CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 25, 2021 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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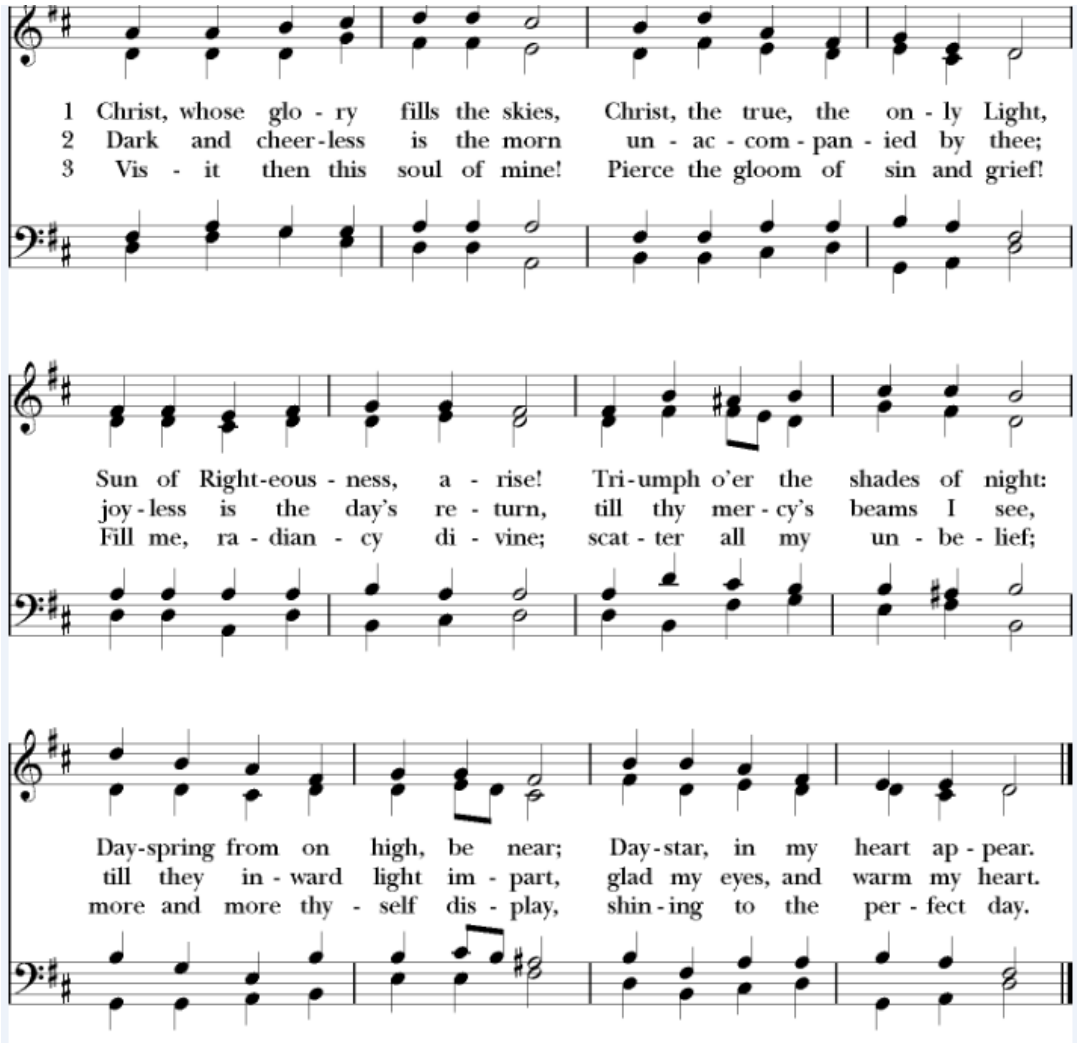
At the 8:00 AM service, all music is omitted.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN *Ratisbon*



Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

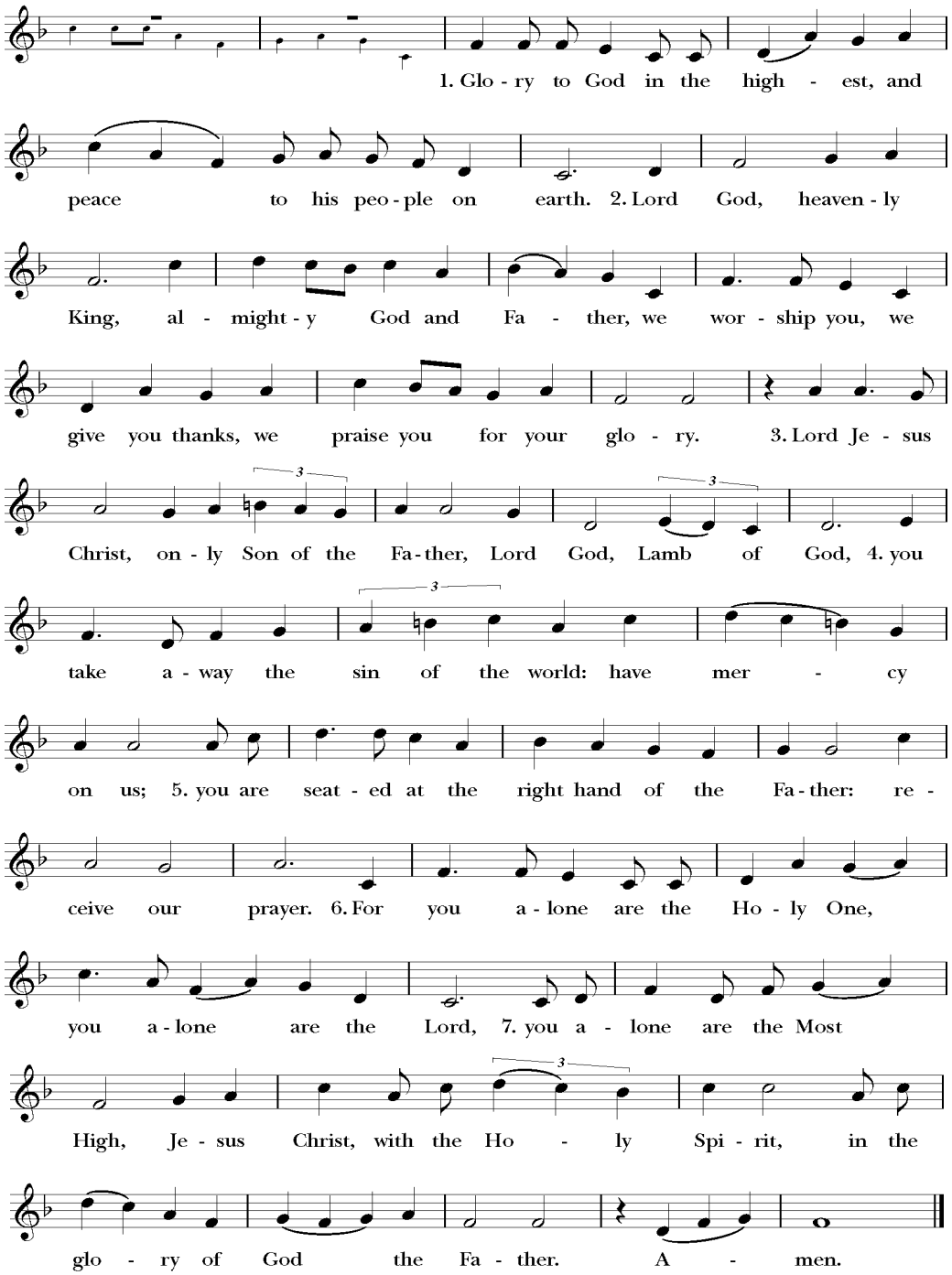
The Collect for Purity

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

People: **Amen.**

Gloria

Robert Powell (1932-)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with is officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to enquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab send Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet. "Uriah went tour of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow, I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 14 ***Dixit insipiens***

The fool has said in his heart, "there is no God *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad*
there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the lord?

See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the father, from whom every family in heaven and earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

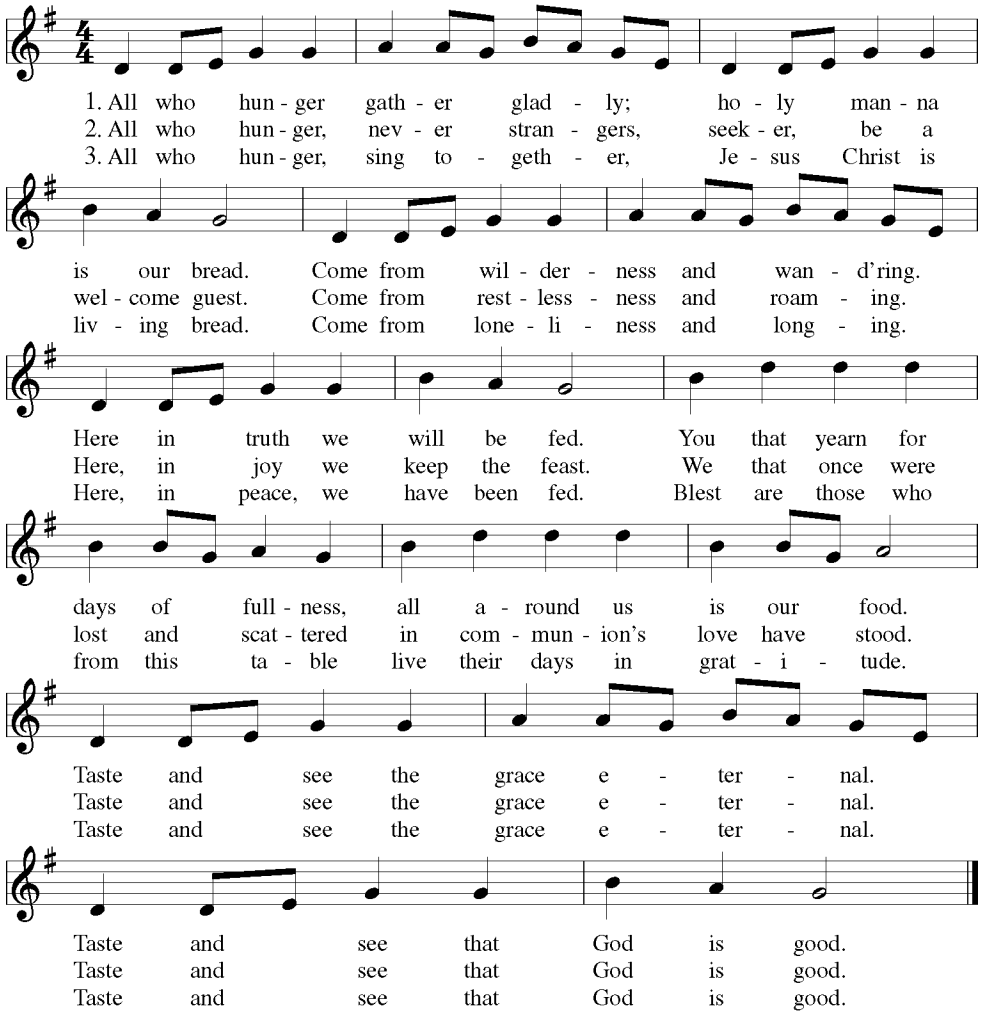
Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Holy Manna



