

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Second Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Sunday, March 5, 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 |

Opening Hymn 401 | The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less 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 -

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

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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

Reader: A reading from Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 | *Levavi oculos*



- 1 I lift up my¹ eyes to the¹ hills; *
from¹ where is my¹ help to¹ come?
- 2 My help¹ comes from the¹ LORD, *
the¹ maker of¹ heaven and¹ earth.
- 3 He will not let your¹ foot be¹ moved *
and he who watches over you¹ will not¹ fall a¹ sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps¹ watch over¹ Israel *
shall¹ neither¹ slumber nor¹ sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself¹ watches¹ over you; *
the LORD is your¹ shade at¹ your right¹ hand.
- 6 So that the sun shall not¹ strike you by¹ day, *
—¹ nor the¹ moon by¹ night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from¹ all¹ evil; *
it is¹ he who shall¹ keep you¹ safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your¹ coming¹ in, *
from this time¹ forth for¹ ever¹ more.

Reader: A reading from Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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 691 | My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet

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

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

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

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Celebrant: 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 Marcia Davenport, *Associate Priest*

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.

Celebrant: 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.***

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 | Lamb of God

Twila Paris

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 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, 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 |

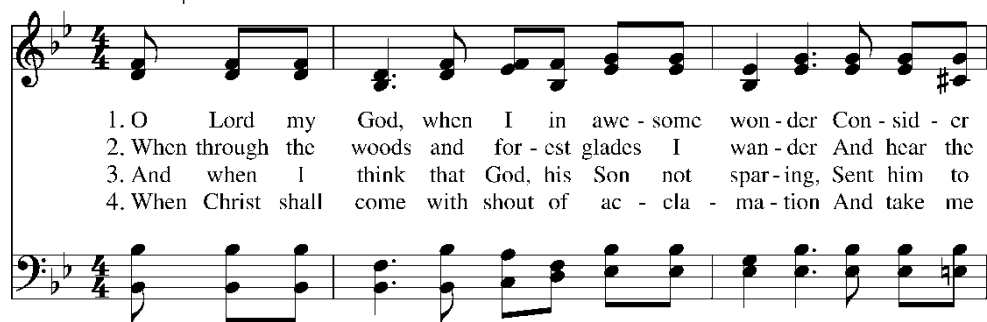
Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
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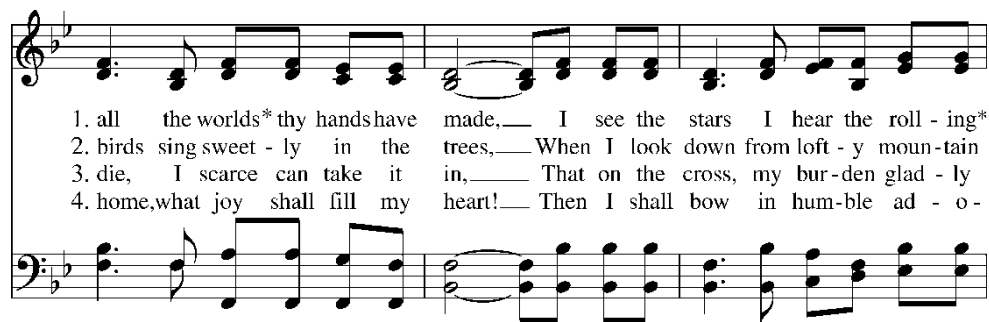
Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
All: grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access |

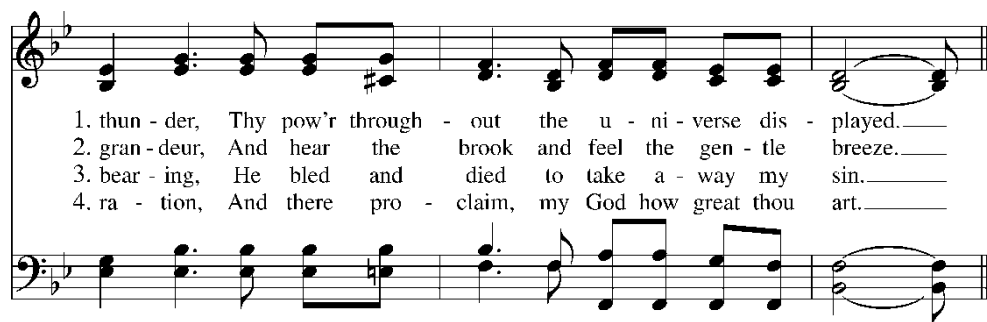
All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious 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.



