



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, July 13, 2025 | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE | Berceuse '*Vingt-Quatre pieces en style libre*'

Louis Vierne

OPENING HYMN 410 | Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Descant for use with unison singing

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OPENING ACCLAMATION |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON | Amos 7:7-17

Reader: *A reading from Amos.*

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.
You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

Therefore thus says the Lord:

'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,
and your land shall be parceled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

THE PSALM

Psalm 82 | *Dens stetit*

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
"How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?
Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;
Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'
Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

THE EPISTLE | Colossians 1:1-14

Reader: *A reading from Colossians.*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

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For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

THE SERMON | Rev. Emmanuel Ato 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 worshipped 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 |

Lord of all peoples, we praise You and are grateful for Your Presence in this holy place as we gather --- young and old, parishioner and newcomer, believer and searcher ---- in Your Name. We have been forgiven, redeemed as God's own people, and sealed with the Holy Spirit. Open our minds to see Your way more clearly and our hearts to share Your love and compassion wherever we may be, as we pray: **"Let the King of glory dwell within us."**

The Talmud tells us that "he who saves one life...it is as if he saves a whole world." As we consider the problems in the world, our nation, and our community, Lord, give us the courage to not lose heart but to continue to labor in Your vineyard seeing the Face of God in our brothers and sisters throughout this world which belongs to You. We pray: **"Let the King of glory dwell within us."**

We pray for the work of the worldwide Church. In the Anglican Communion, we lift up The Church of North India (United). In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for our sister Parishes. We ask Your grace and blessing on Presiding Bishop, Sean; Diocesan Bishop, Carrie; Rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard, Marcia, and Rebecca; and Seminarian, Mike. We pray: **"Let the King of glory dwell within us."**

We remember those who have gone to the house of their eternal Father and rest in His love, especially, Roberta Akillian, Madrainne Johnson & Nicholas Hrinkevich, and those you now name. Lord, hold close to You all those who grieve as we pray: **"Let the King of glory dwell within us."**

We lift up all who are experiencing suffering of mind, body, or spirit, as well as their caregivers. We ask for healing and comfort for Jeanne, Rachan, Sherry, Emmy & Danielle, and those you now name. Strengthen them by the power of Your Holy Spirit as we pray: **"Let the King of glory dwell within us."**

With hearts filled with gratitude, we celebrate the birthdays of Ainsley, Kyle, Bill, Catherine, Shahra & Dee, and the wedding anniversaries of Alexia & Ron Couch and Donna & Thomas Day. We pray: **"Let the King of glory dwell within us."**

Lord, in the coming week, help us to remember that we have received a blessing from You and have been redeemed. We ask that You guide our steps and deepen our awareness of Your Presence in our lives. In Jesus' Name we pray. **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION |

Celebrant: 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.**

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 516 | Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

Please scan to give.



1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho-ly, ho - ly, - ho-ly, ho - ly - ho-ly - Lord God - of hosts -

- Heav-en and earth - are - filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in - the -

high - est - ! Bless-ed is the One who - comes in the name - of the Lord, -

- of the Lord - Ho - san - na - in the high - est, Ho - san-na

in - the - high - est. -

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."

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 |

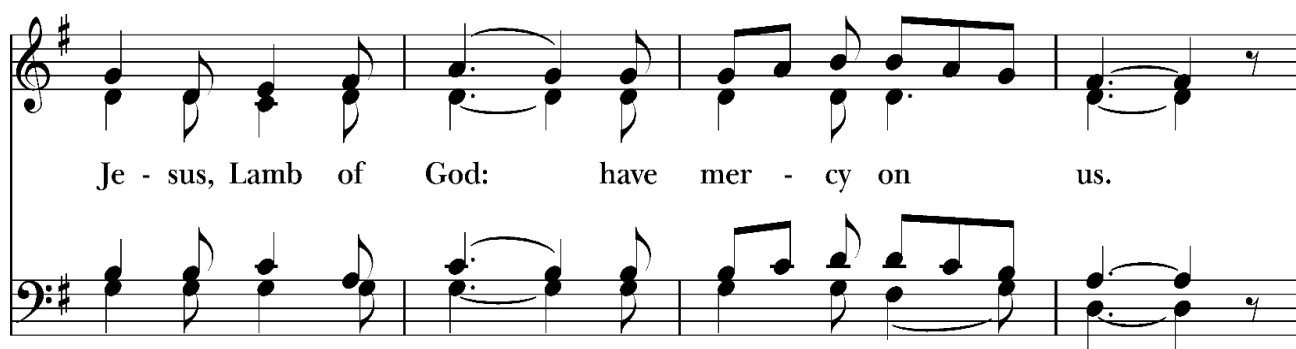
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, forever and ever. Amen.

