

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Third Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Sunday, March 12, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome Home!

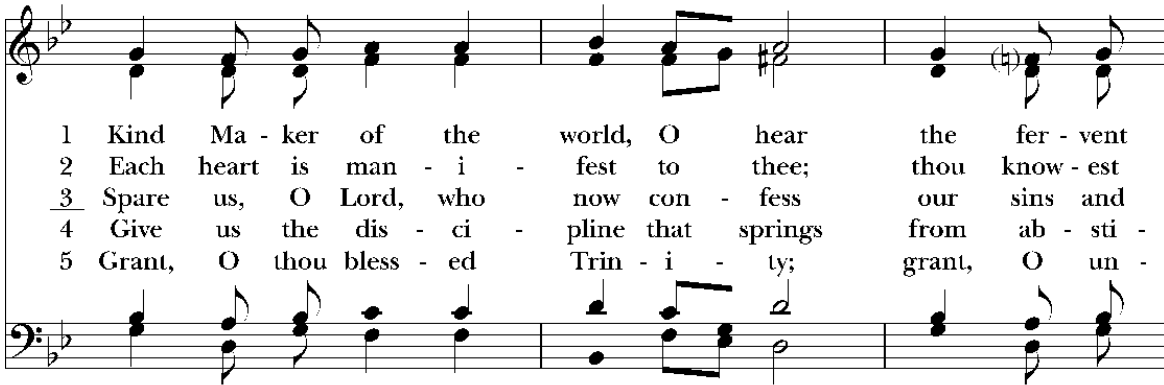
Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time. We are delighted you're here - welcome home!

