

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Trinity Sunday

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, June 4, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. and 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 | Variation IX, 'Nimrod', from the 'Enigma Variations', Opus 36

Edward Elgar

Opening Hymn 362 | Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Glory to God | S280 Canticle 20 | *Gloria in excelsis*

setting: Robert Powell

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Reader: A reading from Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

Psalm 8 | *Domine, Dominus noster*



O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children *

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

Antiphon

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? *

the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; *

you adorn him with glory and honor;

Antiphon

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *

you put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, *

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Antiphon

Reader: A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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 398 | I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Forest Green

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;
that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;
I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,
the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

Sermon | The Rev'd Emmanuel 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 worshiped and glorified.

**He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People |

On this Trinity Sunday, we give praise to the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God the Father sent his Son to us so we would not perish, but through Him have everlasting life. We are born of water and the spirit and saved through Him. We pray, **Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on Earth.**

We give a warm welcome to those new to Christ Church and those visiting this morning. We thank you for sharing in our worship and we look forward to meeting you. We give thanks for the worldwide Church and the impact it makes through loving service. We pray for our Church leadership: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; Carrie, our elected Bishop Coadjutor; Emmanuel, our Rector; Denise, our Deacon; Mike, our Seminarian Associate and priest postulant; Rebecca, our deacon postulant; and Richard, our Rector Emeritus. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Holy Trinity, Baltimore; Memorial, Baltimore; and Nativity & Holy Comforter, Cedarcroft. **We pray for Your holy Church and all who worship in it.**

On this National Cancer Survivors Day, we pray for all those impacted by the devastating effects of cancer and honor all survivors on the occasion of this celebration of life. We pray for all victims of violence and all who are working to help them. We ask our Lord's protection for those in military service, especially Kevin DeBossiere and Conner Warlow. We pray for all those ill in mind, body, or spirit and those who care for them. We keep the residents and staff of Springfield Hospital in our prayers. We pray also for our friends at our local homeless shelters and all those experiencing housing insecurity. We pray this week especially for Tim, Cherrylynn, Fran, Doris, Jordan, Jason, Patricia, Linda, Elizabeth, Patricia, Emily, Kellene, Shirley, Louise, Danny, Cindy, Roberta, Francis, Fr. Ginnever, Samuel, Catherine, Caroline, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and those you now name. We pray, **Lord, may your healing touch ease their pain and restore them.**

We ask God to accept in his loving arms all those who have departed this life, especially Harriet Smith and those you now name. We pray for all who mourn them, that they may heal in the warmth of your love. **Thank you Jesus, for the gift of eternal life.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as God loves us. We are thankful for the many occasions we have to celebrate. We rejoice with all those in our church family celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other milestones this week, especially Shreya & Rhonda, Christina & Shawn Frederick, and Pam. We pray, **Thank you Lord for the gifts of your creation.**

May we remember the grace of the Lord in our lives and tell others of his love, power, and care, furthering God's kingdom on Earth. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin |

Deacon: 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 thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

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

John Newton
Adult Choir
Lumen Christi & Chalice Dancers

Please scan to give.



Presentation Hymn 400 (v. 7) |

Lasst uns Erfreuen

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Eucharistic Prayer B |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