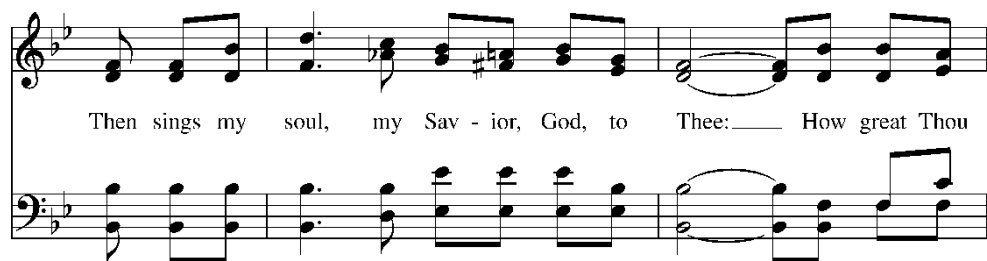
1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



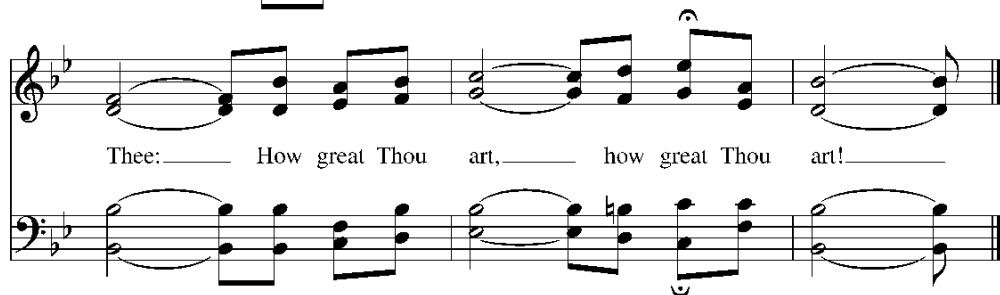
1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou



art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to



Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

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.

Closing Hymn 605 | What Does the Lord Require

Sharpthorne



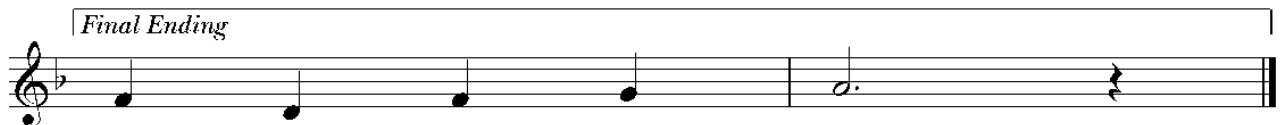
- 1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
- 2 Ru - lers of carth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
- 3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.
- 4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum - bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.

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

(The Alleluias are omitted in Lent)

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Sonni Aribiah

Ushers: Kayode Fatodu, Yetti Lipede

Chalicerist: Sonni Aribiah

9:00 a.m. Service

Ushers: Eva & Hope Oladipupo, Yetti Lipede

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Donna Campagna, Kathy Lyon

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Jonah Aribiah, Ava Kelso, Everett Kelso

Chalicerist: Donna Campagna, Kathy Lyon

Sunday School Breakfast: Kathy Chrzanowski

6:00 p.m. Service

Robin Bradley

Lynn Foor

Altar Guild

Pam Foreman

Cheryl Lucente

Gail Braatelein



**Join Us for
Jazz Vespers**
Sunday Evenings at 6 p.m.

Jazz Vespers is a new and unique service at Christ Church, a liturgy of Evening Prayer that combines scripture readings, prayer, silent meditation, and rich, live music provided by The Leister Quartet. We are offering this special service during the Lenten season with the hope of offering different opportunities for prayer, music, and reflection. There will be light refreshments afterwards, and all ages are welcome.

Please join us Sunday evenings for ninety minutes of music, reflection, and prayer.

PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH 5 TO MARCH 11

Sunday, March 5

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
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Jazz Vespers – New Brick

Monday, March 6

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
1:00 – 3:00 pm	WOCC Meeting – New Brick, lower level & Zoom
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Lay Pastoral Care Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, March 7

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
7:00 – 9:00 pm	MS Support Group – New Brick, lower level

Wednesday, March 8

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 9

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
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 10

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 11

10:00 am – 12:00 pm	WOCC, St. John's Labyrinth Walk – St. John's Church
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Lumen Christi Rehearsal – 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Lent II at Christ Church

The Second Sunday in Lent has three worship services - join us for our Old Brick Eucharist at 8:00 a.m., Family Worship in New Brick at 9:00, or the 10:30 service with music and choir in the New Brick Sanctuary. As always, we'll livestream our 10:30 worship, which you can watch on our [website](#), [YouTube](#), or [Facebook](#) pages.