THE GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus wept up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" Jesus said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When they people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

SERMON Kathy Lyon

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

Dear Lord, as individuals and as a congregation, we have much to be grateful for. Today, we give thanks for the music, ministry and presence of Adam Detzner. We celebrate his time with us and pray you watch over him as he begins his new position. We shall miss him very much, but we are so thankful for the three years he spent as our Music Director. As we say our goodbyes, we pray for your guidance in discerning our music ministry going forward. ***Hear our prayer, Lord.***

We pray for the people of Haiti and others around the world affected by political instability. We pray for an end to violence, poverty, injustice and oppression wherever they occur. Help us to know you are always with us and to not be afraid to do what we can to create a more peaceful and just world. ***Hear our prayer, Lord.***

We pray for our presiding bishop Michael, diocesan bishops Eugene and Robert, Father Manny, Deacon Denise, and all our lay leaders In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Holy Trinity, Essex; Nativity and Holy Comforter, Cedarcroft; and Redemption, Locust Point. We give thanks for the good works of these leaders and congregations. ***Hear our prayer, Lord.***

We give thanks for the hard work of Father Manny and many others who held our parish together remotely during the pandemic. We give thanks for the work of scientists and the medical community that make it possible for us to gather safely in person again. For those new to or just visiting our church, we give thanks for your presence today and hope you will return. May we all continue to grow as members of Christ's body, serving our church, our community and one another. ***Hear our prayer, Lord.***

We give thanks especially for all those who contributed to help provide school supplies for students at Lake Elkhorn Middle School. We fully met our goal to provide supplies to 125 children. We invite you to join the coming activities of shopping, packaging, and delivering supplies, as we pray for all those who are underserved in our community. ***Hear our prayer, Lord.***

We pray for comfort and healing for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Sherry, Frantz, Tiffany, Cherryllynn, Tanis, Sam, Farris, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Ana, Theresa, Nell, Victoria, Jim, Roberta, Kathleen, Ashley, Ron & Jeanette, and those you name. We pray for the souls of the departed, Cy Paumier & Paul Ssempeebwa, and for solace for those who grieve. We give thanks for the celebrations of birthdays of members of our parish, especially Thomas, Andrew, Joshua, Julia, Marjorie, Lamere, Judy, Kirk & Errick. May they all know that their brothers and sisters in Christ love them. ***Hear our prayer, Lord.***

Lord, help us in the week ahead to remember that, through the power of your love, we can accomplish so much more than we realize. Let us not be afraid to do what is right and just and to always serve as messengers of your love. ***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 your ways,
to the glory of your 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

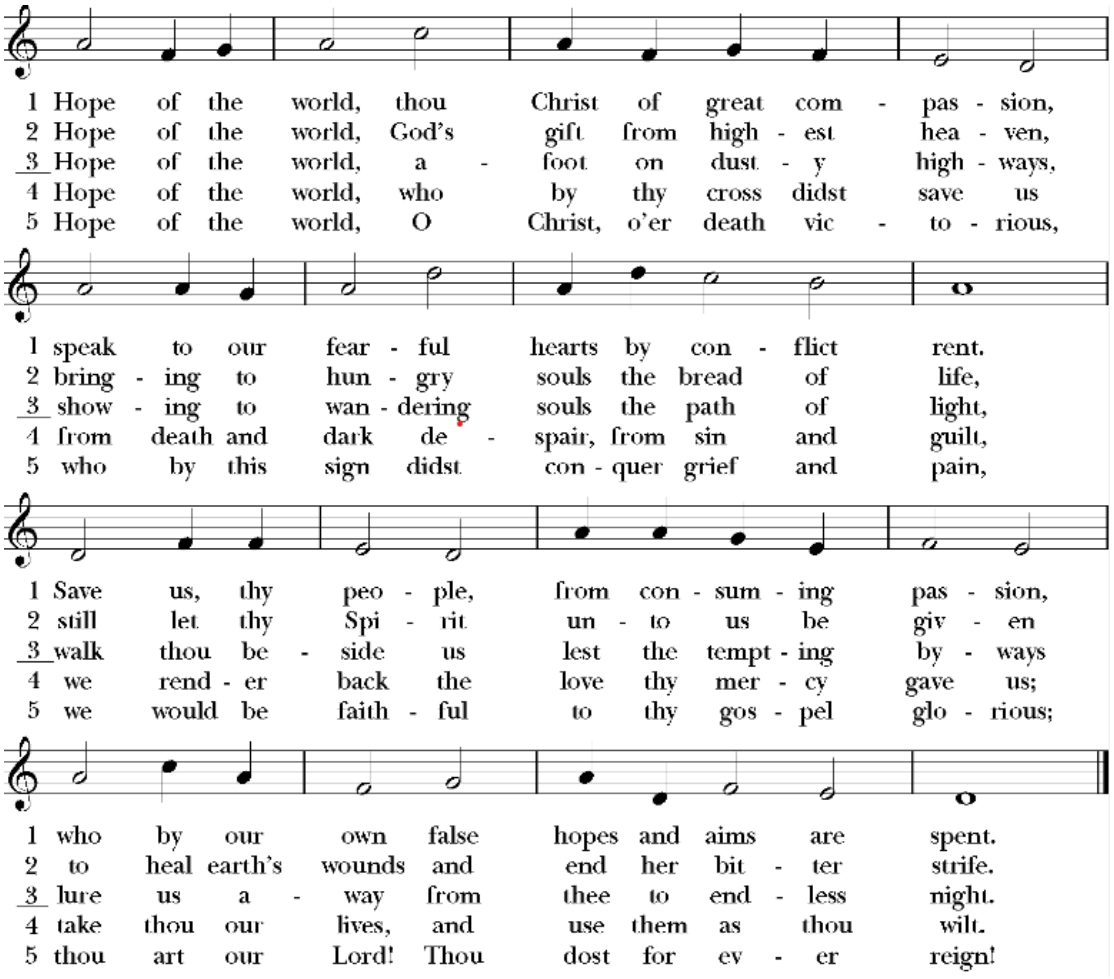
People: **And also with you.**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Donne secours



