Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Christ Episcopal Church
Kensington, Maryland
November 8, 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!

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…")

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 call 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.

A Note on the liturgical language:
At this service, we follow what is called "Rite I" in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. There are many elements of Elizabethan English that harken back to the origins of the Episcopal Church in the Church of England. For example, you will notice the pronouns "thee, thy, thou" and the ending "est" for second person verbs rather than "s"(takest rather than takes.)

Unless otherwise marked, the readings are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The psalm is taken from the Psalter in the Book of Common Prayer but references both to human beings and to God have been made inclusive wherever possible. In short, there are a mix of sources reaching back to ancient texts, earliest liturgy in the English language, and more contemporary expressions of our worship!

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.**

All **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.

O God, you call us to choose between you and the false gods of this world. In the midst of the darkness of sin and death, wake us from our slumber and call us forth to greet Christ, so that with our eyes and hearts fixed on him, he may lead us to abundant life and eternal light. Amen.

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon *Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.

To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

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

Psalm 119:9-16 *read responsively*

9How shall a young man cleanse his way? *
By keeping to your words.
10With my whole heart I seek you; *
let me not stray from your commandments.
11I treasure your promise in my heart, *
that I may not sin against you.
12Blessed are you, O LORD; *
instruct me in your statutes.
13With my lips will I recite *
all the judgments of your mouth.
14I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *
than in all manner of riches.
15I will meditate on your commandments *
and give attention to your ways.
16My delight is in your statutes; *
I will not forget your word.

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

The Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13*

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Homily The Rev. Emily Guthrie, Rector

Moment of silence

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 IV, Book of Common Prayer*

Let us pray for this community, the Church and the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

God of love and mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for a peaceful end to the war with Iran, and the wars in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and Congo, and an end to violent conflict everywhere. We pray for an end to gun violence, racism, and division in this country.

God of love and mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

God of love and mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.

God of love and mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
We pray for all who are hungry, unhoused, or in danger; for refugees, prisoners, and their families. We pray for the sick of our parish, including Terri Clausen, Bonnie Douglas, Anne Fox, Susie Frederick, Claudia Greer, Carl Keith, Diane Mand, Ollie Oliver, Phil Padgett, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Betsy Robbins, Calvin Smith, Donna Starr-Deelen, and Sara Thorne; for all caregivers; and for those we now name:

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

God of love and mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially Maggie Elgin, Olga Nemo, and Carolyn Herrman; 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.

God of love and mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us grateful hearts for the many blessings of our lives. We give thanks for all those who celebrate their birthdays this week, including John Chatt, Peggy Northcutt, Audrey Hensley, Constance Miner, Michael O'Sullivan, Lucie Triplin, Thomas Hart, Ted Seale, and Annabel Kaufman.

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

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

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 cared for the earth and your creatures; 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 also with you.**

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.

<u>All are welcome to receive communion at Christ Church</u>.
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 to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maggie Elgin.

Today is Carrot Sunday! Place your 2-pound bags of whole carrots on the cart at the back of the sanctuary! The carrots will be distributed to 300+ families through the food ministry at Iglesia Episcopal San Mateo/St. Matthew's in Hyattsville. Please consider volunteering to deliver the carrots and pack the food bags for distribution at San Mateo on Wed., November 11. Interested? Email coordinator Margaret Broe Fitzpatrick, *magbroefitz@aol.com*. **Forgot your carrots today? Drop them off Tuesday during office hours, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

Stewardship 2027



As of November 6, we've received 58 pledges. **Thank you** to all who have already pledged!! We are 41% toward our goal of 140 pledges and 56% toward our financial goal of $465,000. ***Every*** gift matters and is deeply appreciated.

It is vital to Christ Church 's ability to offer meaningful worship with beautiful music, a continuum of faith and spiritual growth offerings for all ages (including a renewed youth ministry), education and advocacy opportunities to advance racial and social justice, merciful mutual aid for our immigrant neighbors, and all the many ways we are called to share God's love through our generosity and service.

Your pledges (*estimates of financial giving in the coming year*) allow us to create a budget that supports the church and our ministry as we follow Jesus' Way of love, peace and justice in and for the world. If you have never pledged before, please consider pledging now, and if you routinely pledge, please prayerfully consider increasing your annual pledge if possible. Mail in your pledge card, put it in the offering plate on Sunday, or pledge online using the QR code printed here. Our campaign runs through November 22.

We are so grateful for your presence & generosity!

