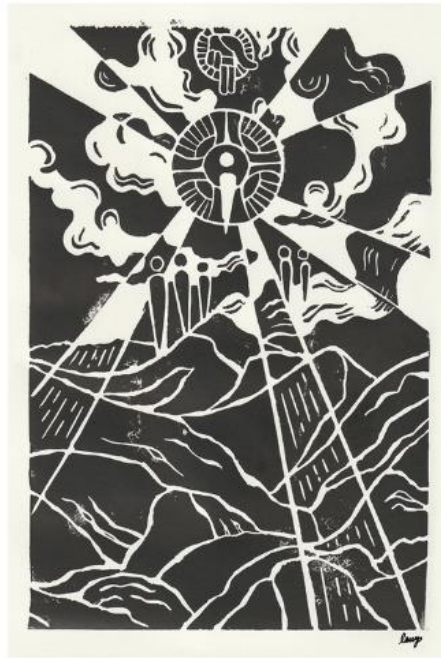


# Celebration of Holy Eucharist

*Last Sunday after the Epiphany*

*The Transfiguration*



Christ Episcopal Church

Kensington, Maryland

February 15, 2026

5:00 PM

## *A Blessed Sunday & Welcome to All*

**Whether at home or in-person, we are so glad you have joined us for worship this evening, especially if you are new or visiting!**

**Children of all ages are welcome in the service.** We welcome little voices and exploration. There are child-friendly activities on a table in the back of the sanctuary should you want them. On Sunday mornings, 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.

**All are welcome to receive communion.** At this service, we gather around the altar after the Eucharistic Prayer and pass the bread and wine around the circle. See more detailed instructions in the Distribution of Communion notes in the service. The presider will dismiss everyone with the words "Go in peace."

**Offerings.** You may make a donation by placing cash or checks in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary, or you may also give online via the link on our website, or simply scan the QR code below. We are grateful for your support!



**All-gender restrooms** are located at the end of the hallway off the back of the sanctuary.

**If you are participating via Zoom, please know that you are as much a part of our worship today as those in the church!** We hope you participate fully, sing loudly, and use the chat function to greet one another and add prayers.

If you have the pre-consecrated sacrament at home, join in the communion after the invitation. If you are at home and do not have the sacrament, the prayer for a spiritual communion is printed in the bulletin.

**Welcome to all our visitors!**

Please introduce yourself and if you'd like more information, fill out a visitor's card in the pew racks. You can also email Parish Administrator Jen Luna [administrator@ccpk.org](mailto: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. 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.**

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# Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn LEVAS #64 *I love to tell the story*

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,  
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

1. Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.  
2. Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;  
2. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

1. It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.  
2. 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

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.

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

**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 your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

**Musical Meditation**      *Interlude*      P. Keveren

**The Gospel**      *Matthew 17:1-9*

Gospeler      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

**Homily**      The Rev. Emily Guthrie, Recto

## The Creed

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

As we pray together for the church and the world, our response is  
"Hear our prayer."

*A brief silence*

For the gift of life, O Lord, we give you thanks. Infuse us with your light,  
and make us instruments of that life-giving light. O God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For all who live with fear, anxiety and uncertainty. Comfort and strengthen them, we pray,  
that they may know the healing power of your love. O God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of nations and all who are in positions of political authority, that they may  
hear your voice above all others and act in such a way that brings about healing and  
reconciliation. O God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our enemies, the ones for whom we would rather not pray, and for ourselves: lead us  
from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred and revenge; give us courage to overcome  
our fears and build bridges of love. O God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who mourn and wonder, "O God, where were you?" May they know your  
presence, and the comfort of our care. O God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all prisoners and refugees, for the homeless and destitute, the lost, the lonely and the  
sick, particularly those in need of healing in our parish, including Maggie, Carl, Phyllis,  
Jon, America, Lissa, and William; and for those we now name.

*Your prayers for healing are invited.*

O God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember all who now rest from their labors, those killed in gun violence, in war, in  
disasters natural and human made, and those we name before you now, on our lips or in  
our hearts.

*Your prayers for the departed are invited.*

Keep us in fellowship with all your saints and bring us at last to the joy of your heavenly kingdom. O God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life, large and small.

*Your thanksgivings are invited.*

O God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Presider adds a concluding collect, either the following or another.*

O Lord our God, may the light and hope of this season, and of your Son's Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayers, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. **Amen.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*A moment of silence*

**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 Presider offers absolution*

### **The Peace**

Presider     The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People       **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**



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**Offertory Antiphon** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Werner, arr. C. Berry

## The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord is here.

People **God's Spirit is with us.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise forever. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

## The Sanctus *Santo, Santo, Santo*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

From the beginning you have created all things. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, the Word made flesh, to reveal your glory, to bring light to the nations, and to call us out of darkness into your marvelous light.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Recalling his life, death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, and our own lives as a living sacrifice. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Son.

Shine your light upon your Church, O God,  
**that we who are fed by this holy food  
may be filled with the radiance of Christ  
and show forth your light in all the world.**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O source of all light, now and forever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*contemporary version*)

**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, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the bread.*

Presider            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.**  
Presider            The Gifts of God for the People of God, holy food for holy people.

All are welcome to receive communion at Christ Church!

*At this service we gather in a circle 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! You may either sip from the chalice or "intinct" (dip the bread in the wine). If you do not want to partake of the wine, please pass it along to the next person with the accompanying words. Gluten-free wafers are available, alert the priest. If you'd like to join the communion circle but not receive the bread and wine, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer you a blessing instead. When all have received, the Presider will say "Go in Peace," and all return to your seats.*

*For those at home without the sacrament –* **A Prayer for A Spiritual Communion:**

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Although I am not consuming the gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, you have nourished us at the table of life and hope.  
Teach us your way of peace, sustain us as we work for justice, and empower us  
as we proclaim your love to the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn #7 *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude *Fantasia (K. 397)(excerpt)*

W. A. Mozart

## 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)

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Margarita Serrano

Jerry Sheard (brother of Liz Quinn)

Scott Sherman (brother of Sara Thorne)

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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, 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, Betsy Robbins, Calvin Smith.

### **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, 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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