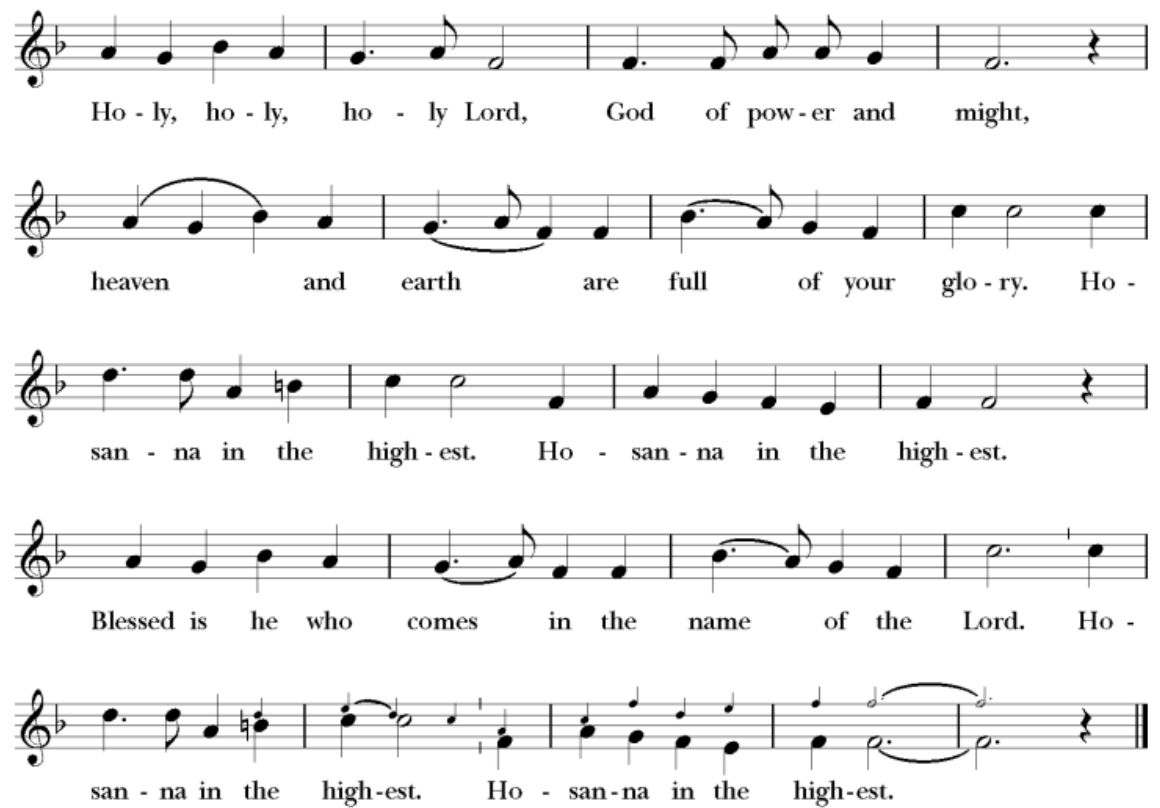
***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewiss

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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.

1. I was sink - ing deep in sin, Far from the peace - ful shore, —
 2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll cling, —
 3. Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com - plete - ly saves; —

1. Ver - y deep - ly stained with - in, Sink - ing to rise no more; —
 2. In His bless - ed pres - ence live, Ev - er His prais - es sing. —
 3. He will lift you by His love Out of the an - gry waves. —

1. But the mas - ter of the sea Heard my de - spair - ing cry, —
 2. Love so might - y and so true Mer - its my soul's best songs; —
 3. He's the mas - ter of the sea, Bil - lows His will o - bey; —

1. From the wa - ters lift - ed me— Now safe am I. —
 2. Faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice, too, To Him be - longs. —
 3. He your sav - ior wants to be— Be saved to - day. —

Love lift - ed me, — Love lift - ed me, —
 Love lift - ed e - ven me, Love lift - ed e ven me, When noth - ing

1. else could help, Love lift - ed me; — Love lift - ed me. —
 2. —

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Prayer |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

The Blessing |

The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.

Closing Hymn LEVAS 189 | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm; William M. Runyan

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un - to me!

Meditation | Blue Boat Home

Peter Mayer
Lumen Christi & Chalice Dancers

Though below me, I feel no motion
Standing on these mountains and plains
Far away from the rolling ocean
Still my dry land heart can say

I've been sailing all my life now
Never harbor or port have I known
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
And the earth is my blue boat home

Sun, my sail, and moon my rudder
As I ply the starry sea
Leaning over the edge in wonder
Casting questions into the deep

Drifting here with my ship's companions
All we kindred pilgrim souls
Making our way by the lights of the heavens
In our beautiful blue boat home

I give thanks to the waves upholding me
Hail the great winds urging me on
Greet the infinite sea before me
Sing the sky my sailor's song

I was born upon the fathoms
Never harbor or port have I known
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
And the earth is my blue boat home

The Dismissal |

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

Postlude |

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader/Chalicerist: Sonni Aribiah

Ushers: Michon Semon, Yetti Lipede

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Kathy Lyon

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Tele Abe, Gavin Couch, Setutsi Abdallah

Chalicerist: Kathy Lyon

Altar Guild

Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett

Lumen Christi Dancers

Peggy Hoffman

Veronica Ivey

Shahra Toth

Suzanne Ziobro

Chalice Dancers

Reena Bernards

Marcia Freeman

Anne Hoover

Kathy Wallens

Sharon Werth

PARISH CALENDAR

JUNE 4 – JUNE 10

Sunday, June 4

8:00	Holy Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
10:30 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
4:00 – 7:00 pm	Piano Recital – New Brick, upper level

Monday, June 5

7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:00 – 7:30 pm	Crab Kickers Soccer – Field
6:30 pm	WOCC Meeting – Maggiano's Columbia Mall
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Tuesday, June 6

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 – 9:00 pm	MS Support Group – New Brick, lower level

Wednesday, June 7

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

Thursday, June 8

8:00 – 8:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:30 – 8:30 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, June 9

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, June 10

12:00 – 5:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool Graduation – Old Brick & Outside
1:00 – 3:30 pm	Violin Recital – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 pm – 1:00 am	Event Rental – New Brick, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
email to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.