Prelude | Organ Prelude Op. 4 No. 12

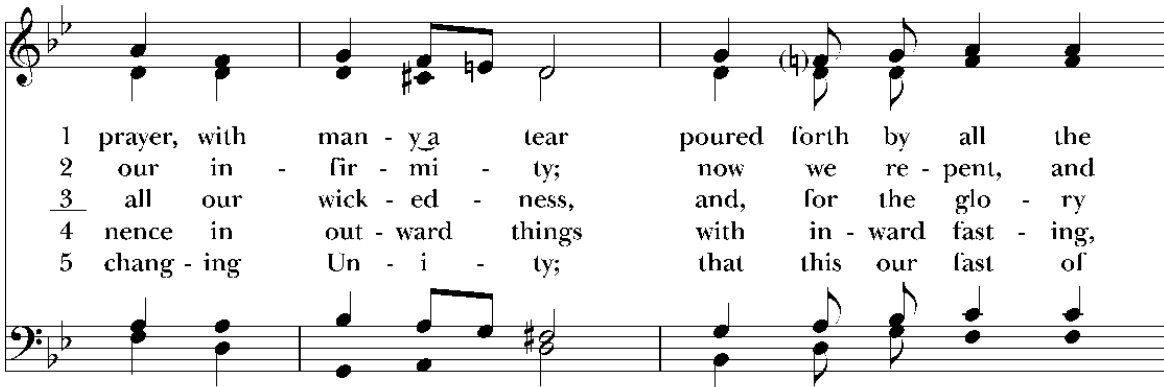
Eva Pelucchi

Opening Hymn 152 | Kind Maker of the World, O Hear

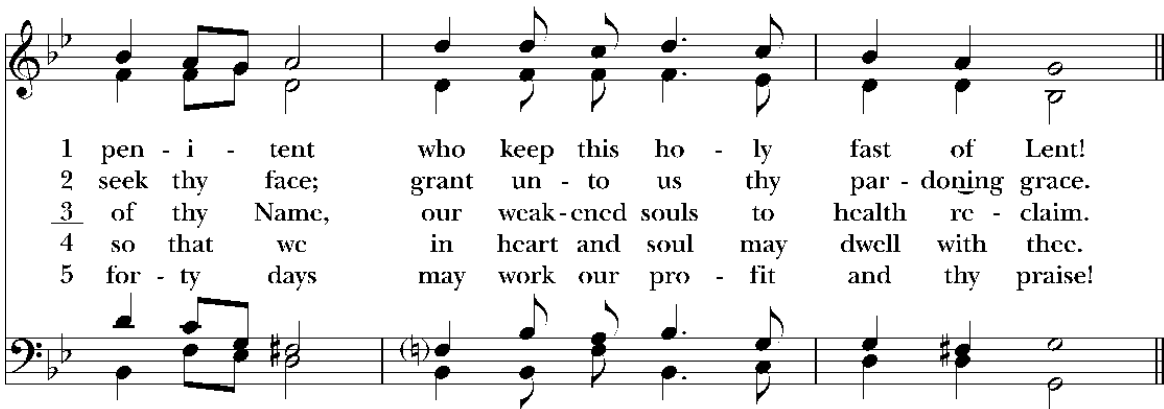
A la venue de Noel



1 Kind Ma - ker of the world, O hear the fer - vent
2 Each heart is man - i - fest to thee; thou know - est
3 Spare us, O Lord, who now con - fess our sins and
4 Give us the dis - ci - pline that springs from ab - sti -
5 Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i - ty; grant, O un -



1 prayer, with man - y a tear poured forth by all the
2 our in - fir - mi - ty; now we re - pent, and
3 all our wick - ed - ness, and, for the glo - ry
4 nence in out - ward things with in - ward fast - ing,
5 chang - ing Un - i - ty; that this our fast of



1 pen - i - tent who keep this ho - ly fast of Lent!
2 seek thy face; grant un - to us thy par - doning grace.
3 of thy Name, our weak - ened souls to health re - claim.
4 so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.
5 for - ty days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People: **His mercy endureth forever.**

The Collect for Purity |

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

Kyrie S 91 | Lord, have mercy upon us

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

Reader: A reading from Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95 | *Venite, exultemus*



- 1 Come, let us ^{sing} to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal^{va}tion.
- 2 Let us come before his ^{presence} with ^{thanks} ^{giving} *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a ^{gräat} God, *
and a great King a^{bove} all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the ^{caverns} of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- †5 The sea is his, for he ^{made} it, *
and his hands have ^{molded} the dry land.

- 6 Come, let us bow down, and ¹bend the ¹knee, *
and ¹kneel before the ¹LORD our ¹Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his ¹pasture and the ¹sheep of his ¹hand. *
Oh, that to ¹day you would ¹hearken to his ¹voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears ¹did in the ¹wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at ¹Massah, ¹
¹when they ¹tempted me.
- 9 They ¹put me to the ¹test, *
— ¹though they had ¹seen my ¹works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that gene¹ration and ¹said, *
“This people are wayward in their hearts;
¹they do not ¹know my ¹ways.”
- 11 So I ¹swore in my ¹wrath, *
“They shall not ¹enter ¹into my ¹rest.”

A Reading from Romans 5:1-11 |

Reader: A reading from Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

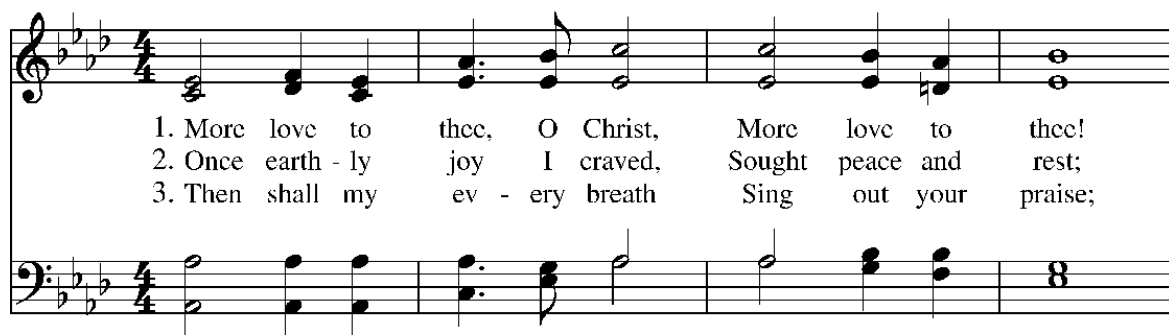
Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn LEVAS 87 | More Love to Thee, O Christ

