

Celebration of Holy Eucharist
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Christ Episcopal Church
Kensington, Maryland
July 27, 2025
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!

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 Presider continues:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **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 in heaven, eternal Father and Mother of us all, in your goodness you pour out on your people all that they need, and satisfy those who persist in prayer. Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding, that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom and do your will on earth as in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to

9 O LORD, you will make good your purpose for me; *
your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands..

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians *Colossians 2:6-15*

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

The Gospel *Luke 11:1-13*

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you

anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Emily Guthrie

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

Adapted from Form One, A New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.
Therefore in confidence and trust we pray:

Enliven the Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need: for immigrants and refugees, the unemployed and the poor, prisoners and those detained; the hungry and those who are afraid. And we pray for the sick of our parish, including Helen-Paige Buck, Nora Buckley, Peter Cozzens, Florence Crozier, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Fred Foote, Ray Gardiner, Jon Martineau, and Calvin Smith; and for all caregivers.

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

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We pray for all who have died and those who mourn. We remember especially Nicolas Whiting; 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.

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.
Into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.
Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
May their example inspire and encourage us.

We give thanks and rejoice for the blessings in our lives; for all who celebrate their birthdays this week, including Roberto De Paz and Nikki Beatty.

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

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

The Holy Communion

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. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with 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. If it is difficult for you to come forward for any reason, please alert the usher and we will bring communion to you.*

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

People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
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
Coley Beggy (friend of the Huffeditz Family)
Eric Bellman (nephew of Pam Prindle)
Bret (nephew of Ann Enkiri)
Susan Browning (friend of Bob & Liz Quinn)
Steve Campbell (Uncle of Jackie Campbell Waidmann)
Moises Carera
Susan Catlette
Cecelia
Cindy
Maureen Cordell (sister of Nora Buckley)
Yvonne Dean (friend of Bonnie Douglas)
Tracy Dieter (friend of Nora Buckley)
Chris DeWitt (friend of Pam Prindle)
Kelly Doig (friend of Katie, Jackie & Katherine)
Laura Duchelle (sister-in-law of Kate Duchelle)
Daniel Epps (father of Cynthia Mitchell)
Gerald Giddings (nephew of Liz & Bob Quinn)
Sandy Giddings (niece of Liz & Bob Quinn)
Sandra Goldman (mother of Brad Christmas)
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 Houston (friend of Joan Centrella)
Rob Houston (friend of Joan Centrella)
John (friend of Mary Ellen Huzzard)
Nelly Jones (mother of Jennifer Jones)
Janet Klein (friend of the Prindle family)
Nolan Krum (friend of Pamela Prindle)
Nancy Lane (sister of Joan Centrella)
Pete Lane (brother-in-law of Joan Centrella)
Abbi Livay (granddaughter of Ann Hagan)
Chris Lloyd (friend of Kitty Shuler)
Joy Martens (aunt of Roma Hart)
Ray Martens (uncle of Roma Hart)
Charles
Chris McCann (cousin of Katie Wallace)
Nick McGray (father of Craig McGray)
Meaghan Morin (Kensington neighbor)
Melanie Moxness (niece of Dwight Allen & Joan Centrella)
Nicole
Paul Olson (relative of Emily Guthrie)
Julianne Paige (mother of Jason Paige)
Cabrine Pak (friend of Dwight Allen)

Pat (mother of Terri Clausen)
America Perez (wife of Barry Price)
Dawn Porter (friend of Liz McLeod)
Ricky Reeves (grandson of Pat Reeves)
Robbie (friend of Sibbie O'Sullivan)
Nelson W. Rupp, Jr. (friend of Jeff Taylor)
Lori Richards (sister of Lisa Albright)
Sarah Rosenbaum (friend of Helen Urquhart)
Andrew Rupli, Randy Rupli, & Erika Auchterlonie (children of Brenda Rupli)
Patricia Ryder (sister of Pam Prindle)
Karen Sechrist (friend of Liz Quinn)
Jerry Sheard (brother of Liz Quinn)
Scott Sherman (brother of Sara Thorne)
Sr. Margaret (friend of Leslie Everheart)
Naneita Smith (daughter of Calvin Smith)
Jim Tavares (brother of Phyllis Knight)
Jamie Tippit (friend of Roma Hart)
Yvonne
Helen Zhang (friend of Jeff Taylor)

Those in our community in need of healing prayers:

Helen Paige Buck, Nora Buckley, Peter Cozzens, Florence Crozier, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Fred Foote, Ray Gardiner, Jon Martineau, and Calvin Smith; all caregivers; all federal civil servants and those impacted by funding cuts; and all who grieve the loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job, or a dream.

Those in need of continued prayer: Dorothy Clarke, Pat Cosimano, Sara Cowan, David Dixon, Stephanie Feller, Liz McLeod, Lee Puricelli, Betsy Robbins, and Amy Saylor.

We remember those serving our country: Clara Bartram, Virginia Blackman, Alex Cox, Michael Cullinane, Alex Miller and David Hanna.

We remember those who have died: especially Nicolas Whiting (stepson of Patrice Upshaw Whiting and son of Rick Whiting) Sandy Ricci (friend of Liz McLeod's); victims of natural disasters; and all those tragically killed as a result of gun violence and war.

We give thanks: for all in our parish who celebrate their birthdays this week, including Roberto De Paz (7/27) and Nikki Beatty (8/2).
Happy Birthday!

Have we missed your birthday? Please let us know!

Send your prayer requests to emily@ccpk.org

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This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, July 27

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I, in person only
9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Children's Chapel, Parish Hall
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube
Popsicles on the Lawn following the service
4:00 PM Bible Study, In person (Library) and Live on Zoom.
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and Live on Zoom

Monday, July 28 –Office Closed

8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

Tuesday, July 29

7:30 PM Holy Handcrafters, Church Library

Wednesday, July 30

6:30 PM Evening Prayer, Live on Zoom

Thursday, July 31

12:00 PM Prayers for Peace, Live on Zoom
6:30 PM Lectio Divina, Live on Zoom
8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

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The Rev. Emily Guthrie

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Deacon

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