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

Communion to You

In an effort to connect more directly with those of you who are local and worship virtually, Christ Church is now offering *Communion to You*, an opportunity to have altar gifts delivered to your home, or made available for pickup at the Church Office. If you would like more information, **please complete this form** or **email** the Church Office.

Altar Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to present altar flowers and gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on any upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and 2023 sign-up sheet at <https://tinyurl.com/CECaltarflowers>. You can also sign up and reserve a slot by using our **Realm Online Giving Form**; just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. **Email the Church Office** with any questions.

WOCC Evening Meeting - June 5

On Monday, June 5th, join us for a special evening WOCC gathering/meeting at Maggiano's Little Italy at 6:30 p.m. The WOCC calendar is posted in the New Brick Narthex **and on our website**, and it contains all the fun events planned for this year. Speak to any WOCC member or email us at WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org.

First Wednesday Fellowship - June 7

First Wednesday Fellowship is approaching quickly! It will be next Wednesday evening, June 7th at 6 p.m. We will serve pizza and wings and play outdoor games such as cornhole and can jam. Bring your own outdoor games, as well! Stay tuned for a sign-up list in upcoming communications.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Gather with us on Mondays in Old Brick at 7:00 p.m. for Centering Prayer, a unique method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. You can also take part virtually from wherever you are. The Zoom link is **here**, the Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340**, and the Password is **Centering!** For more info, email Kathy Lyon at rklyon@cablespeed.com.

Help Us Plan Christ Church's 300th Birthday

We have begun gathering and planning for Christ Church's 300th year, but we're always looking for more input, so join us! This celebration is such an important milestone for our church, and we want participation and ideas from as many of us as possible. There are a variety 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 speak with Father Manny or email 300@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Celebrate Wellness, and Help Support DreamBuilders

Temple Isaiah, our partner in DreamBuilders, is inviting us to join in their **MatzohBall Run** on June 4th. It's a fundraiser, whose profits go to help support **DreamBuilders**, **Grassroots**, and **HopeWorks**. In addition to the family fun run/walk, there will be health screenings, wellness booths, and plenty of events to entertain. Please visit the MatzohBall Run link above, or read all of the details **on the Christ Church website**.

Share Your Talents to Make Summer Special for SLYC Kids and Families

Do you sew or sing? Paint or plaster (as in papier mache)? Love to cook or read aloud? Use those skills to do God's work this summer by volunteering at **St. Luke's Youth Center (SLYC)** summer day camp. Sessions of **Camp Imagination** will be held from July 5 to Aug. 4, 2023.

Locations will be at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore, Md, 21218, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1401 Carrollton Ave., Towson, MD 21204. That's partly because, for the time being, SLYC's campus in West Baltimore is under renovation.

SLYC has held Camp Imagination since 2015, inspiring a love of reading and writing through the visual and performing arts (see photos). During the six weeks, SLYC engages 30 to 35 campers, eight teenage counselors, and four community staff members.

Parishioner Michon Semon, who is SLYC's liaison on the Outreach Commission, can tell you what it's like to volunteer at SLYC. You can see her photo among the volunteers pictured on SLYC's **volunteer registration form**. For information on becoming a SLYC volunteer, please email **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

For several years, Christ Church has helped defray expenses for Camp Imagination so that youngsters in West Baltimore can experience a summer day camp whose families otherwise cannot afford it (see photos). At the Outreach Commission meeting on May 8, we approved a \$1,000 donation to SLYC toward expenses. The amount covers tuition for one child for four weeks, or four children for one week each, at the discretion of SLYC.

The funds come from the commission's Vestry-approved budget for 2023, which is derived from your pledges and contributions. Thanks to all!

SLYC Executive Director Amanda Gardner Talbot responded to the recent donation with deep gratitude. "Your generosity helps us continue our mission of providing a safe and nurturing environment for the young people and their families in our West Baltimore community. With your help, we can provide the resources and opportunities necessary for our youth to grow and flourish. Your support will help to cultivate a brighter future for the families we serve and for our entire community. Thank you again for your commitment to SLYC!"

Christ Church is among SLYC's partners, along with secular supporters, other parishes and the **Episcopal Diocese of Maryland**. You'll recall that last year Christ Church participated in the raffle of a queen-size quilt made by parishioner Nancy Winchester as a fund-raiser. Talbot delivered **the Aug. 7 sermon** at Christ Church when she visited along with Engagement Coordinator Darlene Clark and a SLYC youth, Ty Hawkins, who was soon to enter college.