Elizabeth P. Prentiss & William H. Doane



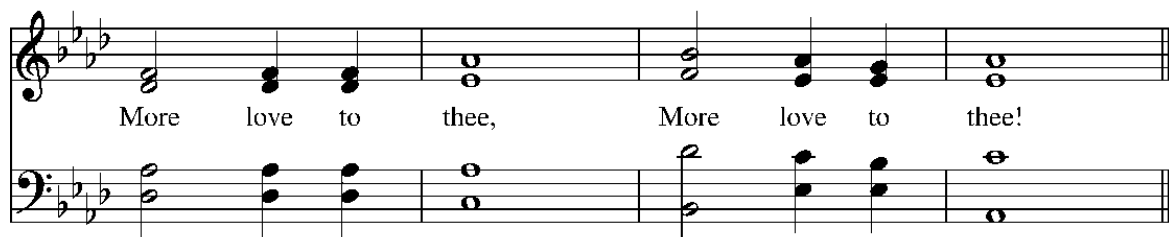
1. More love to thee, O Christ, More love to thee!
2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;
3. Then shall my ev - ery breath Sing out your praise;



1. Hear thou the prayer I make On bend - ed knee;
2. Now thee a - lone I seek, Give what is best;
3. This be the on - ly song My heart shall raise;



1. This is my ear - nest plea;
2. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee,
3. This still my prayer shall be:



More love to thee, More love to thee!

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

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

Sermon | The Rev'd Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed | BCP 327

All: I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
 and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
 who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead:
 and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessor: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; Emmanuel, our Rector; Marcia, our Associate Priest; Denise, our Deacon; Mike, our Seminarian Associate; and Rebecca, our Deacon postulant.; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph, our President: Wes, our Governor; and Calvin, our County Executive; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Louise, Danny, Cherrylynn, Roberta, Fr. Ginnever, Samuel, Catherine, Caroline, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The People may add additional petitions and thanksgivings.

We give thanks for the birth of Urenna Kiara Okeke to Kenny and Nkeiru Okeke.

Intercessor: And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People: Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dedication and Blessing of the Handbells |

Celebrant: Father, your people worship you with many voices and sounds, in times of joy and sorrow. Move us to express the wonder, the power, and the glory of your creation and your salvation in the music we make and in the songs we sing.

Celebrant: Praise him with the sound of the trumpet;
People: **Praise him upon the lute and harp.**

Celebrant: Our help is in the name of the Lord
People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 144 |

Response: **They will recall your abundant goodness
Age to age shall ring out your justice**

Every day will I bless you
And praise your name for ever and ever
Great is the Lord and highly to be praised
His greatness is beyond all searching out. **Response**

One generation shall praise your works to another
And declare your mighty acts
They shall speak of the majesty of your glory
And I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. **Response**

They shall speak of the might of your marvelous acts
And I will also tell of your greatness.

They will recall your abundant goodness
Age to age shall ring out your justice. **Response**

Let us pray to our Father in heaven who has given us these bells for our use.

Blessed are you Lord God King of the universe: you have made all things for your glory.
Father we praise you through Christ our Lord.

Bless these bells and grant that we may use them in your service and for the good of all your people.

We dedicate these bells in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, may the ringing of these bells remind all those who hear them of the love and sacrifice of your only Son our savior Jesus Christ and lead them to worship you in spirit and in truth. **Amen.**

The Peace |

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

***People:* And with thy spirit.**

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

Welcome and Announcements |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem | When I Can Read My Title Clear

Lori Larson

Presentation Hymn 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

**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.**

Eucharistic Prayer I | BCP 333

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord our God.

***People:* It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant:

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Celebrant:

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer | BCP 365

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

O Lamm of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

Agnus Dei |

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
All: have mercy upon us.

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All: have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
All: grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access |

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Prayer | BCP 339

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God,
 we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us,
 in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
 and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
 the blessed company of all faithful people;
 and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
 And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
 so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
 and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost,
 be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing |

The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

The Dismissal |

*The Deacon dismisses the People, who respond:****Thanks be to God!****(The Alleluias are omitted in Lent)*

Postlude | Festal March

Florence B. Price
Ola Oladipupo, Organist

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Kevin Osborn

Ushers: Michon Semon, Yetti Lipede

Chalicerist: Dione Mahoney

9:00 a.m. Service

Ushers: Eva & Hope Oladipupo, Yetti Lipede

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Robin Bradley

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, JB Hanson, Bete Dagne

Acolytes and Crucifer: Frances Mercer, Hannah Boyer, Luke Aribiah

Chalicerist: Donna Campagna, Kathy Lyon

Sunday School Breakfast: Preethi Jackson

6:00 p.m. Service

Bunmi Daramaja

Kayode Fatodu

Leah Chrest

Pam Pruitt

Altar Guild

Jan DeBoissiere

Virginia Jarrett

PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH 12 TO MARCH 18

Sunday, March 12

8:00 – 8:45 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast – New Brick, lower level
8:45 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday School – Parish Hall & New Brick, lower levels
9:30 – 10:30 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
9:30 – 10:30 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick
10:30 – 11:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1:30 – 5:45 pm	Sundays at Three – New Brick, upper level
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Jazz Vespers – New Brick

