

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
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2019
5:00 PM

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Hymn WLP #812 *I, the Lord of sea and sky*

Unison



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will



save. I who made the stars of night,
way. I will break their hearts of stone,
save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have

heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase our faith; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 112

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in the Lord's commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine
away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake

you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #711 *Seek ye first*

The Gospel *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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 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

Celebrant: This is the table of the Heavenly Feast, the joyful celebration of the

people of God.

All: We gather now as one body, joined around the table. Here we celebrate God's presence among us.

Celebrant: United in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once; nourished and hungry, loved and loving, sinner and forgiven; we make one circle of knowing, searching, rejoicing, being, as God lights and rests among us. God of dreams and visions, we give you thanks for all that you have made, and all that is beyond our knowing.

People: We give you thanks for Jesus, through whose life, death, and resurrection all things are made new.

Celebrant: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit, whose ever-changing movement brings new life even when hope seems lost.

All: We give you thanks for your holy body, the Church, in which we find new vision for the days ahead.

Celebrant: Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of life, to drink the cup of the new covenant. Jesus said, I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall never hunger, you who believe in me shall never thirst. Therefore we join with saints and angels and people of every generation to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Land of Rest

On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread,

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.

and after giving thanks to God, broke it and gave it to them saying, this is my body, broken for the healing of the world. Whenever you eat it, do it in remembrance of me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup, said the blessing, and gave it to them saying, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me.

O Holy One, send down your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Unite us with Christ forever and bring us with the whole creation to your eternal realm. **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

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 #376 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

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

Come one, come all to
March in the Kensington Labor Day Parade
TOMORROW MORNING!



Christ Church to Shine a Light on Christ's Message of God's Love

- ***Kensington Labor Day Parade TOMORROW!*** Join us to be a visible sign of Christ's love. So, don your **red and/or pink gear**—t-shirt, shorts, walking shoes, hat, visor. Don't forget sunscreen! Meet the Christ Church parade cars at **(location to be announced soon)** between 8:30-9:30 AM. In years' past, we have been queued up in the neighborhood adjacent to St. Paul Park near Oberon Street and Wheatley Street. Coffee & Donut tailgating begins at 8:30! Pick up a heart-shaped sign and be ready to walk by 9:30 AM. Consider car-pooling from our church parking lot. Parking *may* be available on a lot on Concord Street, between Dupont Avenue and Plyers Mill Road.

Christ Church BBQ and Picnic!

Next Sunday, September 8



Please mark your calendars for our annual Christ Church bar-b-q/picnic coming up on September 8th following the 10AM service - always fun!

Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and turkey burgers will be provided by Parish Life but we would greatly appreciate sides and desserts. We'll also provide water and lemonade; otherwise parishioners can BYOS (Bring Your Own Soda)!

We need you help with grilling as well as with setting up and taking down tables. We also need help with setting out the food and with cleanup. If you are able to assist, please contact Jane Aylor at janeaylor@gmail.com or login to the Sign Up Genius link in the church announcements via email.

Questions? Please contact Jane Aylor at janeaylor@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Labor Day Parade Preparation Sunday - TODAY! Help share Christ's message of love by making signs for parade participants to carry. We have Good News to share and church programs to highlight. Join us in the Parish Hall after ALL September 1st Sunday services (8, 10 and 5) to write a short message on red, pink and white heart-shaped signs. "Be Kind." "Love One Another." "Love. Forgive. Repeat."

Choir resumes rehearsals Wednesday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Our choir welcomes new members, especially persons who have some music reading and choral singing experience. We have a fun, busy year ahead! For information e-mail Organist-Choirmaster Teddy at guerrant@umd.edu.

Prime Timers Luncheon on September 5 The Prime Timers will meet in the church undercroft on Thursday, September 5th from 11:30 -1:30 for social time, lunch and to enjoy a speaker. The cost of the lunch is \$10.00. Please **RSVP to Nora Buckley at norabee@live.com or 301-564-0689 by Monday, September 2** to let her know you are coming and if you wish to order a lunch. The speaker will be Bill Offutt and the title of the presentation is: Richard Montgomery; a lecture on Montgomery County's namesake.

Teddy Guerrant Organ Concert THIS FRIDAY at 8PM! Our organist Theodore Guerrant will present a concert of "**Great Organ Music from Great Britain.**" The program will consist of works by Grayston Ives, Norman Cocker, Samuel Sebastian Wesley, Alfred Hollins, William Wolstenholme, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, John Ireland, Charles Villiers Stanford, Edward Elgar, and Herbert Sumsion. An English tea will follow the program. A free-will offering will benefit the parish music ministry. All are cordially invited to attend.