To personally support SLYC summer camp, including a one-week sleep-away camp to be held from Aug. 6 to 11 at **Claggett Camp and Conference Center**, go on **its website** or direct a Christ Church contribution to "Outreach/SLYC" on Realm or on the memo line of your check.

Help Claggett Offer a Getaway for Special-Needs Adults

Claggett is calling for volunteers from parishes such as Christ Church to help staff its **Special Challenge Camp**, held from Sunday, July 23 to Thursday, July 27. As described in the **Outreach Blog of May 25, 2023**, you can help while enjoying the bucolic scenery near Adamstown, Md. Serving a group of independent adults with developmental disabilities, the session is in such demand that it has a wait list. For information, email **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Columbia Community Care Harvests a Crop, Recruits Gardening Volunteers

Columbia Community Care (CCC) announced that its gardening volunteers have begun harvesting the first produce from the raised beds outside its pantry building. “We had fresh bok choy, baby spinach, parsley, and radishes in the pantry today for our deliveries,” CCC leaders said last week on the **CCC Group on Facebook**.

At the same time it was rejoicing in the crop (see photos), CCC called for new gardening volunteers. “We appreciate you lending your gardening expertise,” says the **signup form** with slots for garden upkeep through 2024. Tasks include “watering, weeding, checking for critter activity, planting, harvesting, and anything else that needs to be done at the garden.”

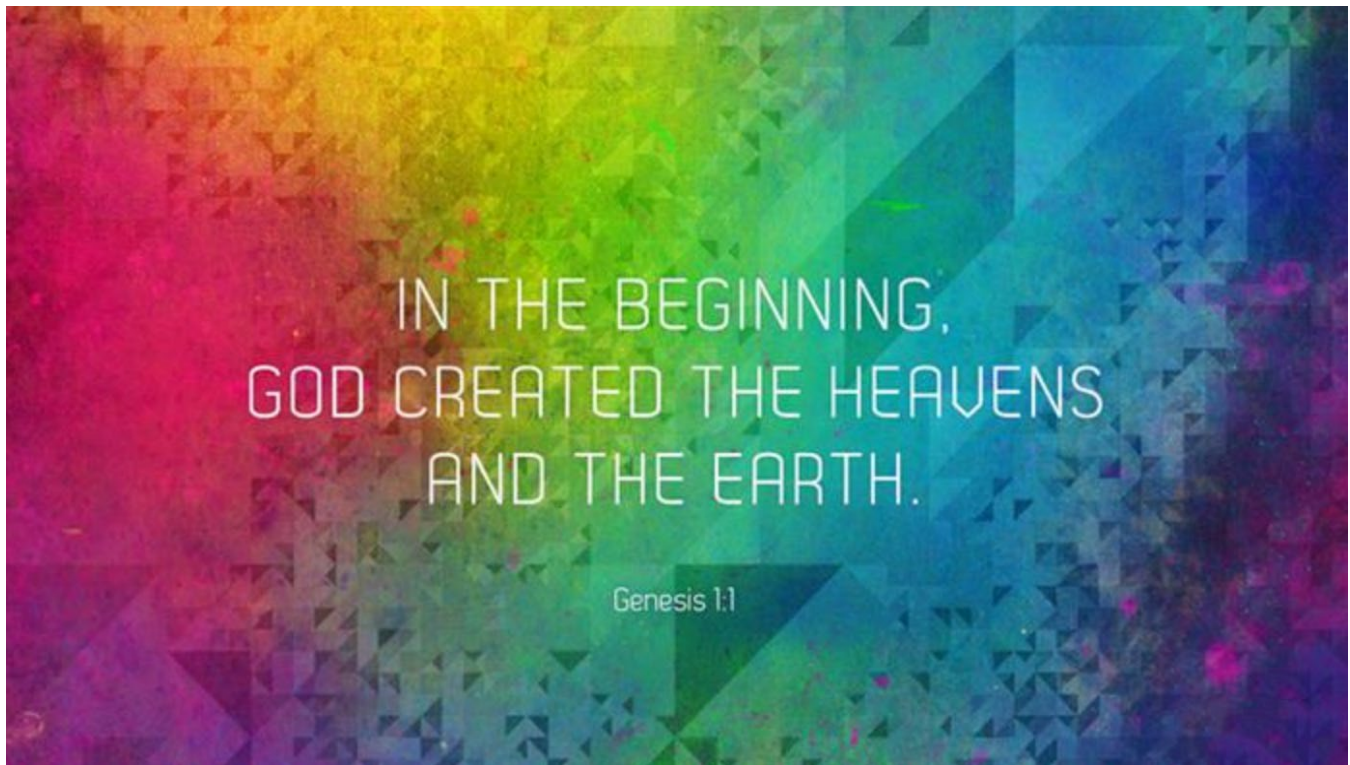
The goal is to allow CCC to grow its own healthy produce to better help families in need. In a partnership with CCC, the Community Ecology Institute installed the raised garden beds at the CCC pantry site, which is the former Columbia Flier building, 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway.

