CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 24, 2021 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

You may stream this service from Christ Church's website, YouTube, or Facebook pages

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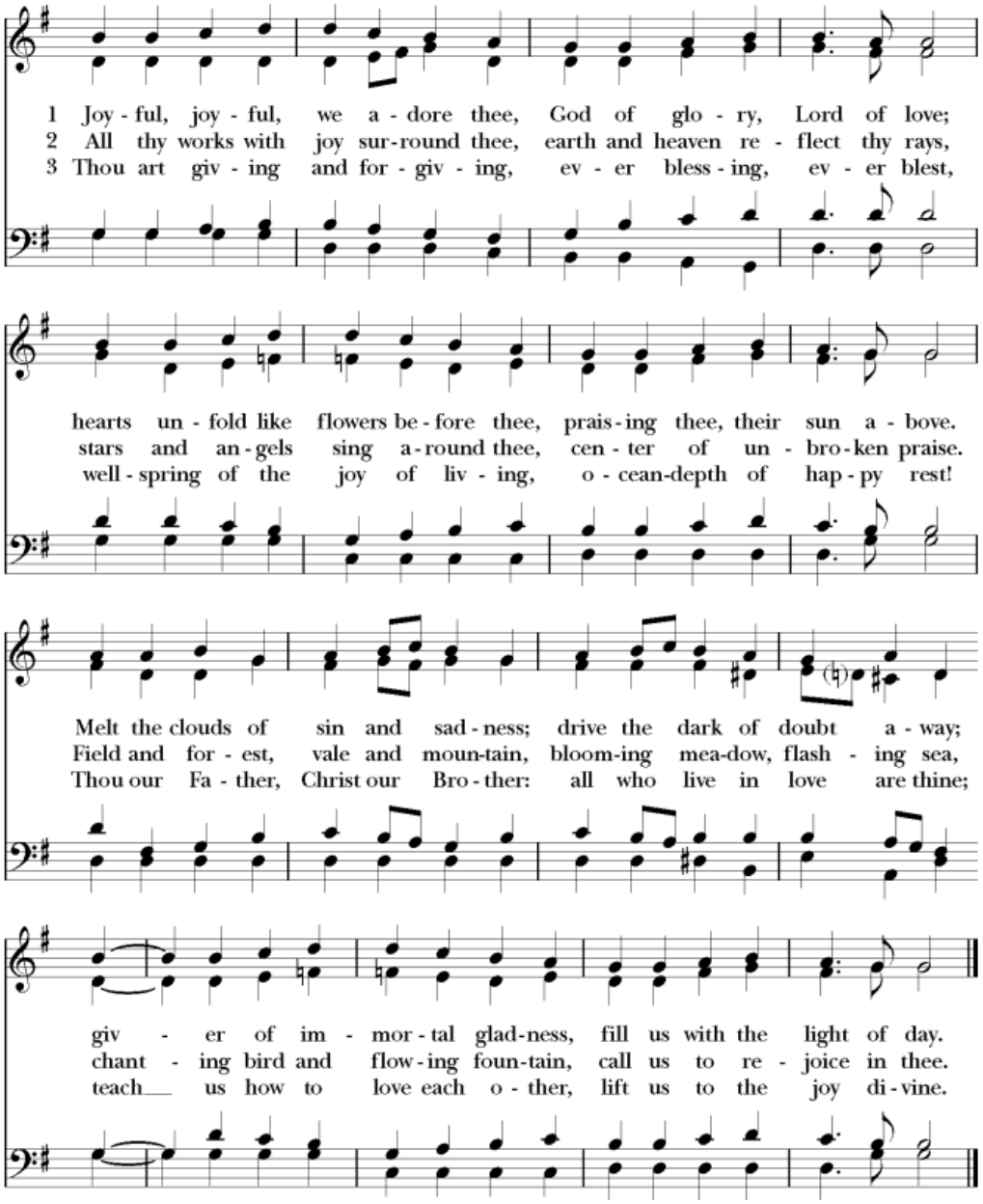
At the 8:00 a.m. service, all music is omitted.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE - *Meditation on Adoro devote* arr. Charles Callahan

OPENING HYMN - 376 Hymn to Joy



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Music: *Hymn to Joy,* Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

