

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

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THE WORD OF GOD

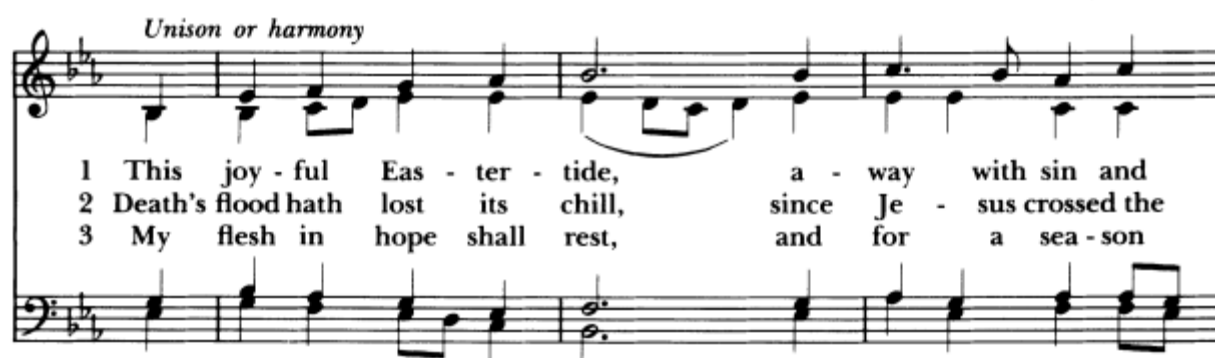
PRELUDE – Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

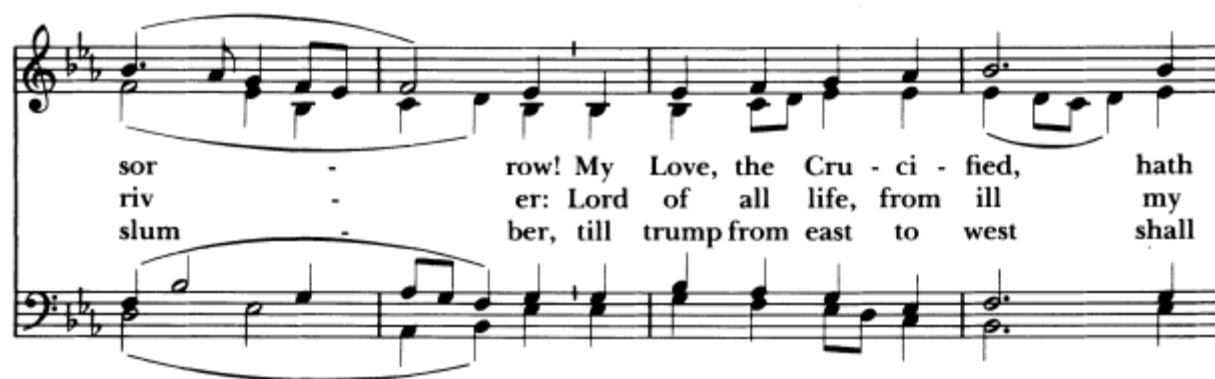
OPENING HYMN 192 – This Joyful Eastertide

Vruechten

Unison or harmony



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son



sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain



sprung to life this mor - row.
pass - ing life de - liv - er, Had Christ, that once was
wake the dead in num - ber.

1. Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-ters; you are worthy of praise; glo-ry to you.

2. Glo-ry to you for the rad-i-ance of your ho-ly Name; we will praise you and highly ex-alt you for ev-er.

3. Glo-ry to you in the splendor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jesty, glo-ry to you.

4. Glo-ry to you, seated be-tween the Cher-u-bim; we will praise you and highly ex-alt you for ev-er.

5. Glo-ry to you, be-holding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glo-ry to you.

6. Glo-ry to you, Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will praise you and highly ex-alt you for ev-er.

OPENING COLLECT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A READING FROM ACTS 5:27-32

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:14-29

Confitemini Domino

The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

"You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures forever.

Reader: A reading from Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 206 – O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Antiphon (at the beginning)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
 3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
 4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
 5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
 6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
 2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
 3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
 4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
 5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
 6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant: 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 Marcia Davenport, *Associate Priest*

The people stand as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, Father of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, hear these prayers of your people gathered here today.

