

# 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 Advent**  
**December 1, 2019**  
**5:00 PM**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Prelude

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: In Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ, the true light, into the world.

People: **Bring us hope, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant: Christ is coming. Christ is among us already: entering a troubled world, a wounded heart, a broken spirit.

People: **Bring us hope, Lord Christ.**

Leader: And so we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of hope, expressing our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

People: **Giver of Life, let your healing light shine in our darkness. Bring us hope, Lord Christ.**

All: **Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Advent season. Show us how to live in hope. Teach us that true peace is only possible with justice and mercy. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained and help us share it with the world. Transform us, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn, #542

*Christ is the world's true light*

### Opening Acclamation

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

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

### The Collect of the Day

Presider: God dwells in you.

People: **And also in you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

**God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

## First Reading

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

*Psalm 122*

1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

## **Second Reading**

*Romans 13:11-14*

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

## **Sequence Hymn #53**

*Once he came in blessing*

## **The Gospel**

*Matthew 24:36-44*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew  
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

## The Homily

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.**”*

*We encourage you to add your petitions and thanksgivings to the prayers.*

*The Celebrant concludes with a collect*

## Confession and Absolution

**Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done.**

**We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness:  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry.**

**We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ’s sake,  
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The celebrant offers absolution*

## 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

## Offertory Meditation

## Offertory Hymn

*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

## Eucharistic Prayer B

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Celebrant** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because Christ the Sun of Righteousness has dawned as our deliverance, and as your power to renew the world in love and justice.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