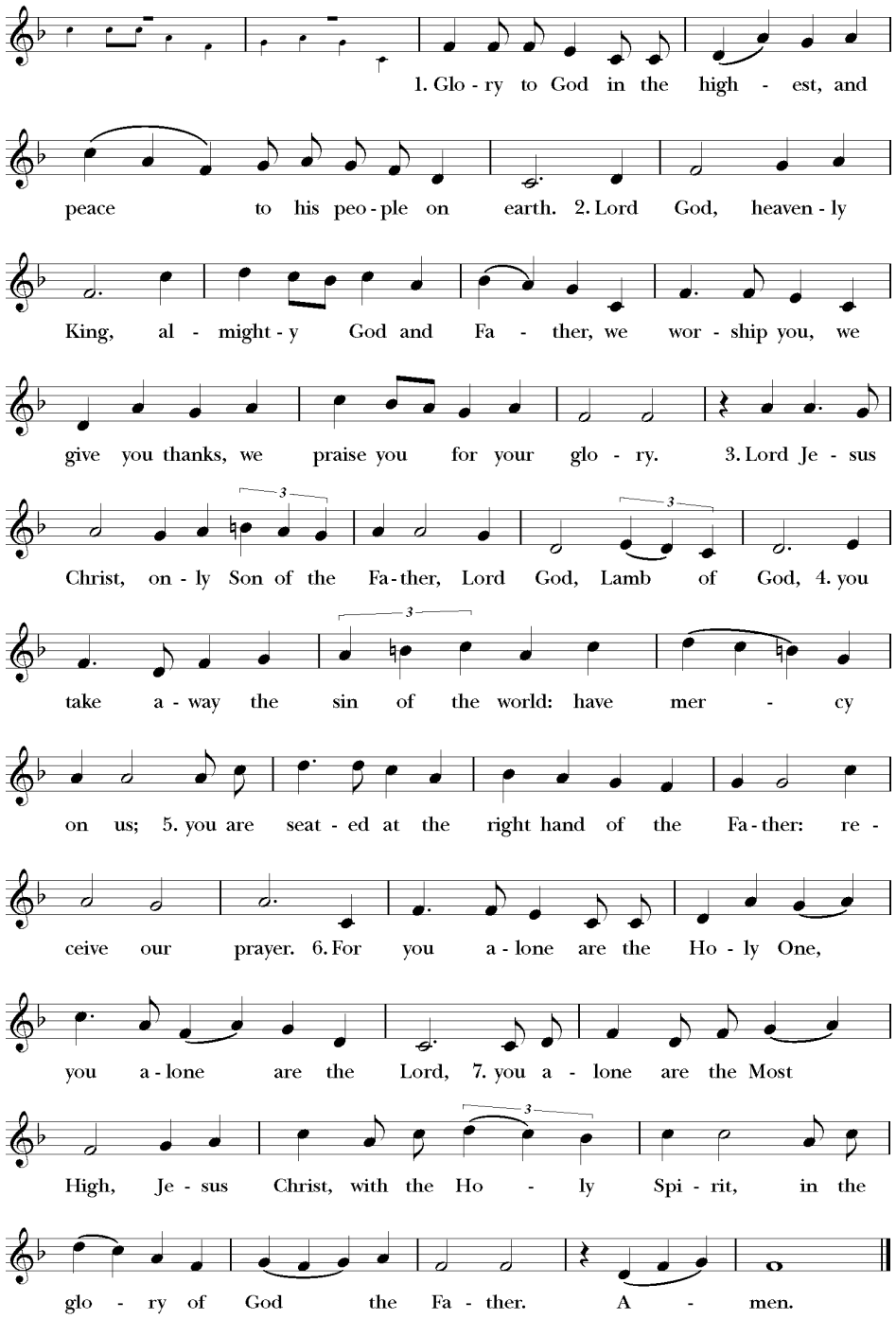
The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Gloria

Robert Powell (1932-)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Job answered the Lord:

"I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
'Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.'
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes."

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 34:1-8, (19-22)

I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

[Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.]

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 7:23-28

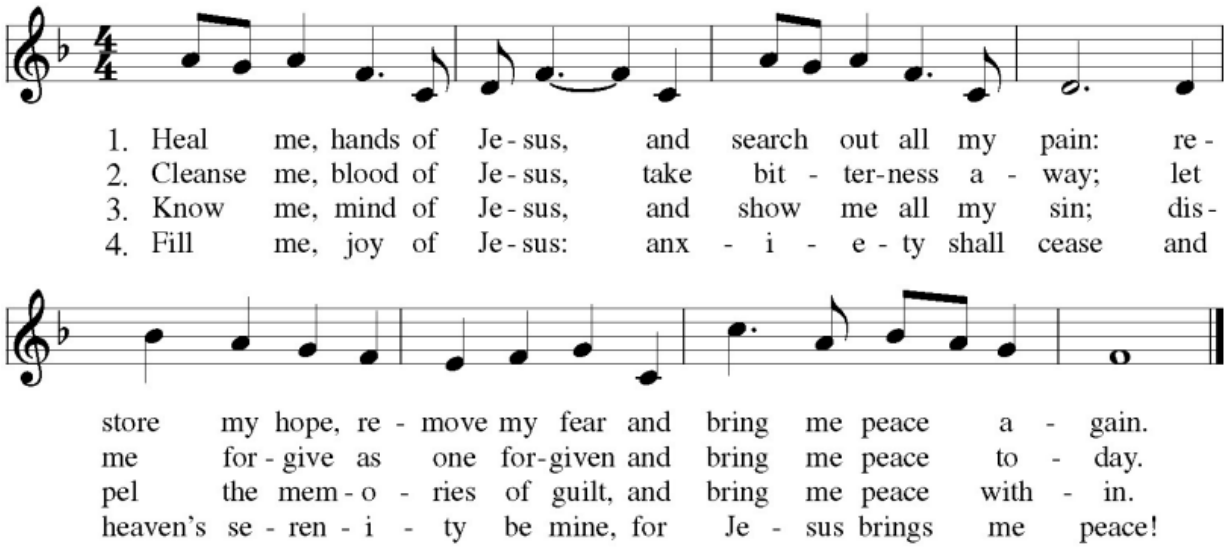
The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN – LEVAS 773 Sharpe



