

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
First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019
8:00 AM

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 323

The Gloria

BCP p. 324

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

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.**

The Psalm

Psalm 122

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 brethren 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."

Second Reading

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

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Emily Guthrie

A period of silent reflection

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

The Prayers of the People

Form VI

BCP p. 392

Confession & Absolution

BCP p. 331-332

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP p. 340

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP p.337

Invitation and Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Prayers for healing are offered in the healing chapel at the rear of the sanctuary.

A period of silence follows communion. We will begin the prayer when the healing prayers conclude.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 339

Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in Christ's body and blood.

People: **May you carry the prayers of all of us
as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Celebrant: We are one body because we share one bread and one cup.

People: **Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

The people respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Advent Wreath and Ornament Making Event! Just after the 10:00 am service in the Parish Hall! Come and enjoy this fun event by making a beautiful Advent wreath, and/or an ornament for your home. For questions or information, please contact Sarah Leung (srsleung@prodigy.net) or Suzanne Lawrence (suzlaw1@comcast.net)

Children's Ministry Programs

- The Nursery is the place for Advent Anticipation, with simple coloring pages and child-friendly nativity play sets. Children's Chapel begins Advent by lighting the The Prophets' Candle of Hope, as we learn the Godly Play Lesson about Isaiah who foretold the birth of the Savior in Bethlehem. Our Parish Advent Wreath-Making will double as an Advent Shepherding Sunday, so that children may join with their families in making Advent wreaths and decorating Christmas ornaments immediately after the 10 AM Holy Eucharist.
- The Gift of Advent Prayer: Our Godly Play students have made miniature Advent wreaths and prayer scrolls for our fellow parishioners who worship at 8 AM and 5 PM. Please pick up one, along with your pew bulletin, and enjoy using it as, together, we pray our way to Christmas. Our children are "lifting up to the Lord" each member of our Christ Church family.

Youth Group Youth Group will not meet this Sunday. Please enjoy wreath making!

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.

Prime Timers Luncheon This Thursday at 11:30AM! The Prime Timers will meet on Thursday, December 5th, 2019 at 11:30 AM in the church undercroft for social time, lunch at 12:00 and a presentation at 12:30-1:30 PM. The title of the presentation is: The History of Rockville Pike: A 300 Year Journey. Please notify Nora Buckley at 301-564-0689 or norabee@live.com if you can attend and wish to order a lunch. The cost of the lunch is \$10.00.

Craft and Cake Group, This 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)

LOOKING AHEAD

Children's Advent Program Dates

- **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. Please RSVP to sundayschool@ccpk.org
- **Dec. 15th:** Children's Christmas Pageant during the 10 AM Holy Eucharist All Are Welcome at the Manger! Any child attending the 10 AM service is invited to join us at the manger. Come in your own favorite costume or borrow one of ours! We will prepare for the pageant during Children's Chapel on Dec. 1st and 8th, but welcome all on Dec. 15th. Details will be provided in person and via email on Dec. 1st. Questions? Email Ann at sundayschool@ccpk.org.
- **Dec. 24th:** We will offer Nursery Care at our early 5PM service.

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)
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

We remember those serving our country

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

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, Kate McKinley, and Christine Castillo

Those who have died

Robert Cullinane (brother of Chick Cullinane)

Thanksgiving for births

River James Foley (grandniece of Emily Guthrie)

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

Ethan Clausen (12/1),
Prescott Bullard (12/4), &
Aime Keith (12/5)

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
St. Nicholas' Parish, Germantown
Diocesan Latino Ministry
Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion

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 in loving memory of RJ .

The Sanctuary Candle burns to the glory of God.

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Communications

This Week at Christ Church

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

Monday, December 2

7:00 PM Women's Al Anon Mtg.

Tuesday, December 3

9:15 AM Women's Al Anon Mtg.
10:30 AM Women's Al Anon Mtg.
6:30 EfM
7:30 PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, December 4

6:30 PM Evening Prayer w/ Holy Eucharist

Thursday, December 5

11:30AM Prime Timers Luncheon
7:30 AM Cake and Craft Group

Saturday, December 7

9:30 AM Flower Guild
9AM -1PM Parents' Morning Out

Sunday, December 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 Coffee & Education Hour
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 on our parish? To receive our weekly e-announcements, please send an email with your info to 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 an usher.

In Today's Service

Charlie Briggs
Chalicist

John Rowan
Lector

Linda Rowan
Healing Prayer

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