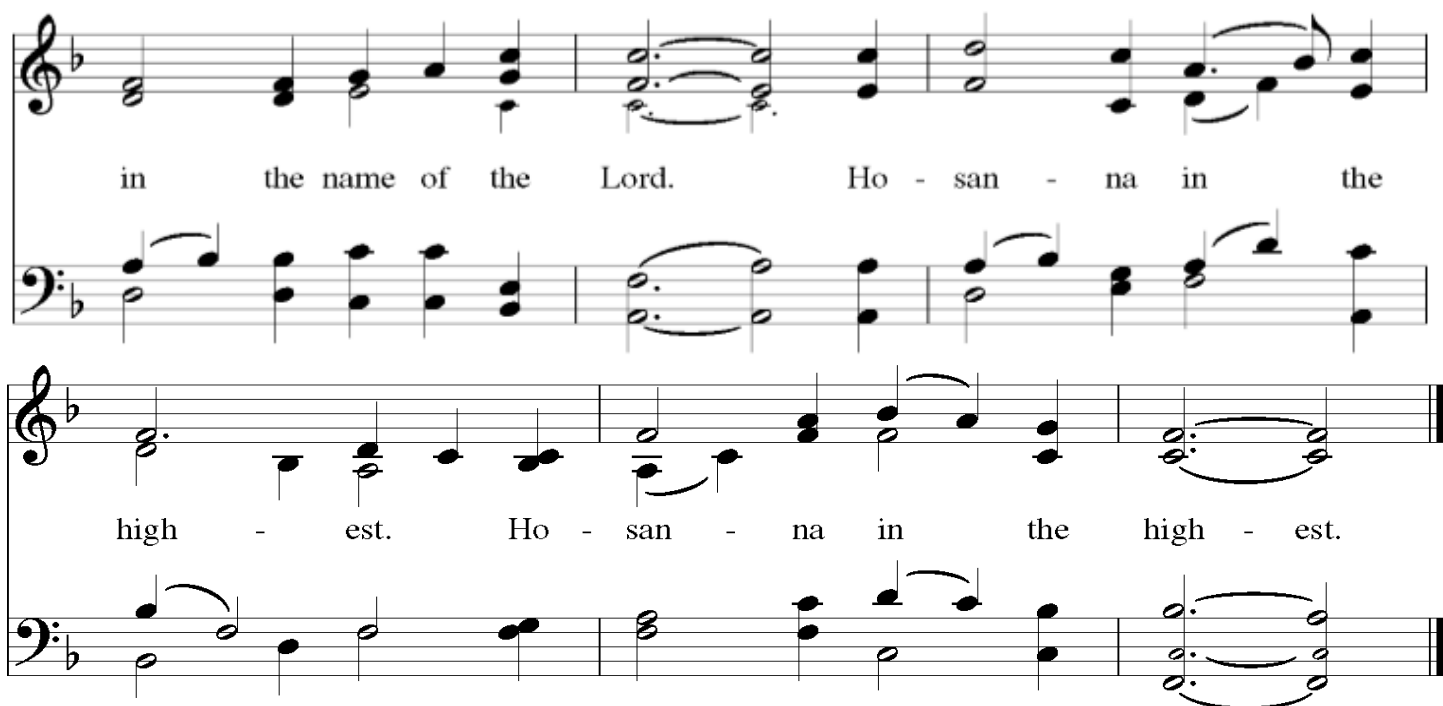
### Sanctus

#### *Land of Rest*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **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.*

*If you'd like to join the circle of love but not receive the bread & wine,  
please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a blessing instead.*

*When all have received, the Celebrant will say "Go in Peace,"*

*at which time please return to your seats.*

### **Communion Meditation**



## Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

## Blessing

## Closing Hymn LEVAS 12

*Come we who love the lord*

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bible Study at 4PM Today in the Library** Please join us! We will begin the Gospel according to Luke, called the “Love” Gospel. Come find out why. For questions contact Lee Puricelli at: [leepuricelli@yahoo.com](mailto:leepuricelli@yahoo.com).

**Prime Timers Luncheon This Thursday at 11:30AM!** The Prime Timers will meet on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 11:30 AM in the church undercroft for social time, lunch at 12:00 and a presentation at 12:30-1:30 PM. The title of the presentation is: The History of Rockville Pike: A 300 Year Journey. Please notify Nora Buckley at 301-564-0689 or [norabee@live.com](mailto:norabee@live.com) if you can attend and wish to order a lunch. The cost of the lunch is \$10.00.

**Craft and Cake Group, This Thursday Evening, December 5 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 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](mailto:pamelaprindle@gmail.com)) or Emily Barry ([emilybarry@me.com](mailto:emilybarry@me.com))

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### **Children's Advent Program Dates**

- **Dec. 7th:** Pajamas and Pancakes Parents Morning Out, 9 AM - 1 PM. Children of all ages are invited to come in pj's or comfy clothes for pancakes, stories, crafts, games, service and fun. Nursery care available for toddlers. We will celebrate St. Nicholas as we trim our tree. Parents--please enjoy some quiet time here at church or out-and-about. Please RSVP to [sundayschool@ccpk.org](mailto:sundayschool@ccpk.org)
- **Dec. 15th:** Children's Christmas Pageant during the 10 AM Holy Eucharist All Are Wel-

come at the Manger! Any child attending the 10 AM service is invited to join us at the manger. Come in your own favorite costume or borrow one of ours! We will prepare for the pageant during Children's Chapel on Dec. 1st and 8th, but welcome all on Dec. 15th. Details will be provided in person and via email on Dec. 1st. Questions? Email Ann at [sundayschool@ccpk.org](mailto:sundayschool@ccpk.org).

- **Dec. 24th:** We will offer Nursery Care at our early 5PM service.