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
Aysha (friend of Lori Pujol)
Bruce Beamer (uncle of Nina Upshaw)
Betty
Charles
Chris B. (friend of Lori Pujol)
Coley Beggy (friend of the Hoffeditz Family)
Laura, Marilyn and Don Boerum (friends of Nora Buckley)
Leslie Brent (friend of Emily & Bill Sudbrink)
Beatriz Carera and the Carera family
Susan Catlette
Cecelia
Cindy
Clancy and Jaime (friends of Zach Northcutt)
Eric Cozzens (son of Peter Cozzens)
Yvonne Dean (friend of Bonnie Douglas)
Kelly Doig (friend of Katie, Jackie & Katherine)
Gerald & Sandy Giddings (relatives of Liz & Bob Quinn)
Sandra Goldman (mother of Brad Christmas)
Camilla Greer
Gema Guarin (friend of Joan Centrella)
Rob Guzzon (father of a friend of Katherine Chatt)
Laura (friend of Betsy Robbins)
Lisa Harrison (friend of MaryBeth and Mike Etherton)
Nik Harvan-Matosich (friend of Susan Patch)
Hayes (grandson of Nanchin Bone)
Mark Herlson
Earl Hill (godfather of Sean Quinn)
Terry Hodge (friend of Annie Seale)
Bob Hoffman and son Cornell Hoffman
Floris & Rob Houston (friends of Joan Centrella)
Simei Jenkins (son of Stella Jenkins)
Nelly Jones (mother of Jennifer Jones)
Robert Kellam (cousin of Victoria Thanos)
Elizabeth Guthrie Kinney (sister of Emily Guthrie)
Neal Klasky (friend of Lori Pujol)
Nancy & Pete Lane (sister & brother-in-law of Joan Centrella)
Mia Luna (daughter of Jen Luna)
Ray Martens (uncle of Roma Hart)
Martha (prayers for healing)
Doug Matthews (father of Chris Matthews)
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
Cabrini Pak (friend of Dwight Allen)
Tom Patch (brother of Susan Patch)
Paul (son-in-law of Nachin Bone)
Vivian Puricelli (mother of Lee Puricelli)
Ricky Reeves (grandson of Pat Reeves)
Robbie (friend of Sibbie O'Sullivan)
Robin and Barry (friends of Lori Pujol)
Andrew Rupli (son of Brenda Rupli)
Lori Richards (sister of Lisa Albright)
Kay Sartorius (friend of Emily Guthrie)
Karen Sechrist (friend of Liz Quinn)
Ruben Serafini (friend of Roma & Thomas Hart)
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)
Cheryl Wood (friend of Liz McLeod)
Ronald Young (cousin of Patrice Whiting)

Those in our community in need of healing prayers: Terri Clausen, Bonnie Douglas, Anne Fox, Susie Frederick, Claudia Greer, Carl Keith, Diane Mand, Ollie Oliver, Phil Padgett, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Betsy Robbins, Calvin Smith, Donna Starr-Deelen, Sara Thorne, and all caregivers; and all who grieve the loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job, or a dream.

Those in need of continued prayer: John Britton, Nora Buckley, Sara Cowan, Florence Crozier, David Dixon, Stephanie Feller, John Frohman, Ray Gardiner, Jon Martineau, Liz McLeod, Lee Puricelli, Calvin Smith, Ellen Thomas, Christine Turner, Peter Turner, and Helen Urquhart.

We remember those serving our country: Clara Bartram, Alex Cox, Michael Cullinane, David Hanna, Alex Miller, and Janice Carr's nephew. We pray for all military and foreign service personnel deployed in the Middle East and around the world.

We remember those who have died: Carolyn Herrman (mother of Judy Kilpatrick); Olga Nemo (mother of Ramzi Nemo)**;** John Thorne, Jr. (father-in-law of Sara Thorne); Koro Hylton (nephew of Yvonne Bryan); all victims of natural disasters; all 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: John Chatt (11/8), Peggy Northcutt (11/8), Audrey Hensley (11/9), Constance Miner (11/10), Michael O'Sullivan (11/10), Lucie Triplin (11/10), Thomas Hart (11/11), Ted Seale (11/12), and Annabel Kaufman (11/13)**.** Happy Birthday!

Have we missed your birthday? Please let us know!

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This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, November 8 – Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 & 11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Children's Faith Formation, lower-level classrooms
10:00 AM Children's Chapel
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube
11:30 AM Coffee Hour with Dr. Arrington, Parish Hall
11:45 AM *Being With,* Church Library
4:00 PM Bible Study, Church Library and Live on Zoom
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In Person and Live on Zoom

Monday, November 9 – Office Closed
8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

Tuesday, November 10
7:30 PM Holy Handcrafters, Church Library

Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans' Day, Office Closed
6:30 PM Evening Prayer, Live on Zoom

Thursday, November 12
12:15 PM Prayers for Peace, Live on Zoom
7:00 PM Lectio Divina, Live on Zoom
8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

Sunday, November 15 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 & 11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Children's Faith Formation, lower-level classrooms
10:00 AM Children's Chapel
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube
11:45 AM *Being With,* 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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