THE GOSPEL Mark 10:46-52

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON The Rev'd Emmanuel Mercer, *Rector*

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

All: **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

As we prayerfully gather, we see that today's readings speak to us with themes of misfortune and abundance, sacrifice and exaltation, and the Lord's mercy and healing touch. Lord, we know that You care for us through all of life and in every circumstance. May our lives always affirm our faith in You. We pray: ***Lord, we will bless you always.***

We ask your blessing on our Vestry as they begin a new year of ministry. We pray that You may provide direction, wisdom, and grace as they strive to do your work here at Christ Church and in the community. Fortify them with patience, good humor, and the confidence that what we truly need will be provided. We pray: ***Lord, we know that You can do all things.***

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we remember the Extra-Provincial Churches. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for All Saints, Frederick; Harriet Chapel, Catoctin Parish; Grace, Brunswick. We lift up Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Bishops; Father Manny, Reverend Marcia, Deacon Denise; and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. We ask your blessing on all our Christ Church staff and volunteers who bless this parish with their work and caring. We pray: ***Lord, we thank you and bless you always.***

We pray for our President, the members of Congress, and all elected leaders throughout the world that Your Holy Spirit may guide them for the good of all your children. We pray: ***Help us, Lord, to be faithful and compassionate like Your Son, Jesus.***

Lord, we remember and lift our oppressed brothers and sisters, fleeing war and violence, seeking refuge, needing sustenance, and meeting their basic human needs. We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit and their caregivers, especially Ritta, Mindy, Bunmi, Frantz, Sam, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Theresa, Nell, Victoria, Jim, Roberta, Kathleen, Ashley & Jeanette, and those you now name. We pray: ***Lord, we pour out our hearts before You, for You are our refuge.***

We pray for those you have called home into eternal life, especially Ana Phillips, Elizabeth Mercer-Ricketts, Eric Lewis, Howard Luehrs, and those you now name. We honor their lives and ask that You ease the pain of those who mourn. We pray: ***I sought the Lord, and he answered me.***

We welcome all newcomers and visitors who worship with us today. May you leave this worship service renewed in faith and strengthened in spirit. We rejoice in celebrating the happy occasions of our church family, especially the birthdays of Amisha, Gavin, Ellen, Brian, Megan, & Fran. We pray: ***We will glory in the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.***

Lord Jesus, as we begin this week, help us to step out with the faith of Bartimaeus and the fortitude of Job. Give us the discernment to continue our 2022 stewardship drive the best way to support the ministries, programs, staff, and buildings that form the foundation for Christ Church work in the world; so that each of us may become, in the words of poet Amanda Gorman, "the love your bright heart brings." ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