**Restarting Friends and Family Prayer List as of 2020** We will be restarting the Friends and Family prayer list in the weekly bulletins starting in 2020. If there are friends and loved ones you wish to remain on the list, please let Peter Hanke, parish administrator know at [administrator@ccpk.org](mailto:administrator@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)  
Nancita Smith (daughter of Calvin Smith)  
Erika Auchterlonie (daughter of Brenda Rupli)  
Chris McCann (cousin of Katie Wallace)  
Alexandra Vilela (friend of Teodora Salow)  
The Beaudet Family (friends of the Blackman & Amaditz Families)  
Pam King-Williams (friend of Joan Centrella)  
Kevin Richards (friend of the Pujols)  
Tom Schoeny (friend of Winnie & John Holbrooke)  
Ramzi Nemo, Sr. (father of Ramzi Nemo)  
Faye Neal (mother of Donna Berkowitz)  
Margarethe Nye (mother of Eva Nye)  
Ellen Watson (friend of Jane Aylor)  
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)  
Kenny Honck (cousin of Lori Pujol)  
Mary Groom (friend of Liz Quinn)  
H. Paul Starr (father of Donna Starr-Deelen)  
Wally Oliver (friend of Teddy Guerrant)  
Mary Chalmers (mother of Joan Centrella)  
Diane Ray (aunt of Kurt Ellison)  
Margarete Heck (sister-in-law of Kitty Shuler)  
Fred Foote  
Steve, Madalyn and Chuck Hoffeditz  
Regina Mumbua (sister of Mary Mutisya)  
Nell Whitman (daughter of Ray Whitman)  
Candy Grueff (friend of Kitty Shuler)  
Caleb Herpel (friend of Katie Wallace)  
Kit Pardee (friend of Sara and Jeanie McAndrew)  
Joan Cantwell (sister-in law of Amy Saylor)  
Heather Hannah (sister of Hope Christensen)  
Trudy Moore (friend of Patrice Upshaw-Whiting)  
Diane Sawanobori (daughter-in-law of Yoko Sawanobori)

### **Those in need of continued prayer**

Charlie Briggs, Dorothy Clarke, Nancy Maxwell, Eddie Daniels, Joan Davis, Yvonne Jackson, Calvin Smith

### **Those in need of healing prayers**

John Holbrooke, Carl Keith, Katharine Gagarin, Betsy Robbins, Liz McLeod, Sara Cowan, Jo Crozier, Mary Lou Cumberpatch, Ray Whitman, Ethan Clausen, Amy Saylor, Kate Duchelle, Kate McKinley, and Christine Castillo

### **We remember those serving our country**

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

### **We give thanks for births!**

River James Foley (grandniece of Emily Guthrie)

### **We remember those who have died**

Robert Cullinane (brother of Chick Cullinane)

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

Ethan Clausen (12/1),  
Prescott Bullard (12/4), &  
Aime Keith (12/5)

### **The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop  
St. Nicholas' Parish, Germantown  
Diocesan Latino Ministry  
Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington

### **The Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

Pray for mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion

### **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, the Bahamas, and for people suffering everywhere.

Pray for an end to famine and violence.

**The Altar Flowers** are offered to the glory of God in loving memory of RJ

**The Sanctuary Candle** are offered to the glory of God by Maggie and Lee Elgin

## Christ Church

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## This Week at Christ Church

### Sunday, December 1

**8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist  
**9:00 AM** Choir Warm-up  
**9:45 AM** Nursery Care  
**10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist &  
Children's Chapel  
**11:15 AM** Wreath &  
Ornament Making  
**4:00 PM** Bible Study  
**5:00 PM** Holy Eucharist

### Monday, December 2

**7:00 PM** Women's Al Anon Mtg.

### Tuesday, December 3

**9:15 AM** Women's Al Anon Mtg.  
**10:30 AM** Women's Al Anon Mtg.  
**6:30** EfM  
**7:30 PM** AA Meeting

### Wednesday, December 4

**6:30 PM** Evening Prayer w/  
Holy Eucharist

### Thursday, December 5

**11:30AM** Prime Timers Luncheon  
**7:30 AM** Cake and Craft Group

### Saturday, December 7

**9:30 AM** Flower Guild  
**9AM -1PM** Parents' Morning Out

### Sunday, December 8

**8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist  
**9:00 AM** Choir Warm-up  
**9:45 AM** Nursery Care  
**10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist &  
Children's Chapel  
**11:15 AM** Coffee & Education Hour  
**4:00 PM** Bible Study  
**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](mailto: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.

## In Today's Service

Justin Fitch  
**Musician**

Members of the Congregation  
**Lectors**

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