Monday, March 13

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

Tuesday, March 14

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Home School – New Brick, lower level
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Japanese Play Group – Outside New Brick
7:30 – 9:30 pm	Building and Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, March 15

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 – 11:00 am	Take Off Pounds Sensibly – Parish Hall, lower level
6:30 pm	Lenten Supper Series – New Brick, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, March 16

8:00 – 8:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lenten Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Refugee Ministry Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 8:30 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Taizé Service – Old Brick
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Christ Church Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, March 18

9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Crab Kickers Soccer – Field
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Lumen Christi Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
2:00 – 7:00 pm	Event Rental – Old Brick
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
email to by Tuesday evening

For a digital copy of this service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website.

Youth Formation

Every child is welcome to take part in Youth Formation at 9:30, and you can find the details on **our website's Youth Formation page**. Also on that page is a link to the Sunday School registration form, so please sign your children up so we can plan accordingly (use one form per child, please). If you have any questions, email Jennifer Atkins at **sundayschool@christchurchcolumbia.org**. The Christ Church Youth Group (grades 5-12) also meets Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the basement of the Church Office building. If you are interested in having your child join the CECYG, please email Todd for more information - **youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org**

And you adults! Have you considered a calling to help nurture the youth of Christ Church? We are in need of more teachers and assistants now than ever! No experience is required - we will provide all the materials and you will be on a team with an experienced leader. If you are able to help - even just once a month - with this important ministry, **please email our Youth Minister, Todd Domer**.

Adult Formation

Our Parenting Group gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). Bible Study will meet in the Parish Hall Conference Room. And during this season of Lent, Sunday Circle is exploring other faith traditions' perspectives on sin. We have lead practitioners of various faiths come and talk with us about how sin is perceived and understood in their respective faith traditions, and this week we have a practitioner of Hindu with us. We gather in Old Brick at 9:30 a.m., and virtually. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **847 9910 4117**, and the Password is **AFSC**. There are several options, and you're welcome to join any of them any Sunday. **See our Adult Formation page on the CEC website for more information.**

Handbells' Blessing and Dedication

This Sunday, March 12th, we will bless and dedicate the newest musical member of Christ Church, and soon you may hear a few bells incorporated into our Sunday services with the choir. And now, we are seeking people of all ages to ring these beautiful handbells and create a Christ Church Handbell Choir. Not to worry - you do not need to know how to read music or have prior experience playing bells, or any other instrument. We'll teach you everything and we'll all grow together! If you are interested in playing bells, please see Larissa or email her at **music@christchurchcolumbia.org**. And read more from Larissa about handbells on page 22 of this service leaflet.

Jazz Vespers - Sunday Evening

Jazz Vespers is a unique service, a liturgy of Evening Prayer that combines scripture readings, prayer, silent meditation, and rich, live music provided by The Leister Quartet. Christ Church is offering this special service during this Lenten season with the hope of offering different opportunities for prayer, music, and reflection. There will be light refreshments after each worship, and all ages are welcome. Please join us Sundays at 6:00 p.m. for ninety minutes of music, reflection, and prayer.

Easter Altar Flowers and Gifts

Easter Sunday is a time that we honor, remember, or give thanks for someone or a blessing in our lives by donating flowers to adorn our worship spaces as we celebrate our risen Lord. If you would like to present Altar gifts this Easter, you can find our online Easter Offering form at **https://onrealm.org/christchurchcolumbia/-/form/give/lenteaster**. Be sure to place the dedication name(s) in the *MEMO* line. You can also drop your donation in the plate on Sunday or to the Office during the week; include the same dedication information on the *MEMO* line of a check, please. **Email the Church Office** with any questions.

