

Celebration of Holy Eucharist
First Sunday after the Epiphany



Christ Episcopal Church
Kensington, Maryland
January 11, 2026
8:00 AM

Blessed Sunday & Welcome to All

We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning, especially if you are new or visiting!

The service is taken primarily from *the Book of Common Prayer*, but everything you need can be found in the bulletin. The congregation's responses are **bolded**.

Children of all ages are welcome in the service. There are child-friendly materials on the table at the back of the church should you – or they - want them!

Should you be interested, we have faith formation for PreK-5th grade, and Junior High Youth Group at 9:30am. Nursery coverage is provided from 9:30-12:30pm.

Would you like more information about children and youth at Christ Church?

Contact Children's Minister Ann Enkiri sundayschool@ccpk.org

All are welcome to receive communion. Instructions for communion are in the bulletin just after the invitation. ("The gifts of God for the people of God...") We will move to the chancel after the Announcements for the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution of Communion.

Offerings. You may make a donation by placing cash or checks in the offering plate, or you may give online via the link on our website, or simply scan the QR code below. We are grateful for your support!



All-gender restrooms and water are located at the end of the hallway off the back of the sanctuary.

Welcome to all our visitors!

Please introduce yourself after the service. If you'd like more information, fill out a visitor's card in your pew and give it to the usher or a member of the clergy. You can also email our Parish Administrator Jen Luna administrator@ccpk.org, or calling us at 301-942-4673. We'd be happy to connect with you, and if you wish, add you to our weekly e-newsletter the *Christ Church Connection*. If you would like more information about Christ Church, please visit our website at www.christchurchkensington.org.

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

The Liturgy of the Word

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will towards all.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,

we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice of flame 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.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino* *read responsively by half verse*

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

² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due the divine 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 and 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 sovereign for evermore.
- ¹¹ The LORD shall give strength to this people; *
the LORD shall give this people the blessing of peace.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles *Acts 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel *Matthew 3:13-17*

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a

dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Emily Guthrie, Rector

moment of silent reflection

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Form VI, Book of Common Prayer

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers, both lay and ordained;
For all who serve God in the church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for a peaceful end to the war in Gaza, Ukraine, and everywhere there is violent conflict. We pray for the sick of our parish, including Helen-Paige Buck, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Doug Leavens, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Calvin Smith, Ellen Thomas, Helen Urquhart and Patrice Upshaw-Whiting; and all who need our prayers:

You are invited to add your intercessions, silently or aloud

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, remembering especially those who celebrate birthdays this week, including Anne Meyers, Anika Paige, Graham Eckert, Jenny Chow, Matteus Paige, and Nina Whiting.

You are invited to add your prayers of thanksgiving, silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially Kitty Shuler, J. Clark Grew II; Alison Verdi; all those tragically killed as a result of gun violence and war, and those we now name.

You are invited to add your own prayers for the departed, silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

A moment of silence

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider offers absolution.

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Most Sundays, we invite the congregation to come forward to the Chancel for the remainder of the service. There are a few stairs. If it is difficult for you to come forward for any reason, please alert the usher.

Offertory

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord

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

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer II*

Book of Common Prayer, p. 340

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for all, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Breaking of the Bread

The presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Invitation and Communion of the People

Presider The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at Christ Church.

At this service, we distribute the sacrament at the altar rail. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell your server. You may either drink from the silver chalice or hold your wafer up to alert the server that you wish to wait to intinct (dip the bread) in the glass chalice, which will follow. If you would like to join the communion and not receive the sacrament, simply cross your arms over your chest, and we will offer a blessing instead.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace bearing God's love and light to the world. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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

