

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
First Sunday of Epiphany: Baptism of our Lord
January 13, 2019
5:00 PM

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Hymn, #135 (vv. 1 & 2) *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

God of grace and glory, you call us to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen. God of grace and glory, you call us to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

The Psalm

Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the
wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to the people; *
the Lord shall give the people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts of the Apostles 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn, LEVAS #141

Shall we gather at the river

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Reflection

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

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

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: God's spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. In Christ we see you, the eternal God, revealing your glory in human form, for Christ is the light of the nations who illuminates our darkness.

Therefore, with the entire company of heaven, and with your people on earth who live in this hope, we praise you and join in the never-ending hymn:

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy God.

Source of power and love.

The universe is filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you and blessed is Jesus your child, for he is Immanuel, God with us. Fulfilling the expectations of the prophets, he healed the blind and the lame, cleansed the lepers, opened the ears of the deaf, raised the dead, and brought good news to the poor. Through his life, death, and resurrection you manifest your new covenant with humankind, and through the church of his disciples you give testimony to the power of your salvation for the world.

For on the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: take, eat, this is my body given for you. Do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying drink this all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.

Therefore in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we give ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for the world as we declare:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, gathered here out of love for you, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Let the bread we break be a true fellowship in the body of Christ. Let the cup we share be a true participation in the new covenant. By your Spirit empower us to be Christ for the world, serving in his name.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. 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

Loving God, you nourish us with bread from heaven.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that through us your light may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn WLP #771

O God of gentle strength

1. O God of gen - tle strength, your
2. Your wa - ters of re - birth have
3. And when life's chal - leng - es e -
4. Where will the jour - ney lead? The

love em - bra - ces me. With - in the sure - ness
claimed us as your own. As mem - bers of one
clipse our minds with doubt, let ho - ly wis - dom
path may be ob - scure. But prom - ised hope of



Dismissal

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledge Envelopes Available We are trying something different this year. As many people do not use envelopes, we were trying to assess how many we actually need and not waste dozens. If you use pledge envelopes at any time during the year, that's great! Just call/email/or stop by the office (301-942-4673) and let our Parish Administrator, Peter Hanke know.

It's Super Bowl Chili Time again! Support this year's youth mission trip to the Carolinas by ordering chili for Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, 2019! You'll find the order forms at the back of the church - please fill one out, put it in an envelope with cash or a check made out to CCPK, and place the envelope in the marked basket next to the forms. Orders are due by January 27th - don't miss out, \$35 for chili, cornbread, and dessert for four!

Youth Group Retreat There will be a youth retreat to Pendle Hill Quaker Community in Philadelphia from January 19th to January 21st. Youth group will be cancelled on January 20th as a result. Any middle or high school youth interested in going on the retreat should email Madi ASAP (youthminister@ccpk.org). Limited spaces available.

"Socks Sunday" on January 27! Donate a pair (or pairs) of NEW athletic socks on SOCKS SUNDAY! All socks will be given to Bethesda Cares for their homeless clients in need of clean, warm socks. Donate as many as you wish to those in need!

Altar Flower & Sanctuary Candle Dedications Dedicating the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candle is a way to remember loved ones who have gone before us, or celebrate a blessing in our lives. If you would like to dedicate the altar flowers or sanctuary candle for a particular Sunday, please sign up on the sheet on the Church Office door and give a donations of \$50 for the Altar Flowers or \$20 for the sanctuary candle. The office will contact you during the week for the details of your dedication.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School, July 8-12! Save the dates now for our week-long VBS program that runs from 9 AM - 4 PM We will Explore God's Glorious Garden, focusing on habitats, as we learn to care for God's creation through sacred scripture and science. Email Children's Minister Ann Enkiri with questions or to reserve a spot: sundayschool@ccpk.org

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)
Luke Engler and Family (friends of the Robinsons)
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)
Lin Fedderman (Victoria Healy's mother)
Faye Neal (mother of Donna Berkowitz)
Amy Carter (niece of Amy Saylor)
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)
Yash Pednekar (friend of the Hart Family)
Betty Penfold (mother of Barbara Ferry)
David Bunting (friend of Ted & Victoria Thanos)
Ryan Mahoney (Friend of David & Virginia Blackman)

Those in need of continued prayer

Madge Darneille
Dorothy Clarke
Barbara Pierson
Nancy Maxwell
Chlaila Haynie
Eddie Daniels
Constance Turner
Ann Gagarin
Joan Davis

Those in need of healing prayers

Andrew Lee, Betsy Robbins, Calvin Smith, Liz McLeod,
Bob Mand, Sallie Buck, Yvonne Jackson, Sara Cowan,
Nora Grace Buck & Chuck Serpan

Those who have died

especially Sylvia Eliot, Claude Bogley, and Hilda Offutt

We remember those serving our country

Dallas Sheard
Alex Cox
Andrew Coe
Caleb Daisley
Virginia Blackman

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

Caroline Albright 01/16
Claire Atkinson 01/17
Gabrielle Robbins 01/17

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
Christ Church, Washington Parish
Christ Church Parish Kensington
Christ Church Accokeek (St. John's Parish) and St. John's
Chapel
Christ Church, Georgetown

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia

For the World

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

Pray for an end to famine and violence.

Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God.

The Sanctuary Candle burns to the glory of God.

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Communications

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, January 13

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:45 AM Nursery Care
10:00 AM Children's Chapel
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
11:15 AM Church School & Youth Group
4:00 PM Bible Study (Library)
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist

Monday, January 14

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

Tuesday, January 15

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

Wednesday, January 16

6:30 PM Evening Prayer
with Holy Eucharist

Saturday, January 19

9:30 AM Flower Guild

Sunday, January 20

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:45 AM Nursery Care
10:00 AM Children's Chapel
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
11:15 AM Sunday School & Youth Group
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.

Blessings and peace to you this evening & throughout the coming week.

In Today's Service

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