

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
8:00 AM

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Sentences

Presider Blessed the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
People **God's mercy endureth for ever.**

The Collect for Purity

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

The Gloria

BCP p. 324

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: The Word of the Lord.
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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

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

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

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 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

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

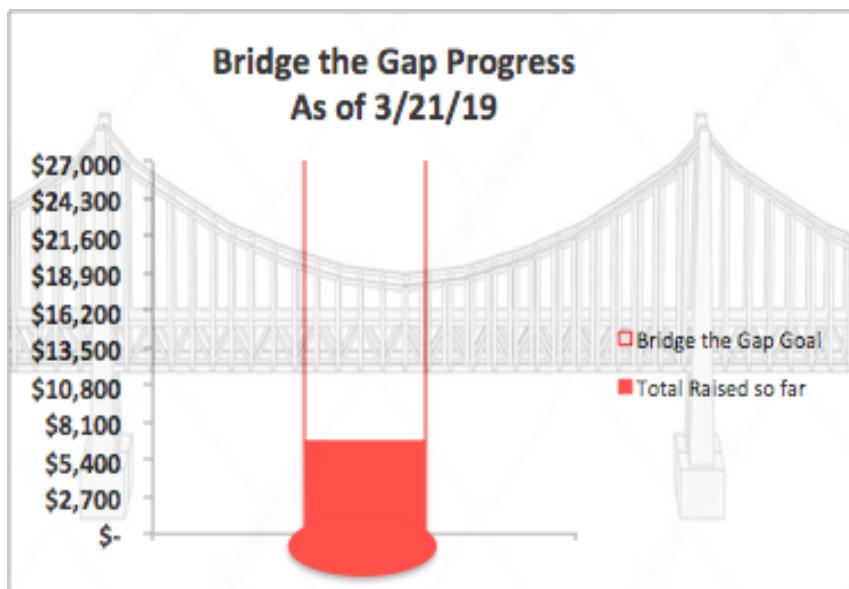
Dismissal

The people respond

Thanks be to God.

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 for or you can simply send a note to Peter Hanke at administrator@ccpk.org with your new pledge commitment.



Thank you for your help in bridging the gap!

Kurt Ellison, Senior Warden
Dwight Allen, Junior Warden
The Rev. Emily Guthrie, Rector

Cynthia Mitchel, Finance Chair
Bonnie Douglas, Treasurer

Sunday School

- **Lenten Children's Chapel (10AM):** Barbara Ferry, Cindy Winder and Ann Enkiri co- lead the children in giving thanks for this season of Lent, which refers to the springtime lengthening of days. We will pay special attention to the ways we can come closer to God, especially through praying The Lord's Prayer. As we learn this prayer, we will remember, experience and know that God is there for us—full of compassion and mercy. Each child will receive special Lord's Prayer beads at Chapel and will decorate a box for these beads which we will keep at church throughout Lent.
- **Lenten Sunday School (after the 10AM Service):** In Godly Play, Andrea Dorf and Ann Enkiri will present Old and New Testament stories showing that we can trust God to be with us always. Stephanie Feller and Ann Enkiri will take turns working with Grades 1-3 to explore The Lord's Prayer and to connect the Sunday scriptures to this powerful prayer. Liz Quinn and John Ward

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

Lenten Mediation Booklets from Episcopal Relief and Development are available in the back of the church for you to take home. Please pick one up, or sign up (www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/church-campaigns/lent) to have the meditations sent to you by email daily during Lent. Each day brings a reflection from a different location.

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/>

"So much of our stress and anxiety derives from our pollution of Time. God has given us the gift of time, and called it holy, yet we often experience time as a curse. Recapture time as a gift and discover how to experience the joy of the present moment."

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

will alternate working with Grades 4 & 5 to express The Lord's Prayer in language that is personally meaningful and will pay special attention to Luke's telling of Jesus' life from the beginning of his public ministry through the events of Holy Week.

Youth Group Youth meet for conversation and snacks in the youth loft!

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

New Craft and Cake Group Next Thursday Evening at 7:30PM Please join us every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month for fellowship, "Crafting & Cake." Bring a craft... join some friends....have some cake. Open to all members who "enjoy the art of making" 7:30-9:30 in the Gathering Room, located on the lower level of the Education Wing. Contacts: Pam Prindle (pamelaprindle@gmail.com) or Emily Barry at emilybarry@me.com

All Parish Dinner on Wed. April 3 at 6:30 - 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.

Children's Ministry Lenten Activities: Pray and Share

- **Throughout the six Sundays of Lent, we will learn The Lord's Prayer through a variety of multi-sensory activities**, including making Lord's Prayer Beads, signing the prayer, singing the prayers, and using water color, clay and bread-baking to express what each line of this Jesus-given prayer means. All are welcome to join us for this Lenten series of lessons: PreK-K in Godly Play; Grades 1-3, and Grades 4 & 5. Come help us identify our many blessings and help us find ways to share with others in our community.
- **Share in the solemnity and beauty of our Lenten Liturgies:**
 - * **Footwashing for Young Children: Maundy Thursday**, April 18th, 6:30 PM
 - * **Holy Week Activities: Good Friday Morning**, April 19, 9 AM - 12 PM
- **Join in the Easter Festivities by attending our annual Easter Egg Hunt: Easter Sunday, April 21**, after the 10 AM Holy Eucharist!

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 sign-up 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 Aseltine (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.

We remember those serving our country

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

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

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.

Flowers on the Altar are given and the **Sanctuary Candle** burns 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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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

Monday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 27

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

Thursday, March 28

7:30 PM Vestry Meeting

Saturday, March 30

9:30 AM Flower Guild

Sunday, March 31

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

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

Anne Meyers
Chalicist

Cynthia Mitchell
Lector

Linda Rowan
Healing Prayer

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