Friends and Family of our Community

All who ask for prayers through our website
Anthony
Bob (friend of Nachin Bone)
Bruce Beamer (uncle of Nina Upshaw)
Betty
Charles
Coley Beggy (friend of the Hoffeditz Family)
Susan Best (sister-in-law of Jeff Taylor)
Steve Campbell (Uncle of Jackie Campbell Waidmann)
Moises Carera and the Carera family
Susan Catlette
Cecelia
Cindy
Eric Cozzens (son of Peter Cozzens)
Yvonne Dean (friend of Bonnie Douglas)
Kelly Doig (friend of Katie, Jackie & Katherine)
Jay Douglas (brother of Bonnie Douglas)
Daniel Epps (father of Cynthia Mitchell)
Gerald & Sandy Giddings (relatives of Liz & Bob Quinn)
John Godfrey (brother of Rena Godfrey)
Sandra Goldman (mother of Brad Christmas)
Gema Guarin (friend of Joan Centrella)
Rob Guzzon (father of a friend of Katherine Chatt)
Laura (friend of Betsy Robbins)
Doug Hanscom (friend of Emily Guthrie)
Lisa Harrison (friend of MaryBeth and Mike Etherton)
Earl Hill (godfather of Sean Quinn)
Terry Hodge (friend of Annie Seale)
Amanda Hoey (daughter of Anne Witt)
Bob Hoffman and his son Cornell
Floris & Rob Houston (friends of Joan Centrella)
John (friend of Mary Ellen Huzzard)
Nelly Jones (mother of Jennifer Jones)
Robert Kellam (cousin of Victoria Thanos)
Neal Klasky (friend of Lori Pujol)
Nancy & Pete Lane (sister & brother-in-law of Joan Centrella)
Abbi Livay (granddaughter of Ann Hagan)
Ray Martens (uncle of Roma Hart)
Martha (prayers for healing)
Maureen (friend of Donna Berkowitz)
Chris McCann (cousin of Katie Wallace)
Nick McGray (father of Craig McGray)
Meaghan Morin (Kensington neighbor)
Melanie Moxness (niece of Dwight Allen & Joan Centrella)
Miriam
Nicole
Julianne Paige (mother of Jason Paige)

Cabrini Pak (friend of Dwight Allen)
Dawn Porter (friend of Liz McLeod)
Vivian Puricelli (mother of Lee Puricelli)
Ricky Reeves (grandson of Pat Reeves)
Robbie (friend of Sibbie O'Sullivan)
Andrew Rupli (son of Brenda Rupli)
Lori Richards (sister of Lisa Albright)
Sarah Rosenbaum (friend of Helen Urquhart)
Karen Sechrist (friend of Liz Quinn)
Margarita Serrano
Jerry Sheard (brother of Liz Quinn)
Scott Sherman (brother of Sara Thorne)
Sr. Margaret (friend of Leslie Everheart)
Naneita Smith (daughter of Calvin Smith)
Ben Sudbrink (son of Emily & Bill Sudbrink)
Jim Tavares (brother of Phyllis Knight)
Rick V. (friend of Lori Pujol)
Mia Van Bee (sibling-in-law of Madison Chase)
Ronald Young (cousin of Patrice Whiting)

Those in our community in need of healing prayers:

Helen Paige Buck, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Doug Leavens, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Calvin Smith, Ellen Thomas, Helen Urquhart and Patrice Upshaw-Whiting; all caregivers; all federal civil servants.

Those in need of continued prayer: Nora Buckley, Dorothy Clarke, Sara Cowan, Florence Crozier, David Dixon, Stephanie Feller, John Frohman, Ray Gardiner, Liz McLeod, Lee Puricelli, and Betsy Robbins.

We remember those in our community serving our country.

Clara Bartram, Alex Cox, Michael Cullinane, Alex Miller and David Hanna.

We remember those who have died: especially Kitty Shuler, retired Bishop J. Clark Grew II (Sarah Haskell's father); and Alison Verdi (former parishioner).

We give thanks: for Kevin Conway's continued healing from heart surgery; for all in our parish who celebrate their birthdays this week, including Anne Meyers (1/11), Anika Paige (1/11), Graham Eckert (1/12), Jenny Chow (1/13), Matteus Paige (1/14), and Nina Whiting (1/17). Happy Birthday!

Have we missed your birthday? Please let us know!

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This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, January 11 – First Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I, In person only
9:30 AM Children's Faith Formation, & Jr. Youth Group
10:00 AM Children's Chapel, Parish Hall
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube
11:30 AM Discussion Series: *Intersection of Faith & Science*, Parish Hall
11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
4:00 PM Bible Study, Church Library and Live on Zoom
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and Live on Zoom

Monday, January 12 – Office Closed

8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

Tuesday, January 13

Noon Prime Timers, Parish Hall
7:30 PM Holy Handcrafters, church library

Wednesday, January 14

6:30 PM Evening Prayer, Live on Zoom

Thursday, January 15

12:15 PM Prayers for Peace, Live on Zoom
7:00 PM Lectio Divina, Live on Zoom
8:00 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

Sunday, January 18 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Remembering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I, In person only
9:30 AM Children's Faith Formation, Parish Hall & Classrooms
10:00 AM Children's Chapel, Parish Hall
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube
11:30 AM Christ Church: Connect!, Church Library
11:30 AM Mercy Team Meeting, Gathering Room
11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
4:00 PM Bible Study, Church Library and Live on Zoom
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and Live on Zoom

Worship Leaders

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Ted Seale

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