Jesus' disciple Thomas had to see for himself that Jesus had risen, and we heard Jesus' patient responses as Thomas struggled with how to believe. We humbly ask your patience with us as we each work through believing in you and in all that you have promised us. Together we pray, ***Risen Lord, be with us.***

Lord, giver of life and of hope, we pray for people everywhere who are afraid for their lives or for those they love, whether from violence, sickness, starvation, disaster, poverty, war, or other causes of fear in our world. We claim the promise of your presence in the darkest days and hours of our lives, as we struggle to face what is before us. In our parish family, we pray for those ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially Bill, Mia, Megan, Roberta, Mildred, Jim, Kathleen, Chad, Caroline, Catherine, Mary Ann, Sherry, Rena, Kandi, Bradley, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those we now name, silently or aloud. We pray for those we love who have died, especially Corinne Page Belcher that they may share in your eternal kingdom and those we each remember. Together we pray, ***Risen Lord, be with us.***

We pray for our leaders: in our nation, in every nation, in every circumstance, that their hearts and minds be open to your guidance toward right decisions and actions for the people who follow them or who are subject to their authority or affected by their decisions. We pray fervently for peace in Ukraine and in every war-torn or violence-filled nation and community around the world. We pray for refugees everywhere and give thanks for the people who help them build new lives. Together we pray, ***Risen Lord, be with us.***

We give thanks for the work of people in churches throughout the world. We pray for Christ Church, for newcomers and visitors with us today, for our clergy, and for our lay leaders. We give special thanks for members of Christ Church's choir, whose beautiful voices lift our spirits. In the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, we pray today for the congregations St. Anne's, Annapolis; St. Luke's, Eastport and St. Margaret's, Annapolis. In the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for the congregations and leaders in The Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea. Together we pray, ***Risen Lord, be with us.***

In today's psalm, we heard the words "The Lord is my strength and my song." May everyone celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week feel your joy and strength as they welcome the beginning of a new year. In our parish family, we rejoice with Phillip. Together we pray, ***Risen Lord, be with us.***

Lord, "Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's body may show forth in their lives what they confess by their faith." In this Easter season, and in all the days to come, we pray that this may be so in our lives. ***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

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING – Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jamaican tune, arr. Bradley Ellingboe

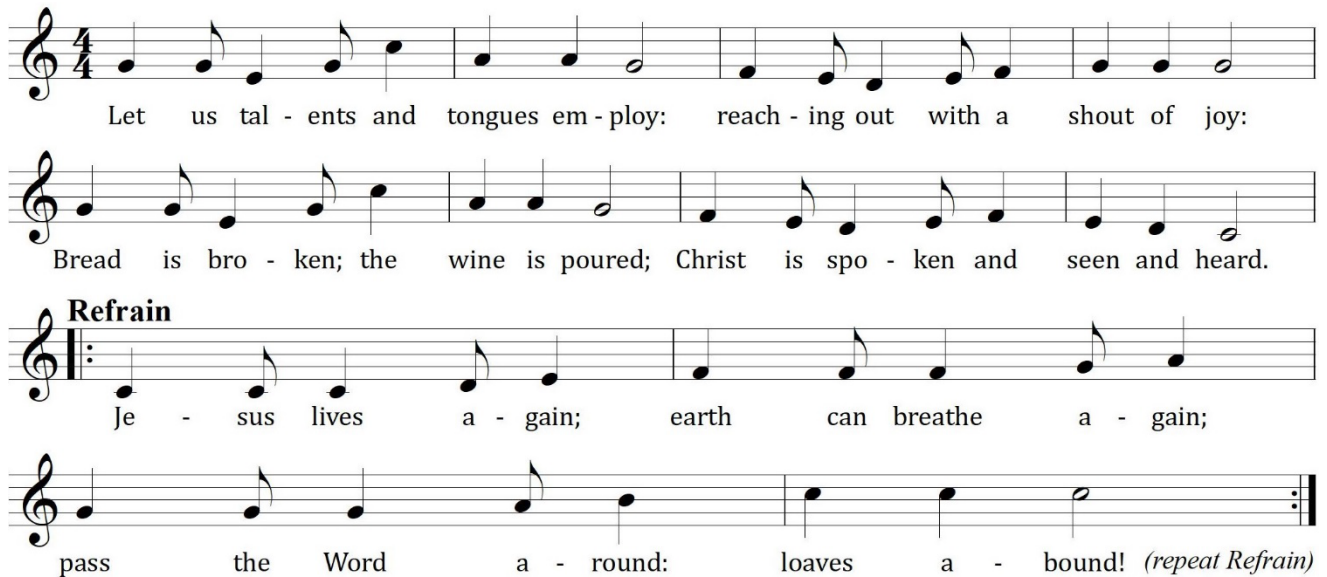
*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