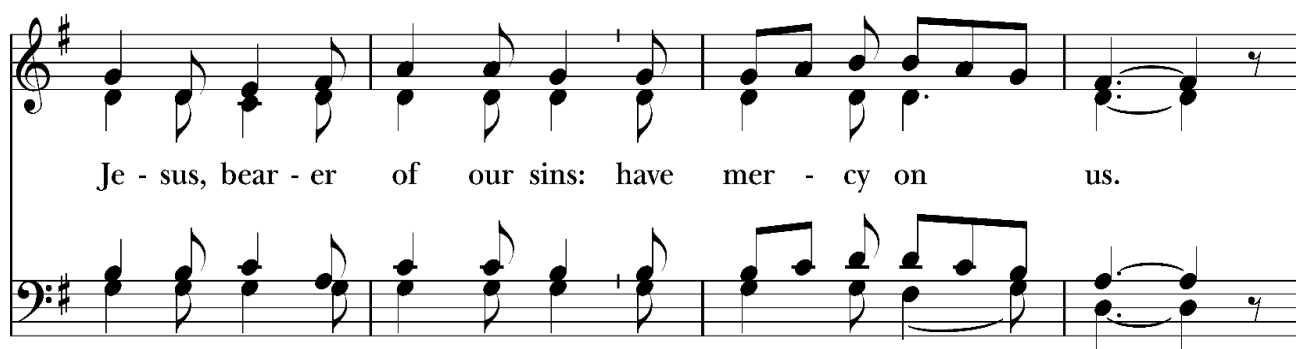
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

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

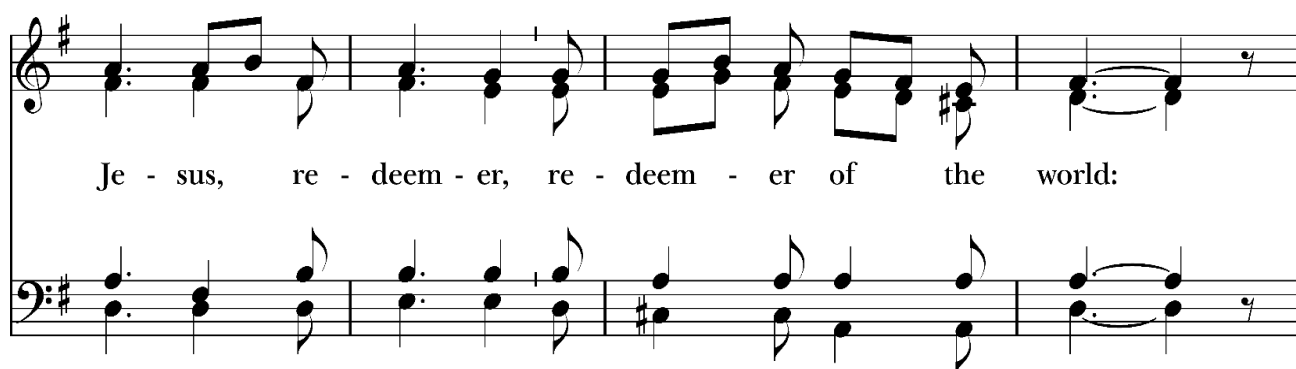
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

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.