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 will explore 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 welcome Rabbi Craig Axler. Join us in Old Brick at 9:30 a.m. or 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](#).

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 Church 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 Meeting - This Monday

The next WOCC Meeting is next Monday, March 6th at 1:00 p.m. We will be meeting in person (NBLL) and also via Zoom. That link is [HERE](#), the Meeting ID is **843 0204 4790** and the Passcode is **cecWOCC**. And then on Saturday, March 11th @ 10 a.m., we'll have a Guided Labyrinth Walk at St. John's in Ellicott City. Come and join us for these events, so speak to any WOCC member or email us at WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org. Come and join us for these events. If you have other good ideas, please share them with us.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Please note that Centering Prayer will NOT take place next Monday, March 6th, but we have great news - we will soon go hybrid! Later in March, 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.

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 Deacon Jane O'Leary of St. John's in Havre De Grace. We begin at 6:30 p.m. with a communal supper in the Great Hall – this week, food is provided by the Outreach Commission of Christ Church - and follow it with the evening's presentation. We then conclude with a brief Eucharist.

Healing Eucharist - Thursdays

Each Thursday 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**](mailto:music@christchurchcolumbia.org).

CEC Book Club - Fridays

During Lent, we will discuss *How Then Shall We Live? 4 Simple Questions that Reveal the Beauty and Meaning of our Lives* by Wayne Muller. Why not join us for an hour or so on Friday evenings for a lively discussion of this book? We are a friendly bunch and appreciate everyone's input and thoughts. The book can be purchased online at your favorite digital retailers. Interested? Email Ellen Hoke at [**efboudreau1@gmail.com**](mailto:efboudreau1@gmail.com) or text her at 301-452-7115. Then simply log in to Zoom for an hour or so Friday evening - that link is [**here**](#), the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366** and the Passcode is **CECBooks**

The Handbells are Here!

Our beautiful handbells have arrived! On 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... so how about you? 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**](mailto:music@christchurchcolumbia.org).

The 2023 Pledge Envelopes

The 2022 Christ Church pledge envelopes have arrived and are available for pickup now. They are located in the Narthex, but if you need to make other arrangements or have any questions, please **email the Church Office**.

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.

Our Sunday Services Need Your Assistance

We are in need of more ushers, chalicists, and lectors for the 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services. You will serve on rotational schedules (not every week) and during select events. There are no age requirements or limits, and personalized training will be provided so please consider helping out!

- **Ushers:** welcome, seat, and direct parishioners during the service
- **Chalicists (Lay Eucharistic Minister):** assist the clergy in the distribution of the Eucharist
- **Lector (Lay Reader):** read aloud to the congregation throughout the year.

Please contact Yetti at ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

Like Coffee? Let's Enjoy Some Together! You Can Help

The 8:30 a.m. Old Brick Coffee Hour is in full swing (thank you!), but we really need people and ministries to help set up for the 9:30 a.m. gathering in New Brick's Elevator Room. This is an excellent opportunity for fellowship and fun, and a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. You can work by yourself, in groups, or with another family. Perhaps a group or ministry can offer to host the occasional Coffee Hour, as well. All you need to do is provides snacks, brew the coffee, stay for the coffee hour, and help tidy up. Training will be provided. Questions? Please contact the church office at office@christchurchcolumbia.org or 410-381-9365.

Christ Church Podcast - Later in 2023

Our podcast idea is gathering steam, but we are looking for a few more people to team up with! Father Manny's desire to create a Christ Church Podcast - a homegrown, varied, multimedia collaboration - will celebrate our parish and its people's many qualities, talents, and interests. We hope to launch later this year, but we need to involve some more people to help make this the best it can be. If you enjoy writing, would like to learn about the 300-year history of Christ Church, like to photograph or makes videos on your phone or computer, enjoy composing, singing, or playing music, have a particular topic you'd like to share with others, love to draw or paint... well, we can find a place for each of you! If you'd like more information or are interested in joining us on this exciting new venture, please speak with **Fr. Manny, Ann Barnes**, or email Chris at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

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>

Help Christ Church Win Another Ladle Award While Helping Bridges to End Homelessness in Howard County

Let's add another ladle to our table! This week Christ church received a letter from **Bridges to Housing Stability** urging participation in its biggest event to raise funds for its mission to make affordable housing a reality.

"Please join us at this year's **"ChiliFest & Cornhole Tournament"** on Sunday, March 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County. This is our annual event for congregations to join in a day of fun and help end homelessness in Howard County," writes Nancy Fenton, Bridges' development director who **visited Christ Church last March** to deliver the sermon and speak at the Adult Forum.

