Christ Episcopal Church

Kensington, Maryland

**Readings for Sunday, October 14, 2018**

***~ Way of Love: Worship ~***

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ​Amen.

**First Reading**  Isaiah 56:1–7

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast,

who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil.

Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say, ‘The Lord will surely separate me from this people’; and do not let the eunuch say, ‘I am just a dry tree.’ For thus says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

And the foreigners who join themselves to me, to minister to me, to love the name of the Lord, and to be my servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

**The Psalm**  Ps. 96: 1-9

O sing to the Lord a new song; \*

 sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name; \*

 tell of God’s salvation from day to day.

Declare God’s glory among the nations, \*

 and God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; \*

 The Lord is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, \*

 but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before God; \*

 strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, \*

 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; \*

 bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor; \*

 tremble before him, all the earth.

**Second Reading**  1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**The Gospel**  Luke 24:28-35

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As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us? ’That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.