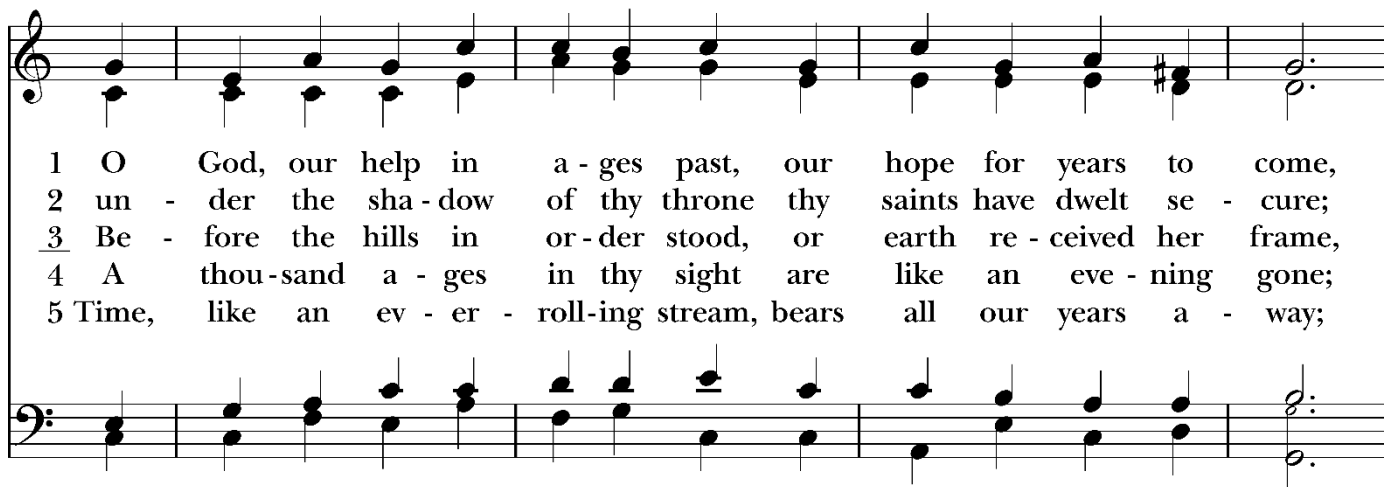
EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8 & 10:30 a.m. service

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.

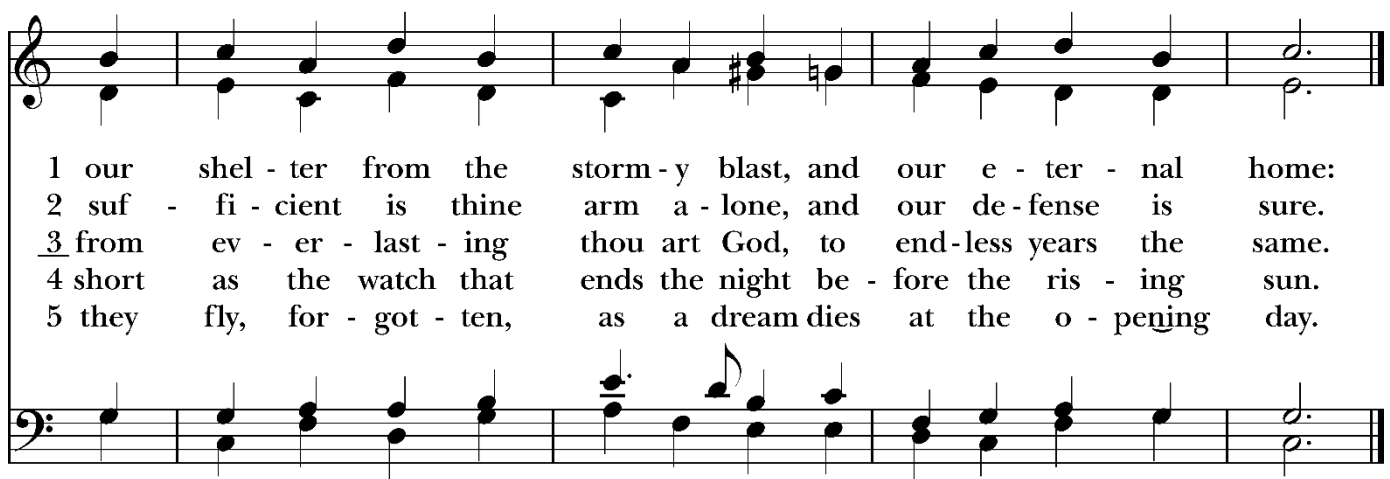
People: We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING |

The Celebrant offers a blessing, and the People respond Amen.



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

THE DISMISSAL |

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

POSTLUDE | Verset I 'In the Glory of the Invalides'

Marcel Dupré

Assisting in Worship Today

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Diane Phillips LaGuerre

Chalicerist: Dione Mahoney

Ushers: Michon Semon, Nancy Winchester

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Theo Jones-Quartey

Chalicerist: Cheryl Lucente, Theo Jones-Quartey

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams,
Cherry Williams, Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah

Altar Guild

Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah, Kathy Simms, Jai Fatodu

Tellers

Amanda Kirkpatrick, Andy Delong

PARISH CALENDAR

JULY 13 – 19, 2025

Monday, July 14

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off – Parish Hall, lower level
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-off – Parish Hall, lower level
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Outreach Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, lower level