*Christ is able to make us one, at the table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

PRESENTATION HYMN VF 79, V. 1

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Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy: reach - ing out with a shout of joy:

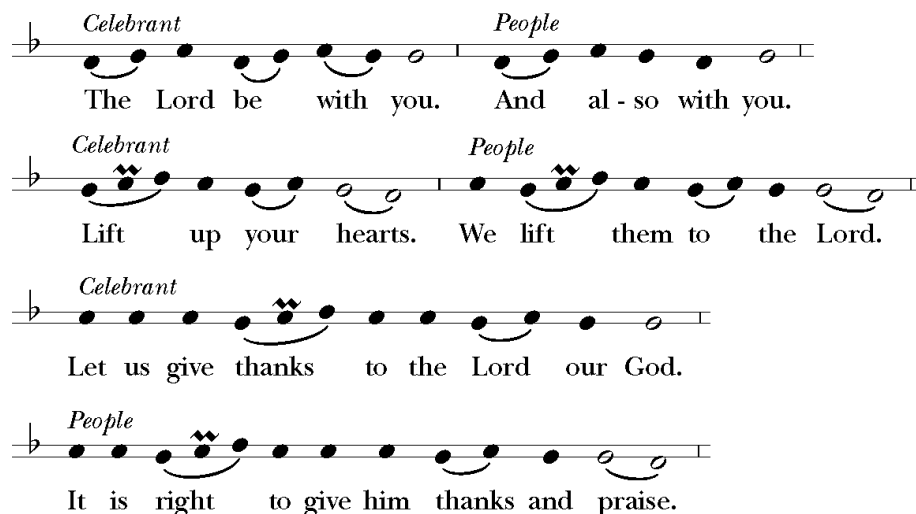
Bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured; Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Je - sus lives a - gain; earth can breathe a - gain;

pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound! (repeat Refrain)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B



Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

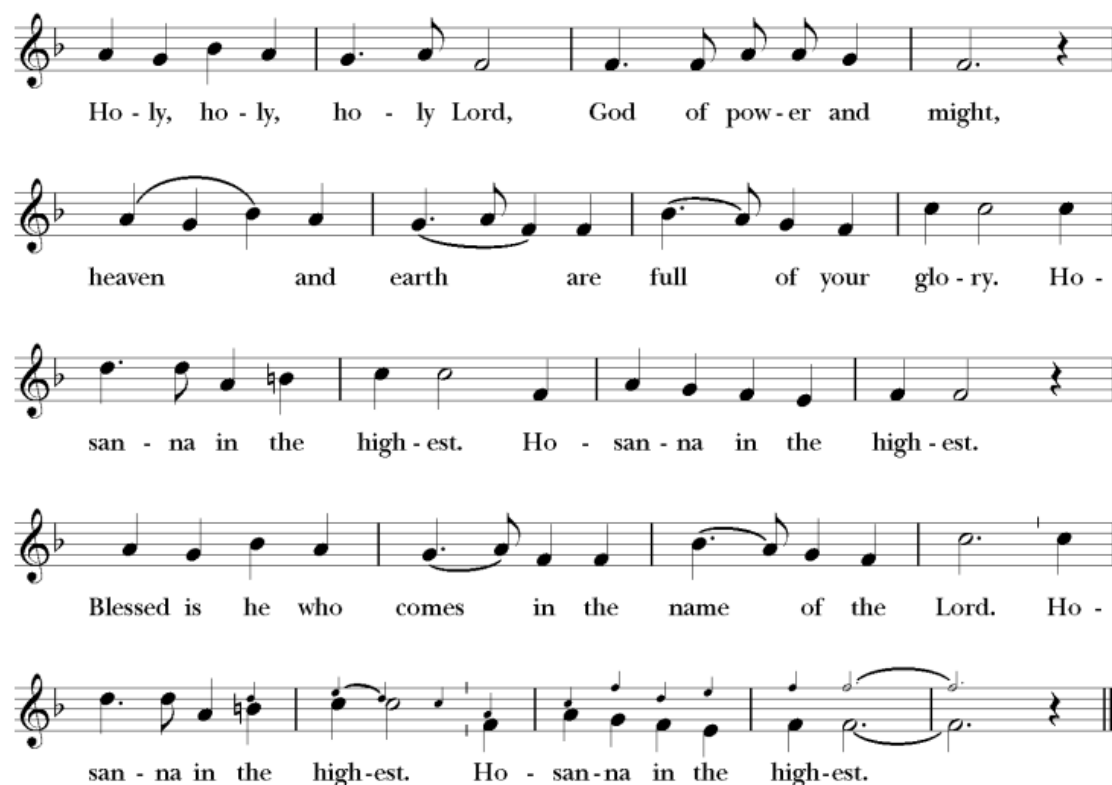
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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



Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

People: **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,
forever 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 S 163 – Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN 193 – That Easter Day

Puer Nobis

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to
1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther
1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

CLOSING HYMN 209 – We Walk by Faith

St. Botolph

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – Introduction-Choral (Suite Gothique)

Leon Boellmann
Ola Oladipupo, organ

*Today's altar flowers were donated by Olumatoyin Fatogun
in loving memory of Tomisin Alabi.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

Formation Returns this Sunday | Youth and Adult Formation classes resume today, so join us downstairs for Sunday Circle or on Zoom for Sunday School. Details are in our weekly Zoom email.

Sign Up for Coffee Hour! | Coffee Hour is back! The Green Omicron phase permits us to resume activities where we serve food. This includes our Coffee Hour, and so we hope you'll join us for refreshments and fellowship time between services this Sunday, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. If you'd like to help by providing light refreshments for a future Coffee Hour, **please sign up using this link** or scan the QR code that's on the Coffee Hour posters in the Narthex.

We're in Need of a Few Tellers | Christ Church is in need of a few more tellers to assist with the counting of offerings, donations, and pledges. This process takes place after the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday, but each Teller is only needed about every month or so. Please speak with Yetti Lipede on Sunday mornings, or email her at ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org if you might be interested in telling.

Centering Prayer – Mondays | Centering Prayer takes place every Monday at 7 p.m. and is a form of contemplation, a method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. We invite you to log in, see what Centering Prayer is all about, and how it can find a unique and valuable space in your own life. The Zoom link is **here**, Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

Choir Rehearsals Resume Next Week | Both choirs pick up again next week, with the Children's Choir meeting on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Adult Choir on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. If you've ever been interested in joining our choir, now's that time... and this invitation is open to every parishioner. No experience is necessary. Generally, Please email music@christchurchcolumbia.org to learn more.

Lectionary Bible Study – Wednesdays | Bible Study takes place on Zoom each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., discussing and reflecting on the readings for the coming Sunday. Our next gathering's readings are located **at LectionaryPage.net**. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and we'll all study and learn together. The Zoom link is **here**, Meeting ID is **885 9287 2661** and the Password is **CECBible**.

New Announcement Deadline | To improve our printing and publishing workflow in the office, we need to have announcement submissions in hand a bit earlier in the future. To try and have every announcement included in the Thursday *Gatherings* email and Sunday service leaflet each week, please email your announcement or ministry updates to Chris at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by early afternoon on Wednesdays. Thank you.

CEC Book Club – Fridays | The CEC Book Club is back this Friday at 7:30 p.m. with our continuing discussion of the book *Why I Believe in a Personal God: The Credibility of Faith in a Doubting Culture* by George Carey. We always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering, so if you enjoy curling up with an insightful read and discussing it with others, log in! For about an hour, we discuss a specified section of the current book and plan future readings and ideas. The Zoom link is [here](#), the Meeting ID is **894 0227 6226**, the Password is **CECbooks**.

WOCC Spring News & Updates | Lots of WOCC news and updates for the spring! On Saturday, April 23rd, we'll be meeting at the Robinson Nature Center to have lunch and conversation followed by a walk through their trails. We'll meet at the outside tables near the Center's front door. It's free to use the trails, and if you want to visit the exhibits, it will cost \$5. Bring your lunch, and join us for a spring walk! We will be having our May Tea on May 12th at 11:30, in Sweet Simplici-Tea in Sykesville. We'll have lots more info about this WOCC tradition soon, so stay tuned! And on Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th, and we will be keeping to our tradition of wearing hats to the Sunday services. We want to capture pictures of ladies in hats after each service to include on our blog page. If you intend to attend the service online that day, you can still participate by sending our Communications Administrator, Chris, a picture of you in your hat for posting. Chris's address is communications@christchurchcolumbia.org. Please visit the WOCC Blog on our website page for the entire spring schedule, or visit tinyurl.com/WOCC-April

