

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
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2020
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

O God of Light, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 112:1-9

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in God's commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so

that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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 I

BCP p. 383

The Confession and Absolution

BCP pp. 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

Newcomer Reception TODAY, February 9, Following the 10am Service

Please join church leaders and other newcomers at a reception in the library following the 10am service on Sunday, February 9. We'd like a chance to get to know you better and for you to learn more about our church.

Kensington Cares for Caregivers - February 12 On Wednesday evening, February 12, delve into mindfulness, yoga, breath work and Reiki with veteran practitioners of the healing arts. Join us for the 6:30pm service followed by a light supper and fellowship. Learn how to tap inner resources helpful for facing the challenge of caregiving (or just everyday life!). Presenters: Katherine Smith, MPH, NBC-HWC, is a longtime meditation teacher, National board certified health and wellness coach, and faculty at Maryland University of Integrative Health (MUIH), and Christine Meissner, who has extensive experience in many of the healing aspects of yoga and in Reiki. The evening is open to all. Tell a friend, bring a friend & PLEASE RSVP - Winnie Holbrooke (winholbrooke@gmail.com) or call 301-509-8097

Children's Chapel: We continue to hear Jesus talk about "light". Through art and song, we will share how to share our Christ-light with others.

Sunday School through Godly Play: The Ten Commandments: This week, we will learn how the commandments reveal God's love for us and that by keeping them, we love God and others! Age-leveled responses and enrichment activities are offered for children ages 4-10+. Parents, stop by and co-learn with us!

Children's & Youth Ministries: Reboot/Reimagine/Refresh 2020 Please join us on February 23, from 11:15am -12:15 pm in the Gathering Room on the lower level. Sunday School and Nursery Care will provide snacks and activities while we come together and begin a conversation about ministering to our children, youth, and families.

The "GOOD BOOK CLUB" & John! Come read and discuss the Gospel of John during Epiphany 2020. Group discussions are Sundays at 9:10 a.m. (between the 8:00 and 10:00 services) in the Library running through February. For more info, contact Lee Puricelli (leepuricelli@yahoo.com) or Sharon Bartram

(psbartram@verizon.net). The Good Book Club is a great study program offered by Forward Movement and the Episcopal Church. Go to <https://www.goodbookclub.org/resources/> for details on how you and your entire family (yes, children too) can engage with the Gospel of John this Epiphany. **Need Child Care during the Good Book Club?** If you would like to take part in the Good Book Club on Sundays, and you have children, please contact Ann Enkiri at sundayschool@ccpk.org. Our Children's Ministry would like to offer story time in the Children's Library from 9AM - 10AM, a cozy space with beautiful books to engage children of all ages.

Samaritan Ministry Next Step Breakfast on March 12 There will be a complimentary breakfast hosted by Samaritan Ministry at the National Press Club (529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC) on March 12 from 7:30-9AM, with in-person stories of life-changing transformation! For more information contact: Rev. David B. Wolf Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington dwolf@samaritanministry.org, 202-722-2280 x 310

Parish Life is seeking volunteers to host the weekly coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service. We need your support in order to maintain this important form of fellowship so please use the sign-up sheet in the Undercroft/Parish Hall or contact Jane Aylor at janeaylor@gmail.com. Other than February 2nd, dates are open from January through April. It's an easy process and you're welcome to bring anything that's convenient for you—homemade food or store bought. Beverages are provided. We appreciate your support and look forward to hearing from you!

Bible Study at 4PM Today in the Library All are welcome to the 4:00pm Sunday Bible study in the library. No prior preparation is needed and you can drop in and out as you like. We have wonderful lively discussions – you'll be surprised how fun it can be to read the Bible! For more info contact Lee Puricelli, leepuricelli@yahoo.com. Currently, we are in the middle of the Gospel of Luke.

LOOKING AHEAD

Donation for Heifer International Christ Church Sunday School has been supporting the mission of Heifer International for over 20 years. Heifer's mission is to "Pass the Gift". Your donations to Heifer by feeding Agnes on the Outreach table provides not only breeding animals, but education, seeds and even bees to families and villages. For example, if we are able to fund a donation of a pair of lambs to a family who lives somewhere like Kenya, Guatemala and even Appalachia, a family learns to care for the lambs and raise them to become adult sheep. The sheep will produce lambs and wool. As the sheep flock grows, then the family can "Pass the

Gift” of a lamb or wool to another family. We have be able to fund ducks, chickens, cows, lambs, seeds and even bees! So please “feed” Agnes with your donations so we can continue to Pass the Gift and make a difference! Heifer envelopes be found in the back of the church.

