

Christ Episcopal Church

Kensington, Maryland



Welcome to Christ Church!

If you are here for the first time, or the first time in a long time, we welcome you.

We are an inclusive faith community in the Episcopal tradition. Rooted in Scripture, tradition, reason and experience, we value beautiful and diverse worship, education for all ages, lively fellowship and engaged service in our wider community.

Wherever you may be on your faith journey, you are invited to participate fully in the service and become part of our church family.

Holy Eucharist
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019
5:00 PM

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Hymn #24 (vv.1-2) *The day Thou gavest Lord has ended*

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God dwells in you.

People: **And also in you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 67

1 O God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth its increase; *
may God, our own God, bless us.

7 O GOD, give us your blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing

its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #711 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

The Gospel *John 14:23-29*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel according to John

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Mr. Kurt Ellison

A period of silence follows

A Statement of Faith

Grace Episcopal Cathedral, San Francisco

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

The response to each bidding is, "Hear our prayer."

The Celebrant concludes with a collect

Confession and Absolution

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 celebrant offers absolution.

The Peace

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All greet one another with a sign of peace.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #707 *Take my life and let it be*

Presentation Hymn #380 (v.3)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow / Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host: / Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People God's Spirit is with us.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

All: Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer (alternate translation)

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, and the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: 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.**

Communion of the People

*All are welcome to receive communion.
At this service we gather 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.
Gluten-free wafers are available, simply ask the priest.
When all have received, the Celebrant will say "Go in Peace,"
at which time please return to your seats.*

Communion Meditation

Post Communion Prayer

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us.
What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.
Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn #719 (vv.1-2) *(vv.1-2) O beautiful for spacious skies*

Dismissal After which the people respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tonight we welcome the Rev. Caron Gwynn of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington as our Celebrant! Caron was previously the rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in DC. Before entering seminary, she was a Peace Corps volunteer in The Gambia, West Africa, and the Regional Cancer Control Director for the Washington metro area at the American Cancer Society, Inc. A native Washingtonian, three generations of her family worshipped at the historic St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the oldest African-American church in the Diocese. And, Emily Guthrie adores her!

Bible Study at 4:00pm Today The 4pm Bible study continues reading Nehemiah today. For questions contact Lee Puricelli at leepuricelli@yahoo.com.

Multicultural Dialogues on Racism & Bias: Seeing the Divine in the Other. On Thursday, June 13th, we will host the last of three sessions sponsored by the Montgomery County Faith Community Advisory Council. Trained facilitators will lead exercises that raise our awareness of unconscious or learned biases, including racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, xenophobia, sexism, etc. Light refreshments at 6:30pm, Program 7 - 9pm. To attend, everyone must register by June 6th: at bit.ly/SpringMCD2019. Come get to know your neighbors - and yourselves - and help to build a stronger community of respect and understanding! on constant contact, please link the bit.ly to the sign up thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD

Newcomer Welcome Reception and Tour NEXT SUNDAY! On Sunday, June 2nd, after the 10am service, there will be a special reception to welcome newcomers in the Library (on the main level) near the Office Entrance Door. You will have a chance to meet other newcomers and several ministry leaders in the Congregation. The reception will be followed by a brief walking tour of the church's building and grounds! Interested? Contact Sharon Bartram, psbartram@verizon.net, or Cindy Winder, cwwinder@yahoo.com

Saturday, June 1st is the 6th Annual Colleen's BA 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk to benefit the Colleen Mitchel Memorial Fund The Fund was established in memory of Colleen Mitchel, who was born with biliary atresia (BA) in 1993, had a liver transplant at 7 months old, and died in 2013 at 19 years old from complications due to liver disease, while waiting on the transplant list over four years. Colleen was a member of Christ Church, and attended Grace Episcopal Day School, North Bethesda MS, Walter Johnson HS and the University of Michigan. Thanks to the Colleen Mitchel Memorial Fund and the annual BA 5K, over \$130,000 has been donated to support organ donation awareness in the DC area and ground-breaking research at the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Center into the root cause of BA and improving outcomes of children living with liver disease and post-transplant! Please come out and join this wonderful community event along Beach Drive in Kensington - by running, walking or volunteering. For details on the Run and to register, please go to www.colleensba5k.org.

