

Celebration of Holy Eucharist  
First Sunday of Advent



Christ Episcopal Church  
Kensington, Maryland  
November 30, 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!

Should you be interested, 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.

Would you like more information about children and youth at Christ Church?

Contact Children's Minister Ann Enkiri [sundayschool@ccpk.org](mailto:sundayschool@ccpk.org)

**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](mailto: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](http://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 Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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.**

## A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah *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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 122** *Laetatus sum* read responsively by half verse

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 kindred 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."**

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans** *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 The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel** *Matthew 24:36-44*

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Sara Thorne, Deacon

*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**

We are called to watch and pray, therefore let us pray together saying:

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

Gracious God, we thank you for coming to us in Jesus, and for coming to us whenever we gather in your name. Keep us alert and watchful through the dark night of this world, and give us confidence as we await your coming in glory.

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

We pray for your church – its people and its leaders. Keep us alert and watchful in support of one another, guard us from everything false and untrue, and shine on us with the light of your holy word.

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

We pray for our country and all nations. Lift the hearts of those in authority that they may govern wisely and well, for the good of all. Bring your peace to all communities torn by division, violence and war, especially in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti and everywhere there is violent conflict. Keep us alert and watchful that we might serve you by serving our neighbors and all creation.

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

Loving Christ, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle. We lift up the sick of our parish including Helen-Paige Buck, Nora Buckley, Kevin Conway, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, John Rowan, Kitty Shuler, Calvin Smith, Helen Urquhart and Patrice Upshaw-Whiting; all caregivers; and all those who need our prayers:

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

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

We pray for all who have died and all who mourn. We remember especially Paul Scheer; Debbie Kramer; 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 thank you, O God, for the blessings in our lives. We give thanks for those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Ethan Clausen, Prescott Bullard, Andrew Moore and Aime Keith. Keep us alert and watchful for moments of joy, and move us to give generously out of our abundance.

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

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

*The Presider offers a concluding prayer.*

Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **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 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**

*Most Sundays, we invite the congregation to come forward to the Chancel for the remainder of the service. There are a few stairs. If it is difficult for you to come forward for any reason, please alert the usher.*

### **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. Christ the Sun of Righteousness has dawned as our deliverance, and as your power to renew the world in love

and justice. Therefore with Angels and Archangels and 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.*

## 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!

**Advent Wreath Making - TODAY Sunday, November 30**

Advent begins today...  
time to make a beautiful Advent wreath for your home!  
Enjoy this fun annual event downstairs in the Parish Hall  
after the 10 am service. All supplies provided.  
Alternative advent activities will be available for children of all ages.

## 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)

Santo Borruso (father of Sarah Burruso)

Bruce Beamer (uncle of Nina Upshaw)

Betty

Charles

Coley Beggy (friend of the Hoffeditz Family)

Susan Best (sister-in-law of Jeff Taylor)

Steve Campbell (Uncle of Jackie Campbell Waidmann)

Moises Carera and the Carera family

Susan Catlette

Cecelia

Cindy

Maureen Cordell (sister of Nora Buckley)

Eric Cozzens (son of Peter Cozzens)

Yvonne Dean (friend of Bonnie Douglas)

Kelly Doig (friend of Katie, Jackie & Katherine)

Laura Duchelle (sister-in-law of Kate Duchelle)

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)

Nancy & Pete Lane (sister & brother in law of Joan Centrella)

Abbi Livay (granddaughter of Ann Hagan)

Chris Lloyd (friend of Kitty Shuler)

Ray Martens (uncle of Roma Hart)

Martha (prayers for healing)

Maureen (friend of Donna Berkowitz)

Chris McCann (cousin of Katie Wallace)

Bob McCarthy (friend of Bob Quinn)

Nick McGray (father of Craig McGray)

Meaghan Morin (Kensington neighbor)

Melanie Moxness (niece of Dwight Allen & Joan Centrella)

Miriam

Nicole

Julianne Paige (mother of Jason Paige)

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)

Lori Richards (sister of Lisa Albright)

Sarah Rosenbaum (friend of Helen Urquhart)

Ray Salomon (nephew of Jen Luna)

Karen Sechrist (friend of Liz Quinn)

Margarita Serrano

Jerry Sheard (brother of Liz Quinn)

Scott Sherman (brother of Sara Thome)

Sr. Margaret (friend of Leslie Everheart)

Naneita Smith (daughter of Calvin Smith)

Ben Sudbrink (son of Emily & Bill Sudbrink)

Jim Tavares (brother of Phyllis Knight)

Jamie Tippit (friend of Roma Hart)

Ronald Young (cousin of Patrice Whiting)

### **Those in our community in need of healing prayers:**

Helen Paige Buck, Nora Buckley, Kevin Conway, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, John Rowan, Kitty Shuler, Calvin Smith, Helen Urquhart and Patrice Upshaw-Whiting; all caregivers; all federal civil servants and those impacted by funding cuts.

**Those in need of continued prayer:** Dorothy Clarke, Sara Cowan, Florence Crozier, David Dixon, Stephanie Feller, John Frohman, Ray Gardiner, Liz McLeod, Lee Puricelli, and Betsy Robbins.

### **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 Debbie Kramer (friend of Ed Burck); Paul Scheer (father of Karen Garner); Susan Browning (friend of Bob & Liz Quinn); victims of natural disasters; and 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 Ethan Clausen (12/1), Prescott Bullard (12/4), Andrew Moore (12/4), and Aime Keith (12/5). 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, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent!

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:00 AM Choir rehearsal  
9:30 AM Children's Christian Formation, lower-level classrooms  
9:30 AM Junior Youth Group, Children's & Youth Library  
10:00 AM Children's Chapel, Parish Hall  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube  
11:30 AM Advent Wreath Making, Parish Hall  
11:30 AM Choir rehearsal  
4:00 PM Bible Study, Library and Live on Zoom  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and live on Zoom

### Monday, December 1 – Office Closed

8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

### Tuesday, December 2

7:30 PM Holy Handcrafters, Library

### Wednesday, December 3

6:30 PM Evening Prayer, Live on Zoom

### Thursday, December 4

12:15 PM Prayers for Peace, Live on Zoom  
6:30 PM Lectio Divina, Live on Zoom  
8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

### Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:00 AM Choir rehearsal  
9:30 AM Children's Christian Formation, lower-level classrooms  
9:30 AM Junior Youth Group, Children's & Youth Library  
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  
4:00 PM Bible Study, Library and Live on Zoom  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and live on Zoom

## Worship Leaders

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