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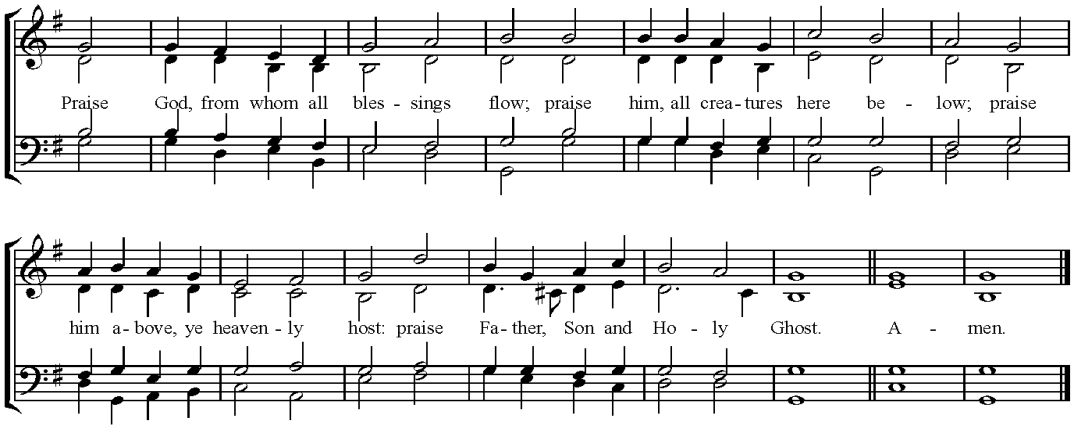


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…
…Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **Our Father,**
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

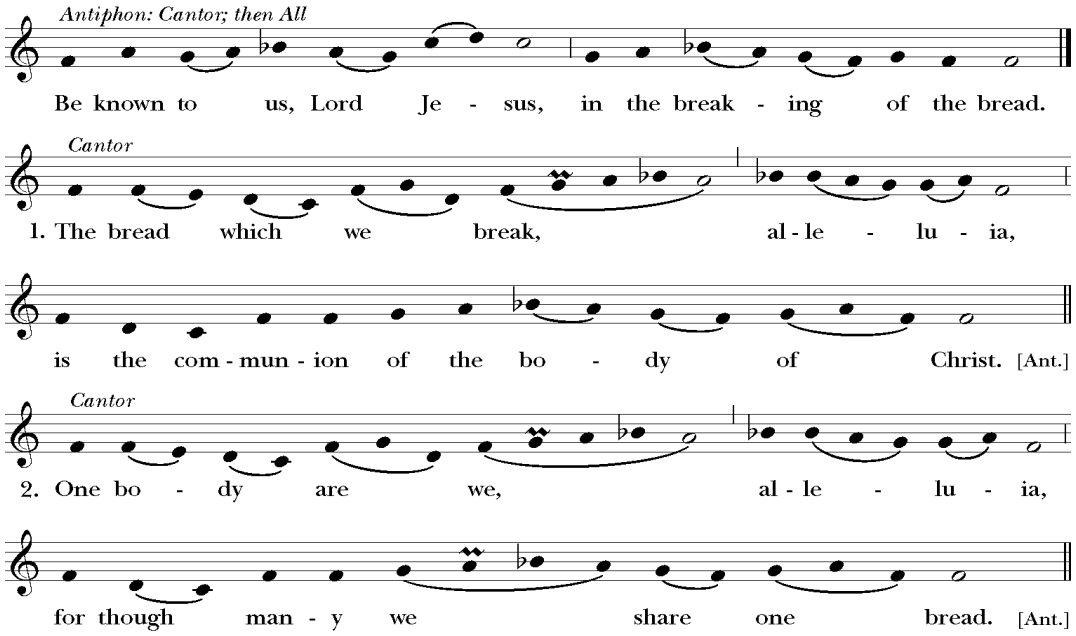
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)