WOCC Upcoming Events

This Saturday, March 11th at 10 a.m., we'll have a Guided Labyrinth Walk at St. John's, Ellicott City. Also, the WOCC calendar is posted in the Narthex in New Brick **and on our website** and contains all the fun events planned for this year. We have as many events as we could schedule on Saturdays so more women can attend who are not able to come on weekdays. Come and join us for these events, so speak to any WOCC member or email us at **WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Office Volunteers Needed - Tuesday

Aisha could use a few extra hands to help stuff envelopes this coming Tuesday, March 14th. If you are able to assist for a couple of hours, please let her know or stop by the office at 10 a.m. that morning. Thank you.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer takes place next Monday, March 13th on Zoom, but we have great news - we will soon go hybrid! Later this month, you'll be able to join us in person in Old Brick or virtually on Zoom. What is Centering Prayer, you ask? It is a unique method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God, moving us beyond conversation with Christ and towards communion with Him. Everyone is welcome to join us for this reflective gathering on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is **here**, the Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and the Passcode is **Centering!**

Lenten Supper Series – Wednesdays

After a very successful and well-attended first session, we are returning next week for the second installment of this popular series, offering five weeks of insightful and life-enriching seminars on our theme for this year, ***Be an Instrument of God's Peace*** - taken from St. Francis of Assisi's beautiful prayer. The guest presenter for this week is Reverend Kristin Krantz from St. James' Mt. Airy. We begin at 6:30 p.m. with a communal supper in the Great Hall – this week, food is provided by the Christ Church Music Ministry - followed by the evening's presentation. We then conclude with a brief Eucharist.

Healing Eucharist - Thursdays

Each Thursday at 12 noon during Lent, Christ Church offers midday worship in Old Brick. This service includes readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Parishioners and non-parishioners are all welcome to join in a prayerful time in the presence of God, and to share in the wonderful mystery of God's love whilst we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones. Please come in to reflect, pray, and participate in a service held in our beautiful, historic chapel.

Christ Church Choir - Thursday Evenings

C'mon, all of you who like to sing! Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. and everyone is welcome to take part! **You can find links to the registration forms on our website's Music Ministry page.** Whether you read music or not, whether you have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choir! If you're interested, please speak with Larissa on Sunday or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org.

CEC Book Club - Fridays

We are currently discussing a great book, *How Then Shall We Live? 4 Simple Questions that Reveal the Beauty and Meaning of our Lives* by Wayne Muller, and are always welcoming new readers to join us, so how about you? Take part for an hour or so on Friday evenings for a lively discussion of this book, as we are a friendly bunch and appreciate everyone's input and thoughts. The book can be purchased online at your favorite digital retailers, but we can set you up with a few pages to get you started. Interested? Email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com or text her at 301-452-7115.

Strategic Plan Review - March 20

Everyone is welcome to join us on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on March 20th for our Strategic Plan Review, as we'll go over everything the Strategic Planning Committee has worked very hard on over the last several months. We want everyone to be able to have a voice, so please join us for this if you are able for this important review and discussion.

Christ Church's 300th Birthday

We are presently seeking parishioners to help with planning Christ Church's 300-Year Anniversary. This celebration is an important milestone for our church, and we want as much participation from each of us as possible. There are lots of committees that you can serve on and so we would like to encourage everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you have ideas, are interested in assisting, or would like more information, please contact Fr. Manny at revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you.

Altar Guild Schedule

The schedule for the first half of 2023 - including Holy Week - is now on our website. **Just visit here** to see when you're scheduled to help prepare the Sanctuary for worship. And if anyone else is interested in joining, please email the Church Office.

Election of Bishop Co-Adjutor, Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

This important election is scheduled for March 25th at St. John's Episcopal Church in Ellicott City, and the slate of candidates is as follows:

- The Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Canon to the Ordinary for Transition and Church Development, Diocese of Central New York
- The Rev. Alissa Newton, Canon for Congregational Development and Leadership Formation and Vicar, St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Kent, WA, Diocese of Olympia
- The Rev. Gregg Morris, Rector, St. Andrew's, Downers Grove, IL, Diocese of Chicago
- The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander Jr., Rector, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, Alexandria, VA, Diocese of Virginia

You can learn more about this process at <https://episcopalmaryland.org/bishop-search>

Inviting You to Remotely Join Us on Monday, March 13th at the Monthly Outreach Meeting

As we approach Spring, consider getting involved in Outreach at Christ Church. Please join us remotely for the Outreach Commission's 7:30 p.m. meeting on Monday, March 13. You can help us to fulfill our mission, which has a local, national, and international scope. Information to log on will be provided in the Church notices about online activities. See you on Zoom!