Prime Timers Luncheon on June 6 at 11:30AM! Come join us for conversation, lunch and a presentation. This month's topic: TREASON! – How Local Leaders Helped Launch the American Revolution. Susan Cooke Soderberg is an independent historian and writer. She has a Master's Degree in American Studies from George Washington University and a Bachelor's Degree in Art History from the College of William and Mary. Her pursuit of the underlying truth of America's past has led her to intensive research into the history of American traditions and the continuing evolution and assimilation of America's myriad cultures. Please RSVP to Nora Buckley at norabee@live.com or call 301-564-0689 to let her know you are attending and if you wish to order a lunch (\$10). Deadline for lunch orders is Monday, June 3.

Pentecost on June 9: Plan to Wear Red and Celebrate with a Potluck Reception! Please join us in the Undercroft on June 9th following the 10 a.m. service for a potluck reception for Pentecost, the Church's Birthday. Please help us celebrate and make this occasion festive and delicious by bringing a favorite sweet or savory dish to share. Ready to serve food can be dropped off in the kitchen before the service. If you're able to help with set up and/or cleanup or have questions, please contact Jane Aylor (janeaylor@gmail.com) or Sarah Leung (rsleung@prodigy.net) from Parish Life. Thank you!

Please note these Children's Ministry Program Dates:

June 2nd: Faith Rocks! On this last day of Sunday School, children will lead the congregation in the Lord's Prayer. All are invited to enjoy Coffee Hour and to decorate river rocks with encouraging words of faith--for home, for church, for sharing.

June 9th: Pentecost! Happy Birthday to the Church! Children's Chapel continues throughout the summer weeks. Sunday School resumes in mid-September.

July 8-12th: "God's Glorious Garden" Vacation Bible School. Registration and as youth/adult volunteer applications may be submitted by emailing Ann Enkiri at sundayschool@ccpk.org.

Bethesda Cares Sandwich Brigade Needs Volunteers Once a month a team from CC makes sandwiches for Bethesda Cares, so they can distribute them to our homeless and other neighbors in

need. This is a great activity for a family (of all ages). You volunteer one Saturday, once a year to make about 60 sandwiches and deliver them to Bethesda Cares Saturday morning. We provide full instructions and it's not only fun, but rewarding! If you are interested, please contact Liz Quinn at webethemom@aol.com or 301-775-2545.

Next Christ Church Women (CCW) Meeting on Friday, June 14 Liz Quinn will host our next meeting/get together at her home (3303 Geiger Ave, Kensington, MD 20895) at 6:30ish. (This is a flexible time since some may be coming from work-come as soon as you can). Please bring a dish/dessert /beverage to share. Since this also happens to be Flag Day, wear your red, white and blue. Please RSVP with Aime Keith at aimekeith1966@gmail.com or 202-230-6160. All women at Christ Church are welcome!

We raise to God those who are on our hearts and are in need of prayer:

Friends and Family of our Community

Karen Sechrist (friend of Virginia Sheard)
Sister Mary Joan (friend of Leslie Everheart)
Naneita Smith (daughter of Calvin Smith)
Erika Auchterlonie (daughter of Brenda Rupli)
Chris McCann (cousin of Katie Wallace)
Alexandra Vilela (friend of Teodora Salow)
Debi Sheard (niece of Virginia Sheard and Liz Quinn)
The Beaudet Family (friends of the Blackman & Amaditz Families)
Karen Hudson (cousin of JoAnn Price)
Shane Young (friend of JoAnn and Lew Price)
Pam King-Williams (friend of Joan Centrella)
Kevin Richards (friend of the Pujols)
Nancy and her family (friends of Anne Chase)
Ibrahim Ansari (Student of Kitty Shuler)
Tom Schoeny (friend of Winnie & John Holbrooke)
Ramzi Nemo, Sr. (father of Ramzi Nemo)
Faye Neal (mother of Donna Berkowitz)
Margarethe and Arnold Nye (parents of Eva Nye)
Tom Blackwood (uncle of Winnie Holbrooke)
Ann Silberberg (friend of Winnie Holbrooke)
Sandy Kahner (friend of Winnie Holbrooke)
Michael Harlow (nephew of Jean Shorett)
Ellen Watson (friend of Jane Aylor)
Barbara Fulwood (friend of Liz Quinn)
Denise Myrup (niece of Nora Buckley)
Kevin Newman (friend of the Thanos Family)
Betty Penfold (mother of Barbara Ferry)
David Bunting (friend of Ted & Victoria Thanos)
Ryan Mahoney (Friend of David & Virginia Blackman)
Joyce Macy (grandmother of Allan Wallace)
Ginny Aseltine (Friend of Madison Chase)
Amy Carter (niece of Amy Saylor)
Joan Cantwell (sister-in-law to Amy Saylor)
The Rt. Rev. Don Hart (father of Tom Hart)
Kenny Honck (cousin of Lori Pujol)
Peg Werszila (friend of Sue Mitchell)
Mary Groom (friend of Liz Quinn)
H. Paul Starr (father of Donna Starr-Deelen)
Wally Oliver (friend of Teddy Guarrant)
Mary Chalmers (Mother of Joan Centrella)
Diane Ray (aunt of Kurt Ellison)
Donna James (friend of Jim Kennedy)

Those in need of continued prayer

Dorothy Clarke, Barbara Pierson, Nancy Maxwell, Chlaila Haynie, Eddie Daniels, Joan Davis, Amy Saylor, Yvonne Jackson, & Calvin Smith.

Those in need of healing prayers

Betsy Robbins, Liz McLeod, Bob Mand, Sallie Buck, Sara Cowan, Jo Crozier, Ann Gagarin, & Mary Padgett

We remember those serving our country

Dallas Sheard, Ryan Sheard, Alex Cox, Andrew Coe, Caleb Daisley & Virginia Blackman

We remember those who have died

especially all who gave their lives in service to their country

Thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays this week, a heartfelt Happy Birthday!

Duane Boniface 05/28
Fionn Crimmins 05/28
Stephen Buck 05/29
Dorothy Cornwell 05/29
Patrick Cowan 05/30
Alexander Bukharin 05/31
David Albright 06/01
MaryBeth Best 06/01

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
St. Augustine's Church, DC
Church of the Ascension, Gaithersburg and Iglesia La Ascension
Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring
Church of the Ascension, Lexington Park
Ascension Day (May 30)

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world
For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops
For members of the Anglican Consultative Council
For the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah

For the World

For our Muslim neighbors in the holy month of Ramadan. For those impacted by natural disasters. For all victims of gun violence. For all refugees. For the people of South Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, and for people suffering everywhere.
Pray for an end to famine and violence.

Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by Anne Meyers in thanksgiving for all members of the military whose service has helped to preserve our safety and freedom.

The Sanctuary Candle burns to the glory of God by Maggie Elgin in loving memory of Lisa Adele Underwood by Margaret Adele Elgin.

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Communications

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, May 26

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Choir Warm-Up
9:45 AM Nursery Care
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
Sunday School
4:00 PM Bible Study (Library)
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist

Monday, May 27

7:00 PM Women's Al Anon Mtg.
(adult children of alcoholics)

Tuesday, May 28

9:15 AM Women's Al Anon Mtg.
10:30 AM Women's Al Anon Mtg.
7:30 PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 29

6:30 PM Evening Prayer w/ Holy Eucharist
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, June 1

9:30 AM Flower Guild

Sunday, June 2

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Choir Warm-Up
9:45 AM Nursery Care
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel
11:15 AM **Newcomers Reception in the Library,**
Coffee Hour,
Sunday School
4:00 PM Bible Study (Library)
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist

New or Visiting?

We're so glad you're here today! Would you like more info about Christ Church? To receive our weekly e-announcements, please send an email with your contact information to Parish Administrator Peter Hanke at: administrator@ccpk.org, or simply fill out a visitor's card found in the racks on the back of each pew. You can give the card to the priest, or put it in the offering plate.

In Today's Service

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