COMMUNION HYMN

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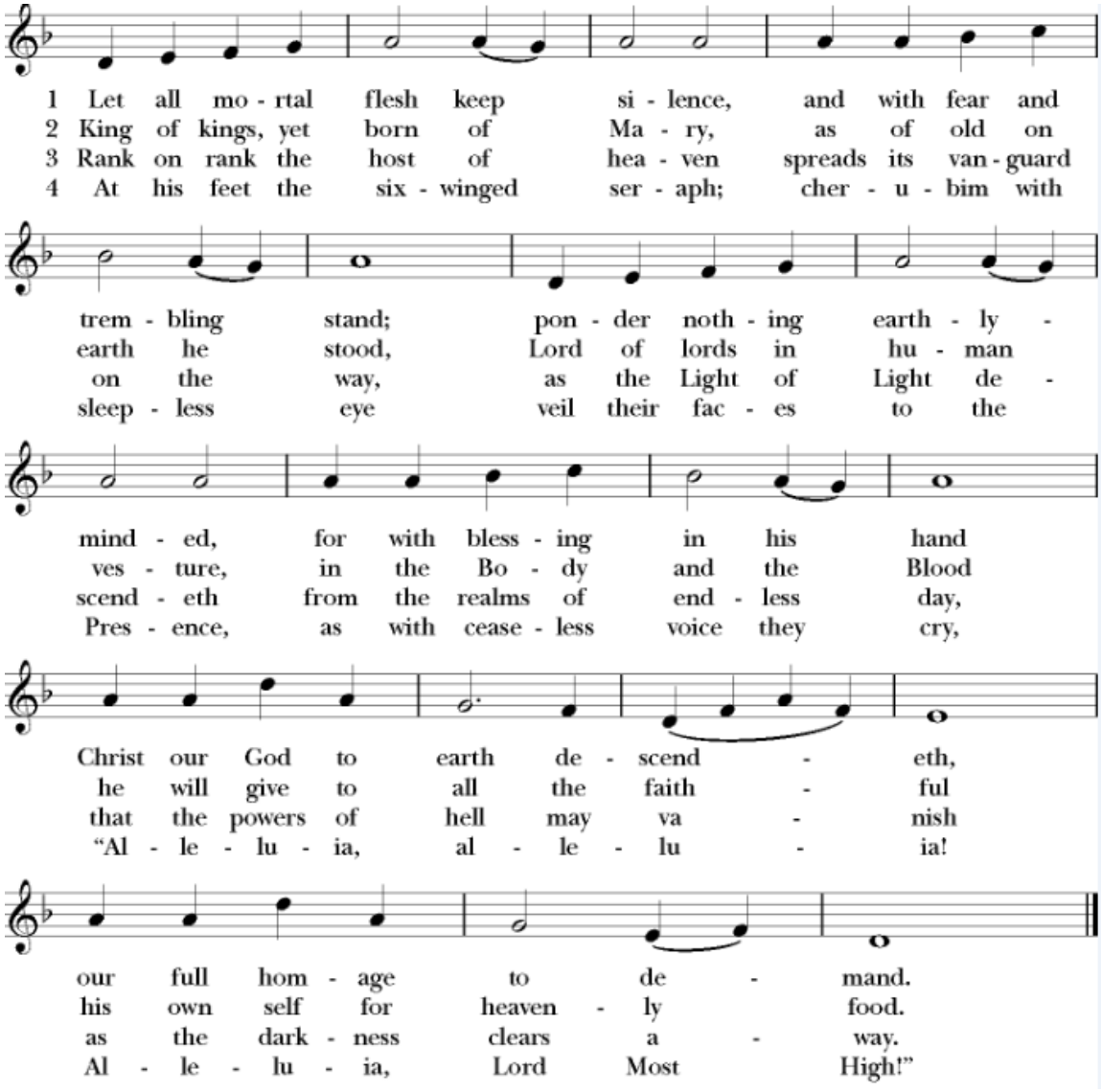


POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

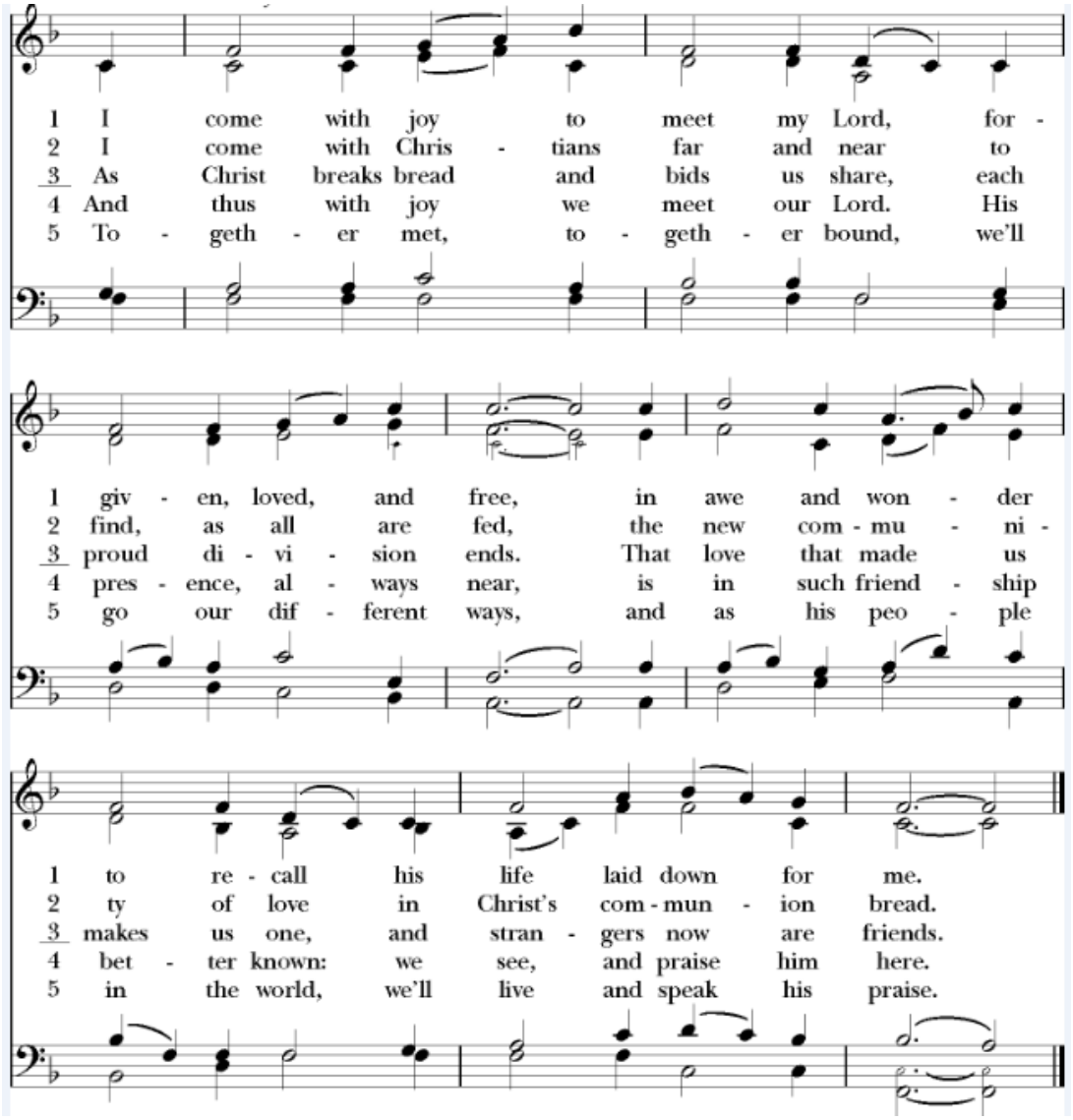
All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with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

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN

Land of Rest



DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pentecost IX at Christ Church | Join us this Sunday morning, the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, as Holy Eucharist takes place at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. in New Brick. Both of our worship services will be indoors. We'll livestream the 10:30 service on our Christ Church website, YouTube, and Facebook pages for those who are worshipping remotely. If you'd like to be there in person, just complete the brief attendance form on our website, and please wear your mask at all times while indoors.

This is also Adam's final Sunday as the Organist and Music Director at Christ Church, and we will host a reception outside after the 10:30 a.m. service. Come and show your appreciation for all he has done for Christ Church these past few years! If you can't join us in person, you can send him an email at adam.detzner@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers and Gifts | If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can now find the details and sign-up sheet online at https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts.

Diocese of Maryland - July 21st Update | The Diocese of Maryland has provided a new update on their website, and you can read that here. All municipalities are in the Yellow Phase at this time. We'll carry on with our dialogue with the appropriate organizations and will ease restrictions with care and consideration as conditions warrant. We also continue to welcome your feedback and thoughts via the brief, confidential questionnaire located here, and the latest information, links, and updates are on the Summer Re-Gathering page of our website.

Summer Coffee Hours Need Your Help | Sign-ups are open! We will try and have Coffee Hour receptions each Sunday this summer. At this time, the Diocese has instructed parishes to provide pre-packaged, individual servings of foods and beverages in order to maintain a safe environment for all participants, and so we are interested in having a few volunteer parishioners help make these gatherings a regular occurrence. You can sign up to help host a Coffee Hour at https://tinyurl.com/CECcoffeesignup and can email the church office if you need refreshment suggestions or have any questions - office@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Morning and Evening Prayer – Weekdays | Christ Church leads morning prayer at 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and evening prayer is offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to worship live via Facebook or the main page of our website, and join in the centering and healing Anglican practice of observing daily offices. We are also looking for a few new faces to help with prayer livestreaming. It only takes 30 minutes of your time each week, so if you have a personal Facebook account and are interested in helping please email Deacon Denise at deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org. It's a straightforward process, and we'll be sure to set you up with the details that keep it that way!

Buildings and Grounds Clean-Up Day - August 21st | Mark your calendars! There's no Parish Clean-Up Day this month, but we'll gather together on Saturday, August 21st from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to prepare the campus for our Parish Festival. Be sure to bring your work gloves, and we'll see you then!

Sunday School Update | Sunday school will be taking a break from classes this summer. It is our plan to have in person Sunday School classes beginning on September 12. Classes for Preschool – 5th grade will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. in the Lower Level of New Brick. (Breakfast will be served from 9:15 – 9:30 a.m.) We will continue using "Weaving God's Promises" as our curriculum. Children can attend church services with their families after Sunday school. Since this is a new model for our church, we will evaluate its' success in December and make changes as needed.