Bible Study at 4:00pm Today Please join us this summer for Bible study as we read Samuel and learn about the rise of Kings over Israel and a young fellow named David! For questions contact Lee Puricelli at leepuricelli@yahoo.com.

Have you lost something at church? An umbrella, or water bottle, or eye glasses perhaps? Please see our church Lost and Found bin, by the armchairs outside of the church office.

LOOKING AHEAD

Tex-Mex Dinner & Silent Auction - Everything but the Kitchen Sink! Doors open at 6pm. Dinner is at 6:30pm; Last auction bids at 8pm. We are planning a delicious Tex Mex Feast of Chicken/Shrimp/Chicken Fajitas with your favorite Tex Mex Fixin's. Cost is \$20 (individual) and \$40 family (up to four people). Sangria and Mexican Beer will be available for a small donation. Silent Auction items will continue to be accepted until September 15th. Questions? Contact Barbara Ferry (email) or Annie Seale (email) or Suzanne Lawrence (email). Click [here](#) for a donation form. Please bring your gift items to Peter Hanke in the Church office. .

Important Upcoming Dates:

- ***9/2: Labor Day Parade*** Join Christ Church and walk in the parade!
- ***9/5: Prime Timers Luncheon*** at 11:30am
- ***9/6: Guerrant Organ Concert*** in memory of Charles Serpan
- ***9/7: Celebration of Life for Charles Serpan*** at 1:30pm
- ***9/8: Annual Parish Picnic*** following the 10am service
- ***9/15: Sunday School for PreK-Grade 5 & Youth Group for Grades 6-12*** begins at 11:15 am.
- ***9/28: Dinner and Silent Auction*** at 6:00 pm - Enjoy a TexMex Dinner and win wonderful items!

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)
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)
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)
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)
Ryan Mahoney (friend of David & Virginia Blackman)
Joyce Macy (grandmother of Allan Wallace)
Ginny Aseltine (sister-in-law of Madison Chase)
Kira Aseltine (niece of Madison Chase)
Amy Carter (niece of Amy Saylor)
Joan Cantwell (sister-in-law of 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 Guerrant)
Mary Chalmers (mother of Joan Centrella)
Diane Ray (aunt of Kurt Ellison)
Donna James (friend of Jim Kennedy)
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)

Those in need of continued prayer

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

Those in need of healing prayers

Betsy Robbins, Liz McLeod, Sara Cowan, Jo Crozier, Mary Lou Cumberpatch, and Ray Whitman

We remember those serving our country

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

We give thanks for the birth of

Kira Irene Aseltine & Ariane Behr Olson

We remember those who have died

Ann Gagarin, Bob Mand, Chlaila Hayne and Barbara Pierson

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

Beyer Bullard 09/01
Jo Crozier 09/02
Sasha Gottlieb 09/02
Judy Carter 09/03
Andrew Lalley 09/03
Tina Cleland 09/06

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
Campus Ministries of Howard University, University of Maryland, George Washington University, Georgetown University, American University, and St. Mary's College
National Association of Episcopal Schools
Pray for all students and teachers
Labor Day (September 2) Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

For the World

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, and for people suffering everywhere.
Pray for an end to famine and violence.

The Sanctuary Candle and **The Altar Flowers** are offered to the glory of God in memory of Clara Martha Willis, given by her son Thomas Willis.

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Communications

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, September 1

4:00 PM Bible Study (Library)

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day

8:30 AM *"Doughnut Tailgate" at
Annual Kensington*

Labor Day Parade!!!

9:30 AM Christ Church in

Annual Kensington

Labor Day Parade!!!

7:00 PM Women's AI Anon Mtg.

Tuesday, September 3

9:15 AM Women's AI Anon Mtg.

10:30 AM Women's AI Anon Mtg.

7:30 PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 4

6:30 PM Evening Prayer w/
Holy Eucharist

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 5

11:30 AM Prime Timers Luncheon

Friday, September 6

8:00 PM Guerrant Organ Concert

Saturday, September 7

9:30 AM Flower Guild

1:30 PM Celebration of Life for
Charles Serpan

Sunday, September 8

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 *Annual Parish Picnic!*

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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Members of the Congregation
Lectors

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