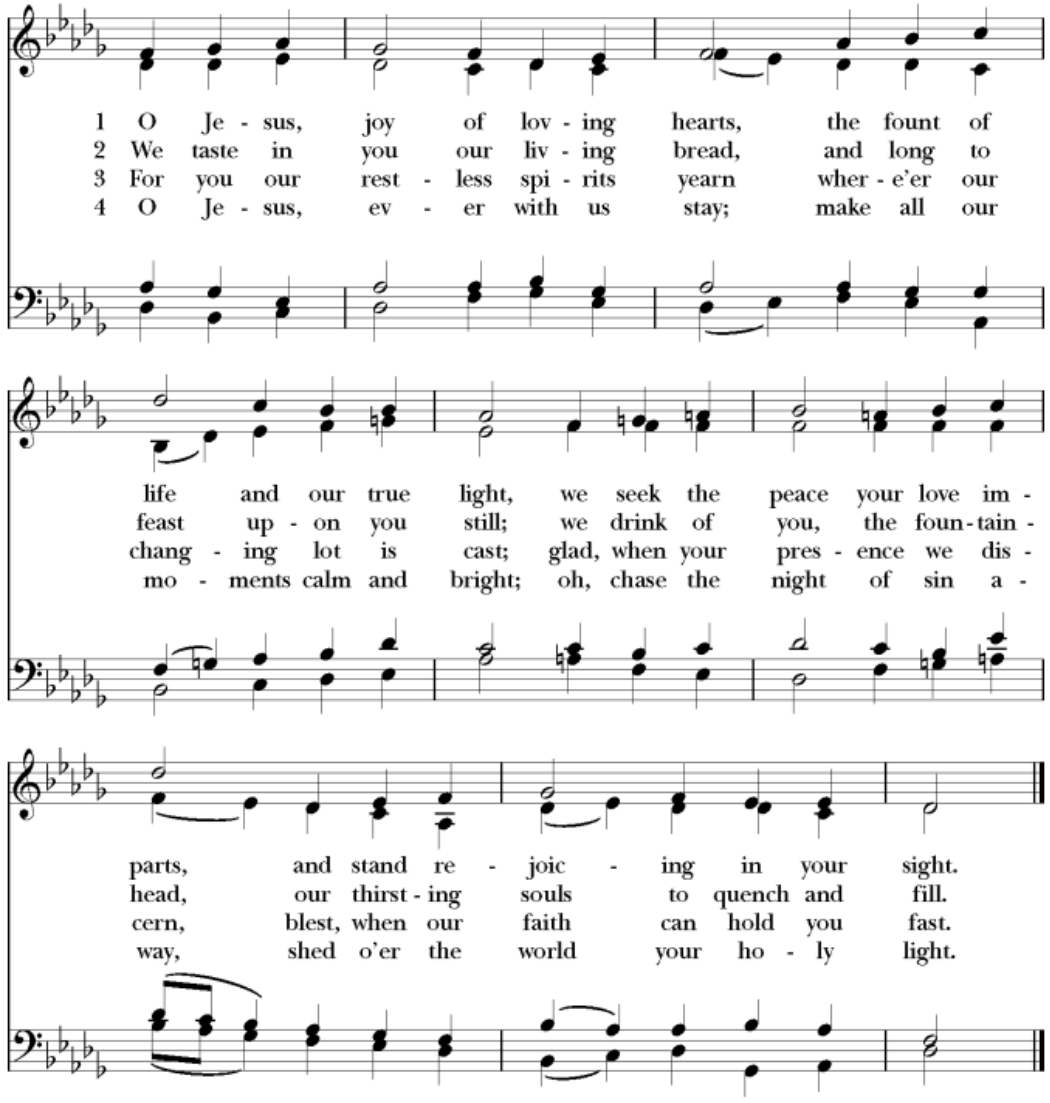
The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN – 649

Dickinson College



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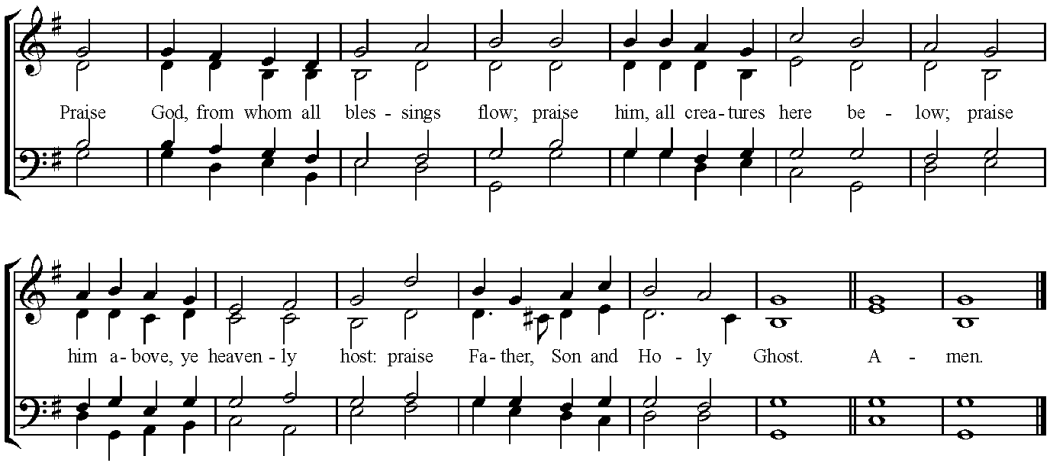