Tuesday, July 15

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Christ Church Yoga Summer Camp – New Brick, lower level

Wednesday, July 16

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, July 17

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Christ Church Yoga Summer Camp – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, July 18

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream

Saturday, July 19

9:00 – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
9:30 – 11:30 am	MOCC Breakfast – Silver Diner
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild prep – Old Brick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to share with the church,
Please send to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & LINKS

Parish Beautification Day - This Sunday Afternoon

Please stay following the 10:30 service this Sunday, July 13th, as we'll freshen things up around the campus from 12 noon to about 3:00 p.m. Many hands make lighter work (it's really true!), and so rain or shine, we'll begin by fueling up with a quick lunch in the lower level of New Brick and then split into groups to handle different projects.

Even if you only have an hour or two to spare, we can certainly use that help as well. All ages are encouraged to join us - no experience required! Just bring work gloves and a water bottle, and we'll provide the rest of what's needed to make our beloved parish buildings and grounds look their best!

Can't help today? Please let us know if you're willing to lend a hand at other times. Email us at buildingsandgrounds@christchurchcolumbia.org, and we'll find a place for you.

Centering Prayer - Monday

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God, a gathering that takes place every Monday. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. We are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **817 6254 3177**, and the Passcode is **CP**. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church.

300th Anniversary Calendar Meeting - July 19

All those involved in planning our 300th Anniversary are encouraged to gather for a special meeting on Saturday, July 19th at 12:00 noon in the Great Hall. This meeting will help us merge the worship and events that have been planned by each committee for the anniversary. We hope that you will all join us for a great conversation and planning session. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, so we will have lots for everyone to enjoy as we meet and plan. This will be a hybrid meeting, so if you are unable to join us in person, you can use the Zoom link that will be provided in next week's communications.

Parish Festival and Ministry Fair - August 24

The Christ Church Parish Festival & Ministry Fair, an annual tradition, is back! There's only one worship service that day, August 24th, so join us in the New Brick sanctuary at 10:00 a.m., followed by a fantastic festival of faith, food, fellowship, and FUN! We'll have BBQ goodies, fun for all ages, and an opportunity to learn about the many ministries that make Christ Church a very special place.

Ministry leaders, this is your opportunity to speak with every parishioner about your beloved ministry and get them to join and assist your group in the coming year. If you have had a ministry trifold or flyer in the past, please prepare any new information to send to Chris by August 2nd so that he can get you an updated document in time for the Fair. And if your ministry would like a flyer or trifold but hasn't had one before, please email him at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org so he can arrange a time to discuss it with you.

Confirmation 2025

This year, the Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland, Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, will visit Christ Church on Sunday, November 30th, and she will confirm all the Christ Church candidates who have completed the confirmation process. The Confirmation Classes will be hybrid (in person and online) and begin on Sunday, August 3rd at 12:00 noon. Our high school students and any parishioners who desire to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church should email Father Manny to express their interest - revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org.

The 2025 Flea Market and Craft Fair – Saturday, September 20

Soon, it'll be time for that wonderful Columbia summertime tradition, the Christ Church Flea Market and Craft Fair, presented by the WOCC. This year, it's on Saturday, September 20th from 9am to 2pm (rain date 9/27), and takes place on the Christ Church campus.

This community event is open to the public, so come see what your neighbors have to offer. You can have your own space in the market, or if you're cleaning out closets or garages the church will be sponsoring the white elephant tables & welcomes your unwanted treasures. Whether you're a vendor or a participant, you can learn more on our website - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/flea-market

InReach Ministry

Christ Church's Inreach Ministry is taking shape and welcomes both those in need of our services and those wishing to help others by volunteering for this ministry. You can learn a bit more about our Inreach Ministry on our website at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/inreach or by emailing inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. You can also speak with Michon Semon or Ron Baran when you're at church.

New Staff Member!

We are pleased to soon welcome a new staff member at Christ Church - Diya Jackson. Diya will be our Office & Youth Ministry Assistant, so when you hear a fresh voice answering our phones or a new person walking around the office, please be sure to say, "Hi!" Diya will begin her new position later this month, and we are looking forward to having her on staff!

We Need Volunteers

Thank you to those who have recently stepped up to help volunteer - we are so grateful to you! We can still use some more people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish that it is. You can be a Teller, Acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, or choose to assist the Christ Church Altar Guild or Buildings and Grounds ministries.