Columbia Community Care Seeks Volunteers for Its Distribution Sites | The all-volunteer organization, **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) is recruiting volunteers to help staff its three distribution sites on Saturday mornings. The shifts last from 9 a.m. to noon. Besides helping our less-fortunate neighbors, you can seize a multi-generational opportunity by choosing to volunteer with CCC. For example, in Oakland Mills, a father and daughter sometimes sign up to work together. Groceries and produce are distributed at three sites: Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct.; Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., and at the Barn/Teen Center indoor space in the Oakland Mills Village Center, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, all in Columbia. Recipients are welcomed from 10 a.m. to noon, and one volunteer slot at each location is for a translator. Other roles are listed as set up, sorter, and greeter. Signups are posted through June 25th according to neighborhood site: **Long Reach**, **Wilde Lake**, and **Oakland Mills**. You'll find updates, such as tasks needed at specific locations, on the **CCC Facebook Group**. As a hint of the camaraderie that develops among workers, you're just as likely to find birthday greetings and shout-outs to long-term volunteers. At Christ Church, Violet Smith is our representative and is responsible for taking parishioners' donated items to a CCC site for distribution on Saturdays. Members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask everyone to continue supporting CCC by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Please put them in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall.

Consider Designating FISH or Another Favorite Charity on Amazon | You've seen the request from **FISH of Howard County** for a continuing supply of cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill its shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. We appreciate your pitching in. But did you know there is another good way to help that doesn't require pushing a shopping cart in a supermarket? Even as the pandemic wanes, many of us have grown accustomed to ordering online from Amazon. Through AmazonSmile, the company's foundation makes a contribution of .5% of every purchase on the site to the customer's designated charity. It's a small amount but volume matters, and the nonprofits who participate tell us it truly makes a difference. You can designate only one, but we are highlighting several from which you may wish to choose. FISH, which is an all-volunteer organization, helps impoverished households in several ways ranging from energy assistance to food drop-offs utilizing donations from Christ Church and others in Howard County. On its website, **FISH explains how to utilize AmazonSmile**. Another participating organization is **Community Action Council of Howard County**, which oversees the Howard County Food Bank and several other initiatives to help those in need, and the **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center**. Grassroots oversees the Day Resource Center at the Dorsey Center in Jessup and the live-in facility on Freetown Road where Christ Church provides a midday and an evening meal, respectively, on the second Monday of every month. Please lift up your prayers for the volunteers and nonprofit employees who do their best to help those in need.

Afghan Refugee Family Update | Upcoming events with “our” Afghan refugee family: The Muslim holy period of Ramadan ends with the holiday Eid al Fitr, which begins this year after sundown on May 1st. Eid al Fitr is a day when Muslim families traditionally exchange and receive gifts, and we’re planning to give our Afghan family a basket of small gifts from Christ Church. If you would like to make a contribution to the cost of these gifts, please visit the “**Stewardship**” or “**Outreach**” tabs on the Christ Church website, select *Refugee Ministry*, and put “Eid basket” in the *Memo* section. All parishioners are invited to meet the family on Sundays, May 8th and May 22nd, during receptions for them here at Christ Church, between the 8:00 and 10:30 services.

Vacation Bible School Registration is Open | Summer is coming... and so is Vacation Bible School, back at Christ Episcopal Church for 2022! At VBS, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and friends! Snacks and refreshments will be served daily.

VBS will be held the week of June 27th to July 1st from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for all children ages 3 (must be potty-trained) through 5th grade. After the 10:30 a.m. July 3rd service, we'll have a celebration with ice cream and snacks for all participants.

Registrations are due by Saturday, June 18th, so visit **the VBS page of the Christ Church website**. The cost is \$20 per child or \$50 per family, and there’s a link for processing this on the VBS page. Scholarships are available for those in need. Volunteers are more than welcome, so come and have fun with us! Email us at **ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org** if you're interested in registering your child, want to help us with the program, or if you have any questions about the registration process.

WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank ***YOU***. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us.

We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness. Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving, and so as we celebrate the season of giving, we want to highly encourage all who have not fully completed their pledge for 2021 to remember their faithfulness. We also want to appeal to all who have not as yet returned their pledge for 2022 to remember their faithfulness.

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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