together, we will learn about Jesus through the Godly Play Story and activities. Snack, Song, Story, Service!
- Middle/high school youth and their parents are cordially invited to a kickoff brunch in the youth loft! Come meet Madi and Kitty, fearless leaders of youth, and say hey to your church friends after a long summer away. We'll introduce this year's curriculum topic and take a poll for our fall outing as well. New to the group? We've got a warm welcome and a special surprise waiting for you! Please email Madi (youthminister@ccpk.org) if you have any questions. See you there!

Labor Day Parade Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for and/or participated in this year's Kensington Labor Day Parade!

Come make a joyful noise with our Choir! Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Our choir welcomes new members, especially persons who have some music reading and choral singing experience. We have a fun, busy year ahead! For information e-mail Organist-Chormaster Teddy at guerrant@umd.edu.

No Bible Study at 4:00pm Today Please join us when we resume next week. For questions contact Lee Puricelli at leepuricelli@yahoo.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

Tex-Mex Dinner & Silent Auction on August 28 - Everything but the Kitchen Sink! Doors open at 6pm. Dinner is at 6:30pm; Last auction bids at 8pm. We are planning a delicious Tex Mex Feast of Chicken/Shrimp/Chicken Fajitas with your favorite Tex Mex Fixin's. Cost is \$20 (individual) and \$40 family (up to four people). Sangria and Mexican Beer will be available for a small donation. Silent Auction items will continue to be accepted until September 15th. Questions? Contact Barbara Ferry (email) or Annie Seale (email) or Suzanne Lawrence (email). Click [here](#) for a donation form. Please bring your gift items to Peter Hanke in the Church office.

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)
Alexandra Vilela (friend of Teodora Salow)
The Beaudet Family (friends of the Blackman & Amaditz Families)
Karen Hudson (cousin of JoAnn Price)
Shane Young (friend of JoAnn and Lew Price)
Pam King-Williams (friend of Joan Centrella)
Kevin Richards (friend of the Pujols)
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)
Ellen Watson (friend of Jane Aylor)
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 Aseltine (sister-in-law of Madison Chase)
Kira Aseltine (niece of Madison Chase)
Amy Carter (niece of Amy Saylor)
Joan Cantwell (sister-in-law of Amy Saylor)
Kenny Honck (cousin of Lori Pujol)
Peg Werszila (friend of Sue Mitchell)
Mary Groom (friend of Liz Quinn)
H. Paul Starr (father of Donna Starr-Deelen)
Wally Oliver (friend of Teddy Guerrant)
Mary Chalmers (mother of Joan Centrella)
Diane Ray (aunt of Kurt Ellison)
Donna James (friend of Jim Kennedy)
Margarete Heck (sister-in-law of Kitty Shuler)
Fred Foote
Steve, Madalyn and Chuck Hoffeditz
Regina Mumbua (sister of Mary Mutisya)
Nell Whitman (daughter of Ray Whitman)
Candy Grueff (friend of Kitty Shuler)
Caleb Herpel (friend of Katie Wallace)

Those in need of continued prayer

Charlie Briggs, Dorothy Clarke, Nancy Maxwell, Eddie Daniels, Joan Davis, Amy Saylor, Yvonne Jackson, & Calvin Smith

We remember those serving our country

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

Those in need of healing prayers

Betsy Robbins, Liz McLeod, Sara Cowan, Jo Crozier, Mary Lou Cumberpatch, and Ray Whitman

We give thanks for the birth of

Bridget Helen Nelzen (granddaughter of Kathy Slack), Kira Irene Aseltine (niece of Madi Chase) & Ariane Behr Olson (grandniece of Emily Guthrie)

Those who have died

Ann Gagarin, Bob Mand, Chlaila Hayne and Barbara Pierson

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

Hill Carter 09/10
Judy Carter 09/10
Elizabeth Lakey 09/16
James Lakey 09/16

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
Church of Our Saviour, Brookland
Church of Our Saviour, Hillandale and Nuestro Salvador

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

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, the Bahamas and all those in the path of the hurricane, and for people suffering everywhere.

Pray for an end to famine and violence.

The Sanctuary Candle and The Altar Flowers are offered to the glory of God Charles Serpan.

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Communications

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, September 8

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Choir Warm-up
9:45 AM Nursery Care
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel
11:15 AM Annual Parish Picnic!
4:00 PM No Bible Study Today
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 9

7:00 PM Women's Al Anon Mtg.
(adult children of alcoholics)

Tuesday, September 10

9:15 AM Women's Al Anon Mtg.
10:30 AM Women's Al Anon Mtg.
7:30 PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 11

6:30 PM Evening Prayer w/ Holy Eucharist
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 14

9:30 AM Flower Guild

Sunday, September 15

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Choir Warm-up
9:45 AM Nursery Care
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel
11:15 AM Sunday School Kickoff!
Coffee & Education Hour
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 on our parish? To receive our weekly e-announcements, please send an email with your info to 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 an usher.

In Today's Service

Ramzi Nemo
Chalicist

Charlie Briggs
Lector

John Ward
Healing Prayer

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