"There are some new twists this year –catered chili by Absolutely Perfect Catering, a friendly cornhole competition, great silent auction baskets, and door prizes. I hope you will join us by promoting the event and encouraging your congregation to bring home the Gold and Silver Awards for most money raised through chili meals and donations," she writes.

Please heed Fenton's call and help Christ Church hold on to our status as a prominent supporter of Bridges and its crucial cause.

Our involvement began four years ago at the urging of parishioner Jim Collins. To refresh your collective memory, it was Spring 2019 when we participated at Savage Mill in a countywide chili cookoff, Holier Than Thou (*see image above*). Collins was then a board member and served as master of ceremonies. The next February, prior to the pandemic, we held our own chili cookoff in New Brick. Chuck Rees was the winner in a battle of the crockpots that raised \$1,000. And that in turn, led to Christ church **winning a Silver Ladle Award** at a virtual Chili & Challenge Fundraiser in Fall 2020.

Christ Church picked up the pace during another virtual event in 2021, **winning the Golden Ladle for donations raised**. In 2022, there was no chili challenge as Bridges instead held a celebration to honor its stalwarts. Collins was honored in April as one of Bridges' "Heroes for Housing."

And now in 2023, with pandemic restrictions easing, Bridges is once again holding an in-person fundraiser this month. (Yes, there is a takeout option for those who must continue to avoid the crowd).

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.

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.

You also can purchase tickets (\$40 for 2 registrations) to compete as a team in the cornhole tournament. The cornhole competition will be outdoors, weather permitting.

For additional information and to place your order for meals or to compete in the cornhole tournament, click on **this link**. **Don't miss the March 14 deadline to buy tickets.** Let's go, Christ Church!

Columbia Community Care Renews Its Request for 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 some specifics to fulfill its greatest 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. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bins and delivers their contents.

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 their 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.



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Lent - Give Yourself Some Grace

One of the challenging parts of all of our lives is juggling the varying demands that family, careers, church, and volunteer activities place on us. It is indeed true that sometimes all of these different aspects of our lives become a little too much, and there are times when we simply want to throw our hands in the air and give up. The problem is, our desire is to always get everything right - make the right decisions, pick the right clothes, purchase the right food, manage the right use of time on games, and a host of others. But realistically, can you get everything right? Is it even possible?



At our last Vestry Meeting, Andrea Leeman led the devotions. Her theme was *Give yourself some grace*. She shared thoughts that will resonate with every parent and, in fact, with all of us. The core of her reflection is about our desire to get it right all the time. Giving yourself some grace would mean acknowledging that there are struggles, challenges, hurts, and disappointments involved in every endeavor of life - whether big or small - and that you don't have to get it right all the time; in fact, no one expects you to get it right all the time.

To give yourself some grace would mean cutting yourself some slack. You and I are always being invited to love others, and it is indeed right and noble to do so. But you cannot love others when you don't love yourself. In that same way, you cannot forgive others if we cannot forgive ourselves, we cannot cut others some slack if we cannot cut ourselves some slack, and we cannot give grace to others if we cannot give ourselves some grace.

This Lent, it is important for you to remember that if you are beating yourself up over all the things that weren't perfectly done or weren't done in the right way, then you are failing to see the big picture. Heaven knows that it would be awesome if we were right or perfect all the time, but so long as we understand that wouldn't be the case, we can give ourselves some grace because that's the only way we can triumph over life's difficulties.

There is a parable of an old farmer who owned an old mule. This mule fell into the farmer's well. The farmer heard the mule praying or whatever mules do when they fall into wells.

After carefully assessing the situation, the farmer sympathized with the mule but decided that neither the mule nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he called his neighbors together, told them what had happened, and enlisted them to help haul dirt to bury the old mule in the well and put him out of his misery.

Initially, the old mule was hysterical! But as the farmer and his neighbors continued shoveling, and as the dirt hit the mule's back, a thought struck the creature. It suddenly dawned on the mule that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on his back, he would shake it off and step up.

So, this he did, blow after blow. "Shake it off and step up...shake it off and step up...shake it off and step up!" He repeated to encourage himself. No matter how painful the blows, or how distressing the situation seemed, the old mule fought panic and just kept right on shaking it off and stepping up!

It wasn't long before the old mule, battered and exhausted, stepped triumphantly over the wall of that well. What seemed like it would bury him actually helped him...all because of the manner in which he handled his adversity.

How do you handle the adversities that come your way? Have you been tough on yourself? Perfection is an illusion, so be kind to yourself and give yourself some grace.

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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 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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