Any questions? Please contact Liz Quinn at webethemom@aol.com

Do you have an idea for a new ministry, outreach or capital need beyond the normal scope of the annual budget? Funds are available from the parish endowment to support such enhancements to our community in 2020 and you are encouraged to apply for a grant. Application forms are on the hallway table at the church entry or write to Tim McLellan at tfmclellan@gmail.com for an e-copy. Grant applications are due February 29 and funding decisions will be announced soon afterward by the Planned Giving and Endowment Committee.

New Sign Up Sheet Available for Altar Flowers & the Sanctuary Candle If you wish to sign up for either of these, please contact Peter Hanke, Office Administrator at administrator@ccpk.org, or feel free to sign up at the Church Office door.

Christ Church Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 8 - Save the date! Ministry reports need to be submitted to the church office no later than Feb 15! Questions? Please contact Peter Hanke, Parish Administrator at administrator@ccpk.org.

Vacation Bible School: July 6-10, 2020 Birds and Bugs in God’s Glorious Garden—Please email Ann Enkiri (sundayschool@ccpk.org) to register your child in our continuing exploration of God's Creation through Bible Stories, Arts & Crafts, and Science Activities. Registration will open to nonparishioners on Feb. 18th. Thank you!

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

Friends and Family of our Community

Nancita Smith (daughter of Calvin Smith)
Chris McCann (cousin of Katie Wallace)
Faye Neal (mother of Donna Berkowitz)
Margarethe Nye (mother of Eva Nye)
Denise Myrup (niece of Nora Buckley)
Regina Mumbua (sister of Mary Mutisya)
Nell Whitman (daughter of Ray Whitman)
Kit Pardee (friend of Sara and Jeanie McAndrew)
Joan Cantwell (sister-in law of Amy Saylor)
Trudy Moore (friend of Patrice Upshaw-Whiting)
Diane Sawanobori (daughter-in-law of Yoko Sawanobori)
Ellen Straight (friend of Susan Patch)
Maureen Cordell (sister of Nora Buckley)
Carly Greenspan (friend of Jane Aylor)
Margarete Heck (sister-in-law ofr Kitty Shuler)
Amy Earnshaw (niece of Kitty Shuler)
Candy Grueff (friend of Kitty Shuler)
Sr. Mary Joan (friend of Leslie Everhart)
Sr. Margaret (friend of Leslie Everhart)
Chris Banda (friend of Jane Aylor)
Sylvia Giese Casey (Mother of Mari Casey)
Karen Sechrist (friend of Virginia Sheard)
Mary Groom Walker (friend of the Quinn's)
Iris Bulls (niece of Yvonne Jackson)
Eleanor McIntire (Aunt of Steve Hoffeditz)

Those in need of continued prayer

Charlie Briggs, Dorothy Clarke, Nancy Maxwell, Eddie Daniels, Joan Davis, Yvonne Jackson, Calvin Smith, Sara Cowan and Liz McLeod

We remember those serving our country

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

Those in need of healing prayers

Carl Keith, Betsy Robbins, Jo Crozier, Mary Lou Cumberpatch, Ray Whitman, Ethan Clausen, Amy Saylor, Suzanne Shaw, Dan Grady and Nora Grace Buck

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

Shelby Hutton (2/12), Samuel Weston (2/12), Katharine Gagarin (2/14), Pam Stanziani (2/14), Shannon Finn (2/15)

Those who have died

Especially Earl Smith, Jr., (father of Earl Smith, III) and Ramzi Nemo, Sr. (father of Ramzi Nemo, Jr.)

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
St. Timothy's Parish, DC
St. Timothy's Child Development Center, DC
Theological Education Sunday

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada

For the World

For those impacted by natural disasters. For all victims of gun violence. For all refugees. For the people of Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, Australia, and for people suffering everywhere.

Pray for an end to famine and violence.

The Altar Flowers are offered and to the glory of God.

The Sanctuary Candle burns to the glory of God.

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This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, February 9

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Choir Warm-up
9:10 AM Good Book Club
9:45 AM Nursery Care
**10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
& Children's Chapel**
**11:15 AM Newcomers Reception
Coffee and Education Hr.**
4:00 PM Bible Study (Library)
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

**6:30 PM Evening Prayer
with Holy Eucharist**
**7:00 PM Kensington Cares for
Caregivers**
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 13

7:00 PM Worship Committee

Sunday, February 16

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Choir Warm-up
9:10 AM Good Book Club
9:45 AM Nursery Care
**10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
& Children's Chapel**
11:15 AM Coffee and Education Hr.
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
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Anne Meyers
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Linda Rowan
Healing Prayer

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