At Christ Church, Leigh Smith is our representative who takes parishioners’ donated items to CCC. Please continue your support by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday.

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.



Thank You, Marcia

Last Sunday I had the honor of preaching at my brother's fifty year birthday Eucharist. A former primate and archbishop of the Church of the province of west Africa presided over the Eucharist. It was a family event that I couldn't miss that's why I couldn't join all of you in celebrating Mother Marcia's ministry with us. Although Marcia is rotating off as a staff member with responsibilities, she would still be at Christ church and offer her gifts as she sees fit.

In the sermon, I reflected on the value of gratitude, the value of giving thanks. The gospel story was Luke 17: 11-19-the story about the 10 lepers who got healed on their way to see the priest as Jesus requested. Surprisingly, only one returned to offer thanks for his healing.

The point of the story, isn't about forgetting to give thanks, it is about indifference. It is about living as though no one else matters but you.

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those with whom we walk life's journey, and so be swift to love and make haste to be kind. I reminded them of this prayer with which we are blessed almost every Sunday.

The flip side of being indifferent is to be intentional. To live intentionally. That would mean being intentional about love and about kindness. To live intentionally is to acknowledge that you sit under a tree you didn't plant or you sit by a well you didn't dig.

To live intentionally then is to live thankfully, to live with gratitude. To give thanks is not to be indifferent, to give thanks come from the deep awareness that you can hear a particular kind of music.

Frederich Nietzsche- a German philosopher once wrote these words "And those who were caught dancing were thought to be insane by those who couldn't hear the music."

We are here celebrating because we hear the music. It is a different kind of music, it is one of gratitude and thanksgiving.

Gratitude makes it possible for us to always choose kindness over cruelty, love over fear and generosity over scarcity. If you choose love, compassion, kindness, generosity and joy, you will discover in those choices the kingdom of God that Jesus promises us.

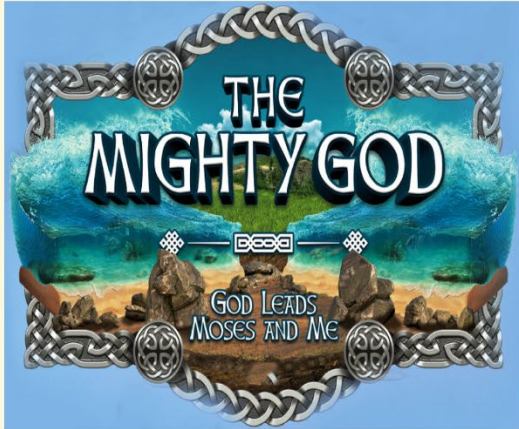
Mother Marcia began her discernment for ministry at Christ Church and she retired from ministry at Christ Church. In many ways, it feels like life coming full circle. And so as we celebrate Marcia's ministry, a ministry that has been marked by grace, we remember the many ways in which she has blessed our common life with her wisdom, kindness, compassion, joyful spirit and generous heart.

I am glad many of us were present to participate in the spirit of thanksgiving for a ministry well served.

Thanks to each of you. Thank you, Marcia. Thanks be to God.

Manny





Register now for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

**June 26
to
July 2
Ages 3
to
5th Grade**

www.ChristChurchColumbia.org/VBS

Vacation Bible School This Summer

Vacation Bible School takes place from June 26 - July 2, and gathers each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At VBS, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and friends! Snacks and refreshments are served daily. After the 10:30 a.m. service on July 2nd, we'll have a wonderful celebration with ice cream and snacks for all participants.

VBS is open to all children aged three (must be potty-trained) through 5th grade, and you can register your child(ren) at any time by completing our VBS registration form at tinyurl.com/CEC-VBS2023 The cost is \$30 per child or \$70 per family, and you can process the payment on Realm. Scholarships are available for those in need.

Volunteers are also very much needed, so come and have fun with us! Email us if you're interested in registering your child, want to help with the program, or if you have any questions about the registration process.

SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!

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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 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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