Grassroots Thanks Christ Church for Volunteering; Next Opportunity is March 13th to Feed the Hungry In Person or by Dropping Off Menu or Pantry Items

Leaders of the **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center** recently gave a shout-out to Christ Church for its steadfast support of the nonprofit organization's programs. Its crisis intervention services range from addressing opioid misuse to aiding homeless people in Howard County.

In its **February 2020 newsletter**, Grassroots thanked Christ Church for helping to spread the word about expanded services for those struggling with opioid addiction and for a "regular stream of volunteers." In the newsletter's section titled "You Can Help," please scroll down to the paragraph labeled "Volunteer," which says: "Grassroots is blessed with hundreds of volunteers who do everything from stocking the pantry to cooking meals for shelter residents." It goes on to praise the volunteers from Christ Church. Kudos all around!

Thus inspired, please join our tradition of feeding the homeless on the second Monday of each month. To participate on March 13, please sign up by Sunday, March 12. We most recently took part on Feb. 13 (**see photos on this week's Outreach Blog**). Shahra Toth is the coordinator, assisted by Dione Mahoney.

If you wish to volunteer or bring food for the Day Resource Center (DRC) at the Dorsey Center, our **DRC online signup form** describes the procedure. The drop-off time for side dishes, desserts, and fruit is 12:45 p.m. in the Christ Church parking lot near Old Brick. In-person volunteers also gather at that time to carpool to Jessup.

Parishioners who cook or shop for the evening meal for 50 residents of a live-in center on Freetown Rd. make their drop-off later, arriving in the parking lot at 3:15 p.m. A volunteer transporting the food departs at 3:30 p.m. Get details in our **Grassroots online signup form** or, for more information, email **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

The **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center** operates both facilities. It's efficient to provide for groups at two separate venues on the same day. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the entrees. Thank you! The DRC and the Live-In Facility have wider needs for their pantries and welcome in-kind donations to be dropped off for delivery on the second Mondays. Look for the latest needs list under the words "Related Files" on each of the signup sites online.

The Ticket Deadline is THIS MONDAY, March 13th for an Upcoming ChiliFest & Cornhole Tournament to Benefit Bridges to Housing Stability

The clock is ticking as **Bridges to Housing Stability** has moved up its deadline to buy tickets to the **"ChiliFest & Cornhole Tournament"** being held on Sunday, March 19, from 1- 4 p.m. Please help Christ Church make a competitive showing by purchasing tickets at **this link** no later than Monday, March 13.

Parishioners are encouraged to participate to help us win a ladle award for fundraising or a spirit award for in-person attendance (**Christ Church has won the "Golden Ladle" in the past for donations raised**).

The festive event takes place at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, MD 21045. There will be live music by the School of Rock and Long Reach High School Guitarists, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and an in-person auction. Tickets have been sold out for competitors in a cornhole tournament, which will be outdoors, weather permitting.

Chili meals prepared by Absolutely Perfect Catering (\$25 each) may be eaten at the event or for carryout. Choices are Texas-style beef chili, white bean turkey chili, and vegetarian chili.

Ticket purchases and individual contributions will also enhance our chances in this year's competition for a ladle award. Be sure to designate Christ Church when you **purchase tickets online**. Look for the green box labeled "Continue to your info." Next, choose the category "Individual" and look for the wording: "Credit the following congregation with my purchase." You'll find Christ Episcopal Church in the alphabetical dropdown list.

With parishioners' generous support through contributions to Christ Church, we will be a "Tabasco" Level sponsor. The Outreach Commission at its Feb. 13 meeting voted to donate \$500 in Vestry-approved funds for Christ Church to become a sponsor.

Lake Elkhorn Middle School Partnership Update

Most parishioners are familiar with nearby Lake Elkhorn Middle School due to our yearly drive to buy school supplies for children attending the school whose families are financially challenged. However, over the last several months we have had conversations with Brian Wallace, the new principal at LEMS, about how our church community can be involved in supporting the school in ways that allow us to know the students and families on a more personal level. Many ideas have been suggested and we are waiting for the staff to respond shortly. We will start small and see what works.

