



Christ Episcopal Church Kensington
Evening Prayer
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
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Welcome

Prelude *Adoration*

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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.

Faithful God, your love stands firm from generation to generation, your mercy is always abundant. Give us open and understanding hearts, that having heard your word, we may seek Christ's presence in all whom we meet. **Amen.**

A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah (28:5-9)

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18 *Misericordias Domini*

1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our sovereign.

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans (6:12-23)

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Hymn 609 (Verses 1-3) *Where cross the crowded ways of life*

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
 4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt. Music: Gardiner, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

The Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

Homily

A Statement 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

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann and Chilton, our bishops; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,

Hear our prayers for the church.

Silence

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,

Hear our prayers for the world.

Silence

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and businesses; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace and justice,

Hear our prayers for this community.

Silence

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and for the whole human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

We pray especially for the sick of our parish: Teodora Carabas Salow, Mary Lou Cumberpatch, Kate Ganascioli, Rena Godfrey, Carl Keith, Michael Lindner, Jon Martineau, Sue Mitchell, Lissa Ramsepaul, Betsy Robbins, and Amy Saylor.

God of mercy,

Hear our prayers for all who are in need.

The people are invited to unmute themselves and add a prayer for healing.

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints.

Today we lift up the more than 125,000 people who have died in the United States and all those around the world who've died of covid-19; and we remember Dan Grady, Cynthia Haskell, and Matthew Moore, for whom virtual flowers are dedicated this week.

God of grace,

Hear our prayers for those who have died.

The people are invited to unmute themselves and add a prayer for the departed.

God of love, we give thanks for the blessings in our lives.

For Kurt Ellison, for whom flowers were given today, for those celebrating their birthdays this week, Ted Thanos, Rusty Cleland, and Priscilla Nakamura.

God of love,

Hear our prayers of thanksgiving.

The people are invited to unmute themselves and add a prayer of thanksgiving.

The Presider concludes with a prayer:

Concluding Collect

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

Christine Castillo, soprano

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 grateful for your generosity.

For those who are able to do so, we also encourage you to support our work with Arcola Elementary School, Street Sense, Bethesda Cares, Episcopal Relief & Development, or one of the many groups who are working to end systemic racism in our region or country.

Generosity may also be marked in action – giving of your time to advocate for just policies, to act with integrity, to listen and learn, to stay healthy and keep others healthy. These too are offerings for the well-being of God's people, and thus to God.

Benediction

Dismissal

People Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord, **Alleluia! alleluia!**
 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, we'll gladly add you to our weekly e-newsletter, or call us at 301-942-4673.

Contact the Rector, the Rev. Emily Guthrie, at emily@ccpk.org

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



virtual flower dedications

The virtual flowers are given this week by Andrew Moore to the glory of God and in loving memory of his son, Matthew Moore (6/30/1994 - 7/10/2014).

And by Cynthia Mitchell in thanksgiving for Kurt Ellison's leadership and in recognition of his birthday last week.

*If you would like to dedicate virtual flowers that appear in the weekly email,
please contact Jen Luna, administrator@ccpk.org.*