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In order for our program to be successful, we *really* need adult volunteers to teach. If you are called to this very rewarding ministry, please contact Jennifer Atkins at dandjatkins@verizon.net. The curriculum is very easy to follow and we teach in teams, so no one has to do all of the work.

Fall Adult Formation | Help wanted! Would you like to meet people and have conversations? Do you want to be more involved in the life of your church? Have you ever led or taught a class... or want to try? Prayerfully consider a leadership opportunity. The Adult Formation Committee is currently seeking volunteer facilitators for classes during the fall of 2021. If you are interested in occasionally leading an adult class on Sundays between worship services, please contact Jenn Todd Lavanish at jltlavanish@gmail.com or call 706-570-5425 for information. We have an exciting year planned to grow and learn together.

WOCC News | The Women of Christ Church will hold its next meeting in September, and more information will be made available later this summer. Remember, every woman at Christ Church over the age of 18 is already a member of the WOCC, so join us any time. If you have any questions, please contact the WOCC officers by emailing wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org: Gail Braatelien, President; Rhonda Tomlinson, Vice President; Cathy Gold, Financial Secretary; Joan Harvey, Secretary; and Pamela Brown, Chaplain.

Join Us for the CEC Fall Retreat - This October | The Spiritual Life Commission is pleased to announce that the Christ Church Fall Retreat is back for 2021! Once again, we'll gather at the A. Felix duPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach. We've reserved the weekend of October 1-3 for us, so if you're interested please speak with Ellen Hoke or Donna Campagna so they can answer your questions or reserve a space for you. The details are on our website and you can email Ellen at efboudreau1@gmail.com or Donna at donnacam100@gmail.com for more information. The CEC Fall Retreat is a unique and enriching parish gathering, and a great opportunity to get acquainted with one another and deepen our faith.

Get Ready for the Annual Christ Church Auction - This Fall | Get ready.... the 32nd Annual Christ Church Auction is this year, with both a virtual and in-person component. Silent auction items are made available for bidding from 7:00 p.m. October 30th through 3:00 p.m. November 6th. And the in-person live auction is back for 2021, with doors opening in New Brick at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 6th. Also, there will be a 50/50 drawing available for both the online and in-person portions. This is Christ Episcopal Church's major fundraiser for the year, and we hope you will all plan on participating. We also hope that you'll consider donating items in support of our Church. The CEC Auction's success depends entirely on each and every one of us! No item is too small, or too large to donate. Information to register a donation online will be provided soon, with more details provided in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

Prayer Shawl Ministry | Christ Church has created a Prayer Shawl Ministry, so grab your knitting needles and yarn, and join us. Don't have time to knit a whole shawl? Think about knitting some Prayer Squares, with each measuring 5" x 5". These are easily and quickly made and will be appreciated by those who are ill or grieving. If you are interested in making shawls or squares, contact Rosemary Hubbard at rhubbard553@gmail.com or 410-730-2985.

Invitation to Take a Virtual Trip to Uganda as Leaders of Friends of Sabina. Join the August 1st Zoom Coffee Hour/Adult Forum | Plan to see and hear the latest on how leaders of Friends of Sabina (FOS) are making progress at Sabina Primary School in rural Uganda. At noon on Sunday, August 1st, Father Manny and the Outreach Commission will host Ann Marie Davis, who recently returned from Uganda, and Maria White, the two leaders of FOS. Links and details for this Zoom virtual gathering will be in next Monday's *Christ Church Online Gatherings* email.

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We've already gotten a positive update on the performance of Sabina's students within the Ugandan system of education. The school educates children as early as 3 to 6 years of age in pre-primary. Primary students in grades P1 through P7 study English, Math, Science, and Social Studies (consisting of History, Geography, and Religious Studies). At Sabina, the curriculum also includes Permaculture/Agriculture. At the end, students take the national Primary Leaving Exams (PLE). These rigorous exams affect placement in secondary school and whether some students must repeat P7.

On Tuesday, July 20th, the FOS leaders shared the news that Sabina ranked 13 out of about 400 schools in the Kyotera District: "We received the P7 results and all of the Sabina students passed with a score of 1 or 2. One being the highest!"

"Everyone in the community is so excited as Sabina is back on the map with their improved commitment to superior academics. Thank you for believing in us," said White in an email.

More than a decade ago, Christ Church began supporting Sabina Primary School and its library through the organization, Children of Uganda (COU). Parishioners collected shipments of books for the library, which evolved into the Ssanje Community Resource center, playing a vital role for residents of the surrounding area.

In late 2019, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese that owns Sabina Primary School entered into a management agreement with FOS, then a newly-formed organization that is co-managed by the two former members of the COU Board of Directors. FOS embarked on an improvement program that includes replacing infrastructure such as the obsolete kitchen complex. "By stepping out on faith, we built the foundation of our vision to renew and support the Sabina School," said the FOS leaders.

Outreach continues to support Sabina through FOS. For example, Christ Church pays the librarian's salary and covers the costs of an upgraded internet service, using $2,000 in Vestry-approved funds in 2021. Thanks to Christ Church parishioners for making that possible! You, too, can take pride in the accomplishment of the high-performing P7 students.

Beginning in 2020, Outreach also encouraged parishioners to sponsor Sabina students whose families otherwise cannot afford fees and tuition. (They are among Sabina students pictured here.) Christ Church members stepped forward to sponsor eight children, who then ranged in age from 8 to 15. Parishioners and the first names of the students are: Steve and Linda Alpern (Sharon); Tim and Sherry Beaty, (Herbert); Ellen and Charles Hoke, (Josephine); Patricia Fanning, (Patricia); Diane Phillips Laguerre (Jackson); Paula and Chuck Rees (Sandra); Catherine Whittaker (Brian); and Melanie and Nick Yaksich (Marvin).