We just attended the culminating presentation for Black History Month at LEMS and it was an exciting and inspiring experience for everyone who attended. The theme was "Resistance through Education." The first part of the program included an outstanding presentation of songs by the choir of spirituals and "Lift Every Voice and Sing." The band played a rousing piece and both students and teachers read their own poetry. The dance troupe did an exceptional job of representing the theme. Perhaps the most heartwarming aspect of the program was the joy and pride on the faces of the students, and the enthusiastic applause they gave their teachers.

The second part of the program involved a gallery and door walk. Groups of attendees were guided through the hallways to view the extensive collection of posters and artwork posted throughout the school. In addition, the teachers and students worked together to decorate classroom doors with information about Black history. It was truly a humbling experience to see how much of Black history has been overlooked in the typical school curriculum. Fortunately, these teachers are eager to educate their students about the unsung contributions of the Black community in America. The photos here [and on our website's LEMS update](#) are just a sampling of the colorful, creative, and informative doors.

In the weeks to come we will be letting you know more about opportunities to become more involved at LEMS. Principal Wallace is deeply grateful for our past support and is looking forward to seeing our parishioners in the school building supporting students. Please let us know if you are interested in being involved in this inspiring school community.

Columbia Community Care Requests Diapers, Personal Care Items

Please continue supporting [Columbia Community Care](#) (CCC) by giving essentials and with your time and talent. Please look for updates, such as requests for volunteers, posted in the [CCC Facebook Group](#) or on the ["I Can Help" portion of its website](#). Please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Recently CCC listed several great needs: baby wipes, diapers in sizes 4,5, and 6, diaper pull-ups in sizes 4T-5T, shampoo, men's and women's deodorant, and toilet paper. Put any of these in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday. Our point of contact is Leigh Smith, who delivers the contents of the bin.

Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway

Organizers for [FISH of Howard County](#) are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill its shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

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.



Handbells

This Sunday at all three of our services, we will be dedicating our new handbells as we prepare to use them to enhance our worship.

Bells have a long history of worship use. It is believed that bells were first used in China in 2000 B.C. before spreading across Asia, Africa, and Europe. These ancient bells were generally small and used at temple entrances or during worship. In Europe during the Renaissance and Gothic periods, huge bells were constructed and used in large churches. Many towns had large bell towers used to signal the start of Sunday services, for funerals, or for weddings and other celebrations.

In 16th Century England, a technique known as “change ringing” came into practice. A series of bells, all sounding a different pitch, would be rung in different orders according to mathematical sequences and pre-determined patterns. All you mathematicians out there know how many different sequences of 10 bells could be played! Each one of these bells had to be rung by a person, known as a “ringer.” The resulting cascades of sound could last for hours!

Handbells, like the set we are dedicating this weekend, were developed as a way for ringers to practice change ringing without disturbing the local community by ringing the large tower bells. Handbell choirs soon became popular in England and began playing hymn tunes and original music written specifically for handbells. The popularity of handbells has increased again in the US and Japan, where many schools and churches now have handbell choirs.

The appeal of many bells is an exciting sound that’s associated with celebrations. The solemn tolling of one single bell invokes a completely different feeling. A few bells can be used to create a drone of sound to accompany *a capella* singing. Ringers can begin by playing one bell and watching a conductor who points to them when it is time to ring. Advanced ringers learn how to play 2 or even 3 bells in each hand! Handbell choirs are a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages, degrees of experience, and skill levels to gather together to make music. In a handbell choir, as in life, each person is important to the success of the whole group.

I am very excited to see handbells become a more permanent part of Christ Church’s music ministry, and am eager to get started – but can’t do so without some of YOU joining us! Although many have not seen or used a set of church handbells before, I promise that you each already have the ability within you. So, if you have any interest in learning about them, or want to join us in this fantastic new music ministry, please speak with me on Sunday morning or email me at music@christchurchcolumbia.org!

Larissa



WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF 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 our parish 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.

Text Giving

You can 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 toward 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**

Pledge for 2023

At Christ Church, we are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who continually support our ministry of faithful service, and we pray that each of you will prayerfully consider your contribution to Christ Church for this calendar year. You can bring your pledge cards to church with you at any time, pick up and complete a pledge card in the Narthex, or **pledge online** (choose "Pledge for 2023" in the *FUND* dropdown menu). Thank you very much for your support of our vital common life.



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