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…

…Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

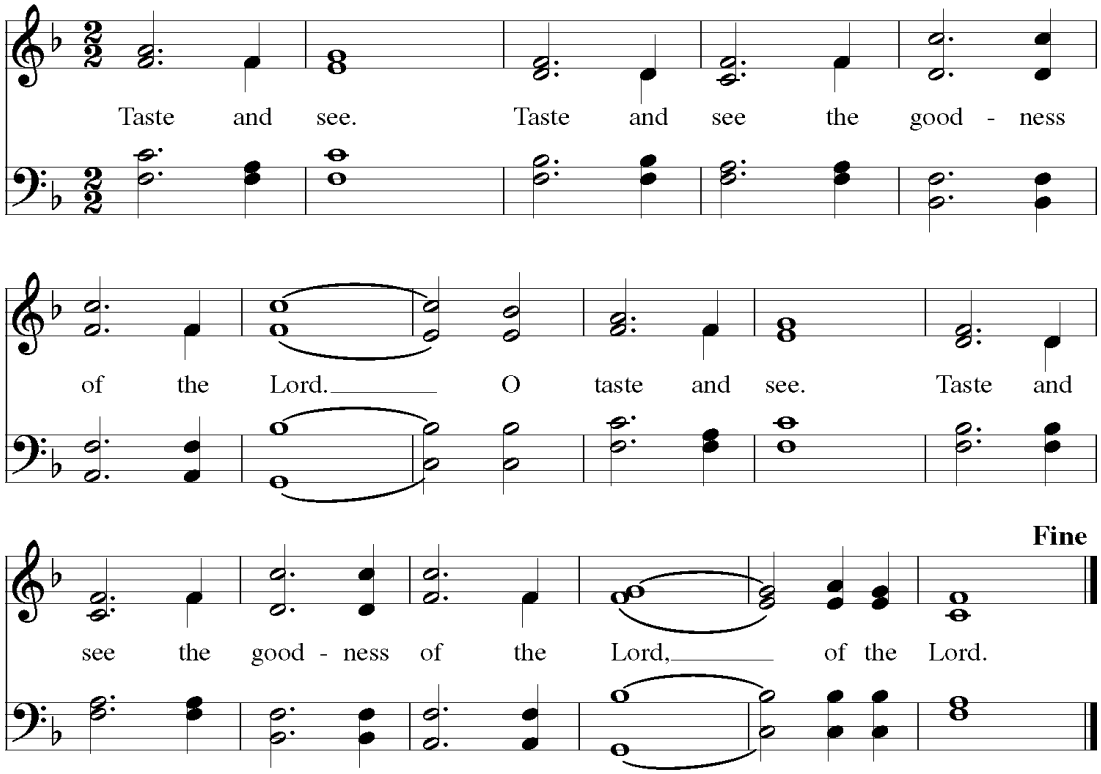
All: **Our Father,**
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM – LEVAS 154 James E. Moore



ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION – *Humbly I adore thee* *Adoro devote,* arr. Schweizer

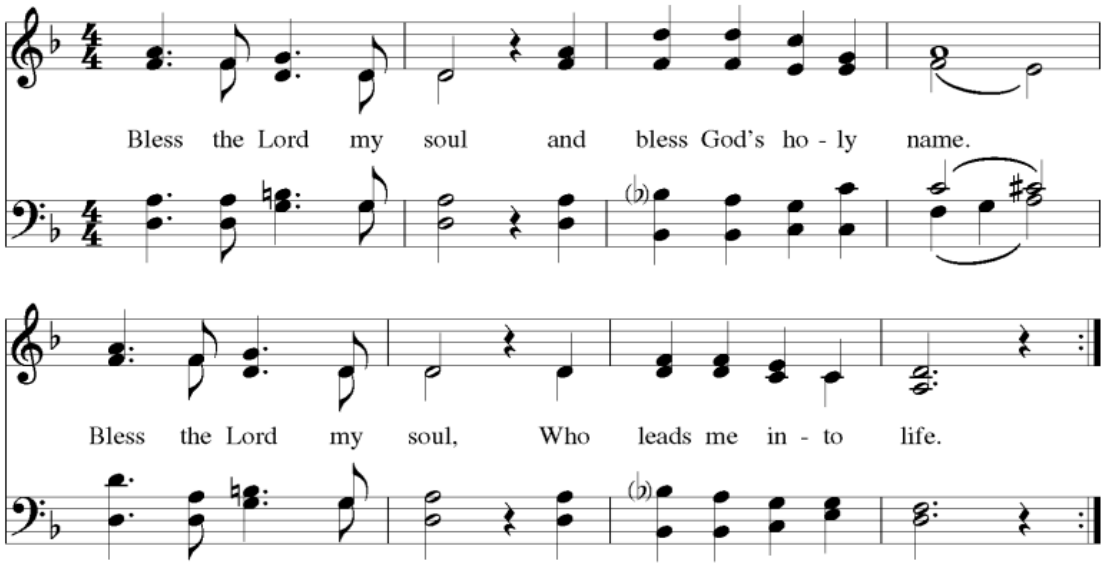
Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,
who thy glory hidest, 'neath these shadows mean;
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;
faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told;
what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;
living Bread that givest all they creatures breath,
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,
to my taste thy sweetness never failing give.

Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold;
face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see,
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

COMMUNION HYMN – WLP 825 Jaques Berthier



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

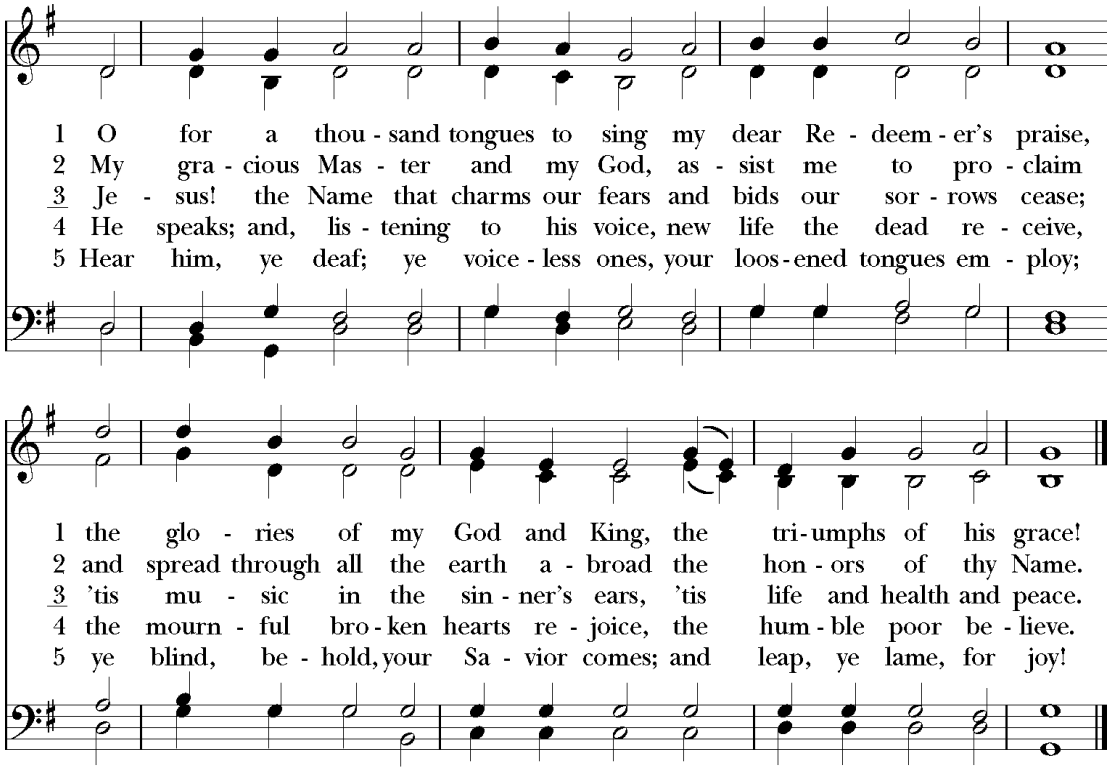
All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN - 493

Azmon



6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

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DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE - *Toccata on Azmon*

arr. Robert Hobby

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pentecost XXII at Christ Church | Join us this Sunday morning, the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, as we will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Our 10:30 service will be livestreamed on our Christ Church website, YouTube, and Facebook pages for those who are joining us remotely. If you'd like to attend in person, just complete the brief attendance form on our website, and please wear your mask at all times while indoors.

Annual Meeting and Election | This past Sunday, we held our Annual Meeting and voted for new Vestry members. I want to thank each and every one of you for being a part of this meeting and for making it a success. I want to congratulate Tim Beaty, Jan DeBoissiere, Isaac Olajide, and Alfred Titus-Glover for their election as new Christ Church Vestry members. My sincere appreciation also goes to Simone Kolnik and George Toth for offering themselves for election as Vestry members this year.

Sunday School | Sunday School takes place each week this fall. The registration form is located here, and you can send them to ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org to enroll your child(ren). Elementary school sessions begin at 9:15 a.m. and you can receive the Zoom link by emailing Jennifer Atkins at dandjatkins@verizon.net. The older youth session begins at 9:30 a.m. and is run by our new Youth Minister, Todd Domer. You can reach Todd at youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org for Zoom details.