None of these require weekly assistance - both only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. For those specifically interested in the Altar Guild, please email altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org or speak with Pam Foreman or any other Altar Guild member setting up the altar on Sunday mornings. For those interested in assisting as a Teller, LEV, or Acolyte, please call the Church Office at office@christchurchcolumbia.org or speak with Yetti (Teller), Kathy Lyon (LEV), or Chaplain Kiona (Acolyte) on Sundays.

Plan to Welcome SLYC on Sunday, July 13, During a Meet-and-Greet Session in The Great Hall of New Brick Between Worship Services

On Sunday, July 13, Christ Church will welcome leaders of St. Luke's Youth Center ([SLYC](#)), a collaborative of West Baltimore families who together provide youth with life-enriching experiences. Join us downstairs from 9 to 10:15 a.m. to get to know SLYC Engagement Coordinator Darlene Clark and ask questions. Coffee, drinks and pastries will be served.

During the get-together between services, we'll learn more about the youth center and get an update on SLYC's campaign to re-envision the historic St. Luke's Clergy House with the help of [a plan by Episcopal Housing Corp.](#)

Each summer, SLYC holds [Camp Imagination](#), a day camp being held at a cooperating parish in Linthicum, MD. To learn about Christ Church's contribution and to find out how you can volunteer between now and Aug. 1, view the [Outreach Blog of June 26, 2025](#).

We're invited to [St. John Lutheran \(& Episcopal\) Church](#), 300 Maple Ave., Linthicum, Md., to see youth perform in the camp showcase at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 31. For carpool information, email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Inviting You to Join Our Monthly Outreach Meeting on Monday, July 14

Learn many ways to help others by joining us remotely for the Outreach Commission meeting on Monday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. Our mission has a local, national, and international scope. **The Zoom link is here**, Meeting ID is **892 6873 6183**, and Passcode is **Outreach!** Log on, join us, and see how you can help make a difference in the world!

Help Grassroots on Monday, July 14, by Providing Food for the Homeless or on Wednesday, July 16, by Dining at a Chik Fil-A in Clarksville, Md.

On the second Monday of each month, Christ Church serves a hot midday meal at the Day Resource Center (DRC) and drops off dinner for about 70 residents of the Grassroots Emergency Shelter. Both are operated by the **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center**. We last participated on June 9th.

A team led by Outreach member Shahra Toth makes side dishes and desserts that we serve in person after car-pooling to the DRC in Jessup. To help on Monday, July 14, please check our **DRC online signup form**, which describes the procedure. Drop-off time is 12:45 p.m. in the parking lot near Old Brick for DRC's side dishes.

Later, parishioners who cook or shop for the evening meal at Grassroots' shelter arrive in the Old Brick parking lot between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. Get details in our **Grassroots online signup form**. Grassroots staff serves the evening meal. It's efficient to provide for both venues on the same day. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried-chicken entrees. Thank you!

Recently, your generosity helped ease life for our homeless neighbors, who rely on sundries from the DRC pantry. In response to a DRC request, the Outreach Commission at its June meeting approved spending \$155 for nine 28-count cases of sports drinks for hydration during hot weather. These were purchased with funds donated to the church by parishioners who give to "General Outreach." A hearty thanks!

On Wednesday, July 16, you can help Grassroots by participating in "Dine With a Purpose." Visit the **Chick-fil-A** at 6395 Ten Oaks Rd., Clarksville, MD, 21029 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., and 20 percent of your transaction will go back to Grassroots. You can show this **flier** or put your receipt in a collection box at the restaurant. If you wish to use the restaurant's mobile app for pickup, find instructions in the **Events section** of the Grassroots website on how to handle the donation.

Lake Elkhorn Middle School Partnership Update

This has been a year of growth for our partnership with Lake Elkhorn Middle School. For the first time, our parishioners have generously supported the monthly *Kindness Pantry* by contributing food and household goods, as well as helping with the on-site delivery of items. With each subsequent month this year, the number of families visiting the Pantry has increased, making the need very real. We have also used your financial contributions to support the positive academic and socio-emotional growth of our students.

School is now out for the summer, but it's time to start our annual fundraising campaign to support school supplies for the students at LEMS. Each year, we ask for the congregation's support in providing school supplies and backpacks for at least 125 children. We don't have a line in the church's annual budget for this, so we rely on and deeply appreciate your direct support. Thank you. You can give to the LEMS campaign by writing a check to Christ Church with "LEMS" in the memo line, or you can give online at **<https://onrealm.org/christchurchcolumbia/give/lems>**. Either way, your gifts are very much appreciated.

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