We're expecting many of the sponsors to join the Zoom to hear more about these students' experiences in what has turned out to be a year of pandemic challenges.

The FOS leaders last met with Christ Church in May 2020 during a virtual coffee hour on Zoom. This time the images will be like traveling to Uganda's Central Region, which is west of Lake Victoria and north of the border with Tanzania. And for some members of Christ Church, the video visit will remind them of their own travels to Uganda and long-standing involvement with Sabina Primary School including the Hokes, the Alperns, and Teddy and Sonni Aribiah and their sons, Jonah and Luke.

Lake Elkhorn Middle School Supplies - THANK YOU! | We are excited to report that we have exceeded our goal of $5,000 for school supplies for the students at LEMS. We are very grateful to the generous parishioners of Christ Church for their responsiveness to the needs of families in our local community. We have ordered the supplies and will fill the bags in the near future - stay tuned for details in upcoming communications. If you would like to help us bag the supplies, please contact Onyx Williams at ow6062@gmail.com or Cathy Whittaker at catharinewhittaker@gmail.com.

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Reminder: Restaurant Donation Day July 29th to Help Bridges End Homelessness | Supporters of Bridges to Housing Stability can dine in at one restaurant or choose to dine in or take out at its sister venue in the Merriweather District in Downtown Columbia on July 29. Cured Table & Tap and 18th & 21st will each donate 10 percent of your receipt during Bridges' Restaurant Donation Day. Both restaurants share the same address: 10980 Grantchester Way, #110, Columbia, MD 20144. For more information about the event or about Bridges and its support by our parishioners, read the Christ Church Outreach Blog Post of July 10th.

Collection Drive Continues to Provide Diapers, Personal Care Items for CCC | At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to support Columbia Community Care (CCC) by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Please put any of these items in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. You can drop off items on weekdays until 2 p.m., but we ask that you call the church office (410) 381-9365 ahead of time.

Donate Personal Care and Cleaning Supplies for FISH in Bin on our Breezeway | Organizers for FISH of Howard County request household cleaning supplies such as liquid dish soap, bleach, and cleanser as well as personal items such as deodorant, shampoo and bath soaps. At present, its pantry has an adequate supply of groceries. The bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall.

Are YOU the Next DreamBuilders Webmaster? | DreamBuilders is seeking a webmaster to join our Leadership team in September of 2021. The website is a key information source for our volunteers to learn about and sign up for local building opportunities and mission trips. The site also serves a vital communication role for construction partners, suppliers, supporters, and potential donors to understand the amazing work DreamBuilders does locally and on mission trips. You'll be responsible for managing DreamBuilders' web presence, ensuring our site is user-friendly and current. You should be knowledgeable in web hosting/ server management, online security, web design, and content management on the WordPress platform (no coding is necessary). You'll participate in monthly leadership meetings to be well-informed of DreamBuilders' plans, projects, and events. This volunteer position requires a commitment of 4-8 hours a month, although the hours vary depending on DreamBuilders' activity level. Your personal involvement and donation of web skills will have a direct impact on improving the lives of so many people! And of course, you'll have ample opportunity to put your creative talents to good use. For more information, contact john.mcbeth@verizon.net The deadline to express interest is August 1st.

SEAFARER'S Donation Requests | We could use your help in gathering the following items. Delivery is made and the date announced when the number of collections gets reasonably accumulated. Contact Carolann Sawyer with any questions.

- Bible in modern English (or Tagalog, Russian, or Chinese)
- Times/Newsweek/etc. up to 3 months old
- Sports Ill/People/etc. up to 6 months
- Cars/Computers/Consumers up to 1 year
- Reader's Digest up to a couple of years
- National Geographics post-2000
- Books (except for Bibles) are less often requested, but some seafarers do appreciate action novels, as well as picture books about Baltimore or the U.S.
- Action/adventure DVD's. Recent popular CDs.
- Religious books (in easy English), DVDs, CDs; rosaries.
- Clothing - men's jeans, other sturdy pants (no bigger than XL) or shorts, T-shirts, warm outerwear, and non-skid shoes/boots (in good condition only), and gloves, hats, scarves, and warm socks.

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.

Please Consider a Contribution to Christ Church

Recent world events have been challenging for us all. It has also affected how we are able to continue to help others. Our Stewardship Committee would like to thank you all for your wonderful and generous support to our beloved Christ Church. Your generosity sustains life and ministry. In as much as we give thanks for your pledges - especially during these difficult times - we also want you to know that we are still quite far from our targeted goal for 2021. We, therefore, appeal to all who have not as yet turned in their pledges to kindly consider submitting a pledge online. We are still carrying out an amazing ministry for a moderate-sized church - even through this very challenging time - but it does require everyone's assistance. Each contribution helps greatly.

Text Giving

You can now give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text CECGIVING to 73256, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

Online Giving

You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing towards your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our overview page for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org

Our 2021 Pledge Form is Online

The 2021 Pledge Form is on our website, for your convenience. You can complete the form by clicking here or use the Realm form located here, and if you have any questions, please email stewardship@christchurchcolumbia.org

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