Adult Forum: Sunday Circle | Sunday Circle is an in-person, community-circle gathering that meets between worship services from 9:30-10:15 a.m. each Sunday and is located outside when the weather permits, or in Old Brick when it doesn't. Every month, there is a new theme of lessons with opportunities for discussion, sharing, fellowship, and prayers. October's general lesson theme is about Stewardship and Gratitude.

- Oct. 24 - Gifts, Talents, and Fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22, 1 Cor 12:8-10) (lesson link here)
- Oct. 31 - Service and Missions: Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria (Acts 1:8)

We hope that you'll join us for these gatherings. For more information, please contact Jenn Todd Lavanish at jltlavanish@gmail.com

Bible Study: Every Wednesday | Bible Study is back to gathering in person each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and will be a discussion on the readings for that coming Sunday. Next week's gathering focuses on these readings (we are using Track 1 this season). You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and let's all study together. If you're interested, simply gather with us on Wednesday morning in the Great Hall.

Christ Church Book Club: Friday | Our Book Club is gathering virtually this Friday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Our current read is *What Did Jesus Ask?* a collection of essays by theologians and notable people on questions asked by Jesus in the New Testament. You can find this book at the usual retailers. We hope that you'll find time to join us for this engaging and enlightening group discussion. The Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is 894 0227 6226 and the Password is CECbooks. After this book, we will discuss *The Dream of God* by Verna Dozier. We hope that you'll find time to join us for this engaging and enlightening group discussion. Please email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Centering Prayer is Online: Saturday | Perhaps you're not really sure what Centering Prayer is, or whether it's something you would enjoy. Maybe you'd prefer to try it out in the comfort of your own home. Well, now you can! Centering Prayer is now a virtual gathering, and you're welcome to join us from anywhere. Beginning this weekend, Kathy and Adrian will be leading Centering Prayer on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this contemplative prayer gathering, one which allows for shared energy and connectedness that fosters an openness to God's presence. The Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is 812 7402 2854 and Password is Centering!

Christ Church's 32nd Annual Auction Begins in TEN DAYS! | Are you ready?!? The CEC Annual Auction is just 10 days away! Though we can't gather together for our in-person auction in 2021, we hope that every one of you will join us online - and bid often! The bidding for the silent auction will run for one week beginning Saturday, October 30th, but there is also an exciting live auction and raffle drawing on Saturday, November 6th. Please join us from the comfort of your own home for an evening of fun and celebration to support our various in-reach and outreach programs, and to keep paying the bills for our beautiful and vital church. As you know, this is THE major fundraiser for Christ Church each year, and we hope that you'll all join us in bidding... and counter-bidding... and outbidding one another to raise funds for our beloved Christ Church. You can see many of the items that are up for auction here. Everyone is invited to join us, so please invite your friends and family.

Adult Choir and Adult Handbells are in Session | Choral singing and hymn leadership are returning to the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service and ringing bells to embellish hymns are a new staple for this fall! If you've ever been interested in joining our choir, now's that time… and this invitation is open to any adult parishioner. No experience is necessary! Socially distanced and masked rehearsals now take place on Thursday evenings. Please email Len Langrick, our Director of Music, at music@christchurchcolumbia.org to learn more, or to RSVP for rehearsals.

Children's Choir Rehearsals Are Returning | Thank you to everyone who participated in our survey to find the best meeting time for our children/youth choir time at Christ Church for the 2021-22 program year. Based on the findings from the survey, we will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. New singers are also welcome! Len Langrick, our Director of Music, has a passion for working with young people and can't wait to get started! Handbells and chimes will also be included in our rehearsals. Please email Len to learn more, or to RSVP for rehearsals – music@christchurchcolumbia.org

Diocese of Maryland's Delta Phase Update | Howard County is the only Maryland county in the Yellow Phase at this time, and you can read the latest Diocesan message about this here. The entire breakdown of Yellow Phase (Delta variant) guidelines is located here. The Bishops of our Diocese have also released a COVID-19 Vaccination Directive that you can view on this page. Please note that masks are still required indoors at Christ Church as we continue our dialogue with the appropriate organizations and ease restrictions with care and consideration as conditions warrant.

Altar Flowers and Gifts | If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and sign-up sheet online at https://tinyurl.com/CEChaltargifts.

Columbia Community Care Signs Up Volunteers Through December 18th | The all-volunteer organization, Columbia Community Care (CCC), announced last week that it plans to conduct operations outdoors and to keep its three distribution sites at the same locations until Dec. 18, 2021. It has updated its volunteer signup lists for the three sites and suggests that volunteers consider giving a hand.

"Please sign up if you can! We love our volunteers!" leaders of CCC posted on Oct. 16 at the CCC Group on Facebook. If you decide to answer their call, you can sign up there or on the CCC website by clicking the section called "I can help."

