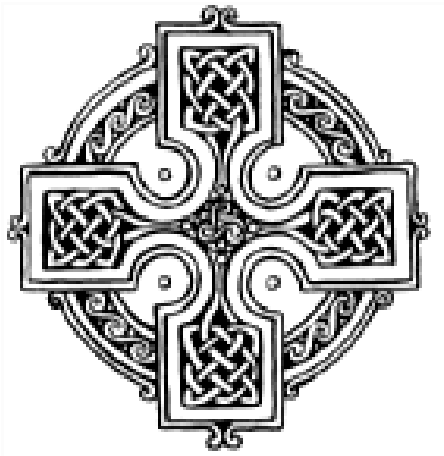
Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Christ Episcopal Church
Kensington, Maryland
October 11, 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.

Gracious God, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah *Isaiah 25:1-9*

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was

like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me in unison*

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians *Philippians 4:1-9*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and

supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

The Gospel *Matthew 22:1-14*

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon 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, Ethan Clausen, Bonnie Douglas, Anne Fox, Susie Frederick, Claudia Greer, Carl Keith, Diane Mand, Ollie Oliver, Phil Padgett, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Betsy Robbins, Donna Starr-Deelen, Sara Thorne, and Cindy Winder; 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 Koro Hylton, Joseph Cumberpatch, and John Cornwell; 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 the marriage of Ian Barry and Gabrielle Feigenson, the 41st anniversary of Emily and Ray Barry, and for all those who celebrate their birthdays this week, including Trinity McGray, Hannah Haskell, Owen Quinn, Maia Delgado, and Olivia Deleen.

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.

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and all creation. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of Gabrielle Feigenson and Ian Barry
and the 41st anniversary of Emily and Raymond Barry's marriage.

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)
Shane Beatty (father of Jack, Aiden & Chase Beatty)
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
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)
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)
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)
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
Cabrini Pak (friend of Dwight Allen)
Tom Patch (brother of Susan Patch)
John Phelps (uncle of Jen Luna)
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)
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, Ethan Clausen (surgery on Oct 12), Bonnie Douglas, Anne Fox, Susie Frederick, Claudia Greer, Carl Keith, Diane Mand, Ollie Oliver, Phil Padgett, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Betsy Robbins, Donna Starr-Deelen, Sara Thorne, Cindy Winder (knee replacement on Oct 13), 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: Koro Hylton (nephew of Yvonne Bryan), Joseph Cumberpatch (brother of MaryLou Cumberpatch) John Cornwell (former member of CC); all victims of natural disasters; all tragically killed as a result of gun violence and war.

We give thanks: for the marriage of Ian Barry and Gabrielle Barry; the 41st anniversary of Emily and Raymond Barry; and for all in our parish who celebrate their birthdays this week; including: Trinity McGray (10/11), Hannah Haskell (10/13), Owen Quinn (10/15), Maia Delgado (10/16), and Olivia Deleen (10/17). 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, October 11 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 AM Children's Faith Formation, lower level 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
11:45 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, October 12 – Indigenous Peoples' Day, Office Closed
8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

Tuesday, October 13 – Office Closed
12:00 PM Prime Timers, Parish Hall
7:30 PM Holy Handcrafters, Church Library

Wednesday, October 14
6:30 PM Evening Prayer, Live on Zoom

Thursday, October 15
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, October 18 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 AM Children's Faith Formation, lower level 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
11:45 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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