

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
The Reign of Christ
November 24, 2019
5:00 PM

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

H. Smart

Opening Hymn, LEVAS 96 *"He is King of kings"*

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.

Almighty ever-living God, it is your will to gather up all things in your beloved one, reigning in the power that is love, mercifully grant that the whole of creation, divided and enslaved by sin, may be united in that divine love, and freed to serve you through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things the Lord has done on earth.

10 It is God who makes war to cease in all the world; *
God breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #LEVAS 31

"Lead Me to Calvary"

The Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus,

remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Emily Guthrie

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."

We encourage you to add your petitions and thanksgivings to the prayers.

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 Meditation *"Soon and Very Soon, We are Going to See the King"*

Offertory Hymn

*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.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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:

Sanctus

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

*If you'd like to join the circle of love but not receive the bread & wine,
please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a blessing instead.*

*When all have received, the Celebrant will say "Go in Peace,"
at which time please return to your seats.*

Communion Meditation *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* Traditional, arr. by P. Keveren

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew 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, #494 (vv.1-3) *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

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

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Sunday at 6! Come to the 5:00pm Candlelight Communion service on and stay for supper, libations and conversation following the service. All you morning worshipers, drop by at 6:00pm to meet your fellow parishioners and have a slice!

Annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: Tuesday, Nov 26th, 7:30pm
at Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Ave, Kensington, MD. Come give thanks with your neighbors! It's a beautiful and inspiring service.

Bible Study at 4PM Today in the Library Please join us! We will begin the Gospel according to Luke, called the "Love" Gospel. Come find out why. For questions contact Lee Puricelli at: leepuricelli@yahoo.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

Children's Advent Program Dates

- **Dec. 1st:** Watch for a new weekly Children's Service Bulletin, aimed to engage our older elementary school students as they worship with the congregation.
- **Dec. 7th:** Pajamas and Pancakes Parents Morning Out, 9 AM - 1 PM. Children of all ages are invited to come in pj's or comfy clothes for pancakes, stories, crafts, games, service and fun. Nursery care available for toddlers. We will celebrate St. Nicholas as we trim our tree. Parents--please enjoy some quiet time here at church or out-and-about.
- **Dec. 15th:** Children's Christmas Pageant during the 10 AM Holy Eucharist. All children are invited to come to the manger and share in presentation of the Nativity story at our Children's Pageant. Does your child have a favorite costume--animal, superhero, or beloved character? Would your child like one of our traditional costumes--angel, shepherd, lamb, donkey? All are welcome at the Holy Child's Manger!
- **Dec. 24th:** We will offer Nursery Care at our early evening service.

NEXT SUNDAY - Advent Wreath and Ornament Making Event! Sunday December 1st after the 10:00 am service in the Undercroft! Come and enjoy this fun event by making a beautiful Advent wreath, and/or an ornament for your home. All supplies provided EXCEPT GREENS. Please bring cut greens (ilex, yew, holly, and other small leaf greens) to use and to share. And If you have a wreath ring from last year's event, bring it on December 1 for you to re-use. For questions or information, please contact Sarah Leung (srsleung@prodigy.net) or Suzanne Lawrence (suzlaw1@comcast.net)

Craft and Cake Group, Thursday Evening, December 5 at 7:30PM Please join us every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month for fellowship, "Crafting & Cake." Bring a craft... join some friends... have some cake. Open to all who "enjoy the art of making" 7:30-9:30 in the Gathering Room, located on the lower level of the Education Wing. Contacts: Pam Prindle (pamelaprindle@gmail.com) or Emily Barry (emilybarry@me.com)

Restarting Friends and Family Prayer List as of 2020 We will be restarting the Friends and Family prayer list in the weekly bulletins starting in 2020. If there are friends and loved ones you wish to remain on the list, please let Peter Hanke, parish administrator know at administrator@ccpk.org.

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)
The Beaudet Family (friends of the Blackman & Amaditz Families)
Pam King-Williams (friend of Joan Centrella)
Kevin Richards (friend of the Pujols)
Tom Schoeny (friend of Winnie & John Holbrooke)
Ramzi Nemo, Sr. (father of Ramzi Nemo)
Faye Neal (mother of Donna Berkowitz)
Margarethe Nye (mother of Eva Nye)
Ellen Watson (friend of Jane Aylor)
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)
Kenny Honck (cousin of Lori Pujol)
Mary Groom (friend of Liz Quinn)
H. Paul Starr (father of Donna Starr-Deelen)
Wally Oliver (friend of Teddy Guerrant)
Mary Chalmers (mother of Joan Centrella)
Diane Ray (aunt of Kurt Ellison)
Margarete Heck (sister-in-law of Kitty Shuler)
Fred Foote
Steve, Madalyn and Chuck Hoffeditz
Regina Mumbua (sister of Mary Mutisya)
Nell Whitman (daughter of Ray Whitman)
Candy Grueff (friend of Kitty Shuler)
Caleb Herpel (friend of Katie Wallace)
Kit Pardee (friend of Sara and Jeanie McAndrew)
Joan Cantwell (sister-in law of Amy Saylor)
Heather Hannah (sister of Hope Christensen)
Robert Cullinane (brither of Chick Cullinane)
Trudy Moore (friend of Patrice Upshaw-Whiting)
Diane Sawanobori (daughter-in-law of Yoko Sawanobori)

Those in need of continued prayer

Charlie Briggs, Dorothy Clarke, Nancy Maxwell, Eddie Daniels, Joan Davis, Yvonne Jackson, Calvin Smith

Those in need of healing prayers

John Holbrooke, Carl Keith, Katharine Gagarin, Betsy Robbins, Liz McLeod, Sara Cowan, Jo Crozier, Mary Lou Cumberpatch, Ray Whitman, Ethan Clausen, Amy Saylor, Kate Duchelle and Kate McKinley

We remember those serving our country

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

We remember those who have died

Joyce Macy (Allan Wallace's grandmother),
George Rose (friend of Peter Hanke),
Tom Blackwood (uncle of Winnie Holbrooke), & Robert Cullinane (brother of Chick Cullinane)

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

Valerie Bucharin (11/29), Ellie Flynn (11/25) & Winnie Holbrooke (11/26)

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
Christ Church, Rockville
Christ Episcopal School, Rockville
Christ Church, Wayside
St. Andrew's Episcopal School and St. Andrew's Lower School, Potomac
Church of the Holy Comforter, DC
Daughters of the King
Thanksgiving Day (November 28) Pray for our national life and all of God's blessings.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)

For the World

For those impacted by natural disasters. For all victims of gun violence. For all refugees. For the people of Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, the Bahamas, and for people suffering everywhere.

Pray for an end to famine and violence.

The Altar Flowers are offered to the glory of God the Robbings Family in loving memory of their beautiful son, David Martin Robbins ("mein aller beiter Schatz") and by the Flynn Family in loving memory of Jack Flynn.

The Sanctuary Candle are offered to the glory of God

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This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, November 24

4:00 PM Bible Study
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist
6:00 PM Reception

Monday, November 25

7:00 PM Women's Al Anon Mtg.

Tuesday, November 26

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

Wednesday, November 27

6:30 PM Evening Prayer w/
Holy Eucharist

Thursday, November 28

(Thanksgiving Observed - Office Closed)
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Friday, November 29

(Thanksgiving Observed - Office Closed)

Saturday, November 23

9:30 AM Flower Guild

Sunday, December 1

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 Wreath &
Ornament Making
4:00 PM Bible Study
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

Roma Hart
Musician

Members of the Congregation
Lectors

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