CCC distributes one day a week, on Saturdays, when volunteers are asked to begin their shifts at 9 a.m. Hours for recipients are 10 am to noon.

The distribution sites are at Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Road; at Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct., and at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., all in Columbia. One or more locations are likely to vary during winter as distribution moves indoors, while remaining in compliance with pandemic protocols.

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At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting CCC in various ways. Our point of contact for CCC is Violet Smith, who takes our donated goods to Wilde Lake, where organizers can reallocate them as needed to the other sites.

On Oct. 20, CCC told supporters that diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6 are in particularly short supply. As usual, parishioners are asked to donate baby items, such as diapers and wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers.

Please put any of these items in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. You can drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open but suggest calling the office (410) 381-9365 ahead of time.

SAFE Offers Gluten-Free Food at Its CCC-Partner Site on October 23rd | The SAFE Food Pantry, a nonprofit organization that helps people who require gluten-free and allergy-friendly groceries, will be at the CCC site at Oakland Mills Middle School on Saturday, Oct. 23. The SAFE table operates on the same timeframe as the CCC site: Volunteers and donation dropoff begins at 9 a.m.; food distribution goes from 10 a.m. to noon. If you have gluten-free or other safe foods to donate, you can bring them without making advance arrangements. Or, if you or others whom you know need these items, please come to OMMS. For more information, please call or text a SAFE volunteer at 443-741-1060.

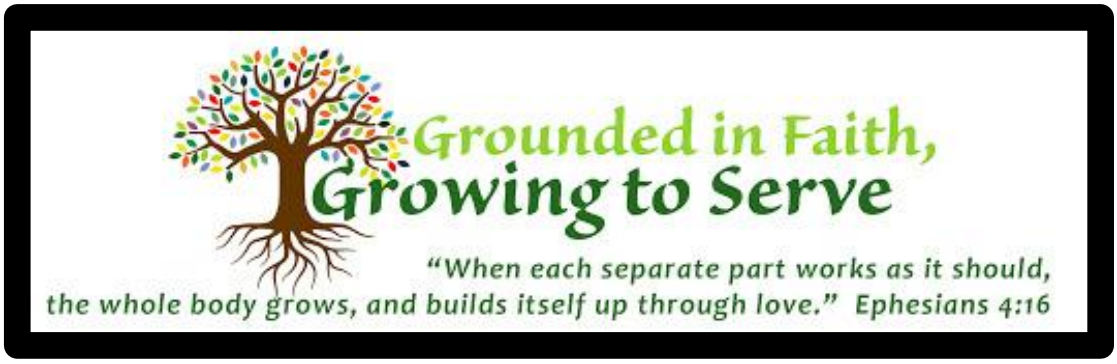
Another way to obtain food from SAFE is through its partnership with the Howard County Food Bank. Clients of the food bank can receive pre-bagged, non-allergenic food items when they check in for their monthly visits.

Donate Personal Care and Cleaning Supplies for FISH in Bin on our Breezeway | Organizers for FISH of Howard County request household cleaning supplies such as liquid dish soap, bleach, and cleanser as well as personal items such as deodorant, shampoo, and bath soaps. The bin is on the breezeway between Old Brick and the Parish Hall.

DreamBuilders are Planning a Trip to Puerto Rico in January! | DreamBuilders is in the planning stages for a trip to Puerto Rico during the week of January 9-15, 2022, to repair homes damaged by hurricanes and earthquakes. We were not able to go last year due to COVID restrictions, but in 2019, we were able to help rebuild two homes, working with our St. Bernard Project (SBP) partners. They are once again allowing volunteers to come to the island and work through them, as there are many still in need of help. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Cathy Gold or Stacey Frith to let us know.

In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.

James and Seiko Shields |The memorial Eucharist and burial of James and Seiko Shields has been scheduled at Christ Church on November 20, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Additional details will be shared as more information becomes available.



2022 Stewardship Campaign
Pledge Cards are Now Available

Thank you for supporting our 2021 campaign!

We are very excited about Christ Church's 2022 Stewardship Campaign. As we all know, the past couple of years have been terribly difficult for everyone, but through it all, each one of you has been very generous to your beloved Christ Church. We mailed out our Annual Stewardship Pledge Cards to you this month and we hope that you will join us on November 7th for our Pledge Sunday celebration. In addition to that, you can also pledge online at www.christchurchcolumbia.org. We will also have pledge cards in the narthex. It is our hope that you will prayerfully consider your support to Christ Church throughout the coming year.
Our most recent Monthly Budget Report can be read here.

Text Giving

You can now give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text CECGIVING to 73256, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

Online Giving

You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing towards your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our overview page for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org

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