

Celebration of Holy Eucharist  
*Last Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*The Transfiguration*



Christ Episcopal Church  
Kensington, Maryland  
February 15, 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

**Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### A Reading from the Book of Exodus *Exodus 24:12-18*

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he

called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

**Psalm 99** *Dominus regnavit*       *read responsively by half verse*

- 1 The Lord reigns;  
let the people tremble; \*  
**the Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.**
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; \*  
**and is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess your Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
**you are the Holy One.**
- 4 "O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before the footstool of God; \*  
**the Lord is the Holy One.**
- 6 Moses and Aaron among your priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon your Name, \*  
**they called upon you, O Lord, and you answered them.**
- 7 You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
**they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.**
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
**you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship upon the holy hill of God; \*  
**for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

**A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter**       *2 Peter 1:16-21*

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in



**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**

Shine in your church, O God; embolden us, in a dark world, to speak truthfully and to act with the courage of love. This day and always,

**Christ be our Light.**

Shine on your world, O God; heal the warring of nations and peoples, and the wounding of the earth to give us peace at last. We pray especially for peace in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and everywhere there is violent conflict; and for peace and unity in this nation.

This day and always,

**Christ be our Light.**

Shine for your people, O God; make us one human family who clothe each other with mercy and feed each other with justice. This day and always,

**Christ be our Light.**

Shine in our hearts, O God; help us to reach to the heavens and deep in our souls to seek you, to find you, and to know you. This day and always,

**Christ be our Light.**

Shine for the afflicted, O God; for all who are hungry, unhoused, or in danger; for refugees, prisoners, and their families. For immigrants and all who live in fear, that they may be comforted and protected; especially the families supported by the Christ Church care pods, and all impacted by a loved one's detention or deportation.

We pray especially for the sick of our parish, including Helen Paige Buck, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Anne Fox, Carl Keith, Phyllis Knight, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Calvin Smith, Ellen Thomas, Sara Thorne, Helen Urquhart, and William West; all caregivers; and for all who are on our hearts this day.

*You are invited to add your own intercessions, silently or aloud.*

Remind them of your deep compassion and how you tenderly bear all our sorrows.

This day and always,

**Christ be our Light.**

Shine on those who have died and those who mourn. We remember especially all those tragically killed as a result of gun violence and war; and all those we now name.

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

This day and always,  
**Christ be our Light.**

Shine on the joyous, O God, especially those who celebrate their birthdays this week, including Shannon Finn, Nathan Carter, Dylan Grocki, Mary Hanlon, Grace Carter, Donna Berkowitz, and Elizabeth McLeod. Help us to remember the blessings in our lives.

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

This day and always,  
**Christ be our Light.**

Shine, O God, as the Light that creates, the Light that calls, the Light that comes again with every dawn. Shine as the Light that scatters every shadow, and the Light in which we promise to walk, with your help. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*A moment of silence*

**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.*

### **The Peace**

Presider     The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People       **And with thy spirit.**

### **Announcements**



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

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

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## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH!

### Shrove Tuesday Annual Pancake Supper, February 17, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Plan to come celebrate Mardi Gras at Christ Church with pancakes, sausage and other delights! Volunteers for prepping, flipping, serving, cleaning, and dancing, please contact the Pancake Potentate Katie Wallace [katiwallace818@gmail.com](mailto:katiwallace818@gmail.com) or sign up online via the CC Connection. Wear those Mardi Gras beads! Invite your friends! Games for the young and young at heart.

### Ash Wednesday, February 18.

Begin your Lenten observance at Christ Church.

**Noon:** A Spoken Service of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

**7:00 p.m.:** Service of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes and music

**6:00 p.m.:** Short Service with Imposition of Ashes, suitable for all ages, particularly children.

## 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)**

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)

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

### **Dave Olson (father of Jenay Olson)**

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)

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, Anne Fox, Carl Keith, Phyllis Knight, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Calvin Smith, Ellen Thomas, Sara Thorne, Helen Urquhart, and William West; 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 Jim Tavares (brother of Phyllis Knight); Jay Douglas (brother of Bonnie Douglas).

**We give thanks:** for all in our parish who celebrate their birthdays this week, including Shannon Finn (2/15), Nathan Carter (2/16), Dylan Grocki (2/17), Mary Hanlon (2/18), Grace Carter (2/21), Donna Berkowitz (2/21), and Elizabeth McLeod (2/21). Happy Birthday!

Have we missed your birthday? Please let us know!

**Send your prayer requests to [emily@ccpk.org](mailto:emily@ccpk.org)**

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## This Week at Christ Church

### Sunday, February 15 – Last Sunday after the Epiphany/Transfiguration

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 Migrant Support Forum, 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, February 16 – Presidents Day, Office Closed

8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

### Tuesday, February 17 – Shrove Tuesday, Office Opens at Noon

5:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Parish Hall  
7:30 PM Holy Handcrafters this week – join us for pancakes!

### Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday

12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
6:00 PM Short Prayer Service with Imposition of Ashes  
7:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

### Thursday, February 19

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, February 22 – First Sunday in Lent

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 Choir Rehearsal  
11:30 AM Christ Church: Connect! Session 3, Church Library  
4:00 PM Bible Study, Church Library and Live on Zoom  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and Live on Zoom

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