CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 11, 2021 | 8:00 and 10:30 AM

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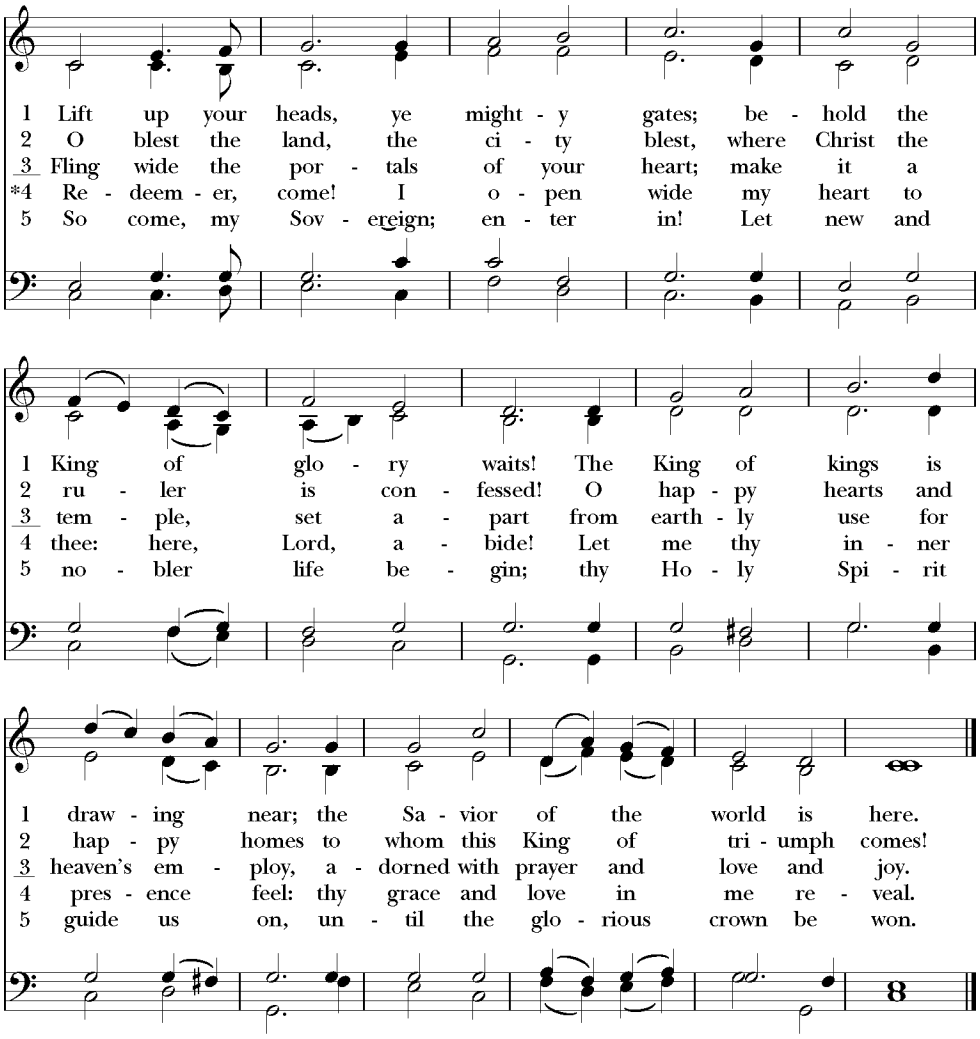
At the 8:00 AM service, all music is omitted.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN *Truro*



Opening Acclamation

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

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

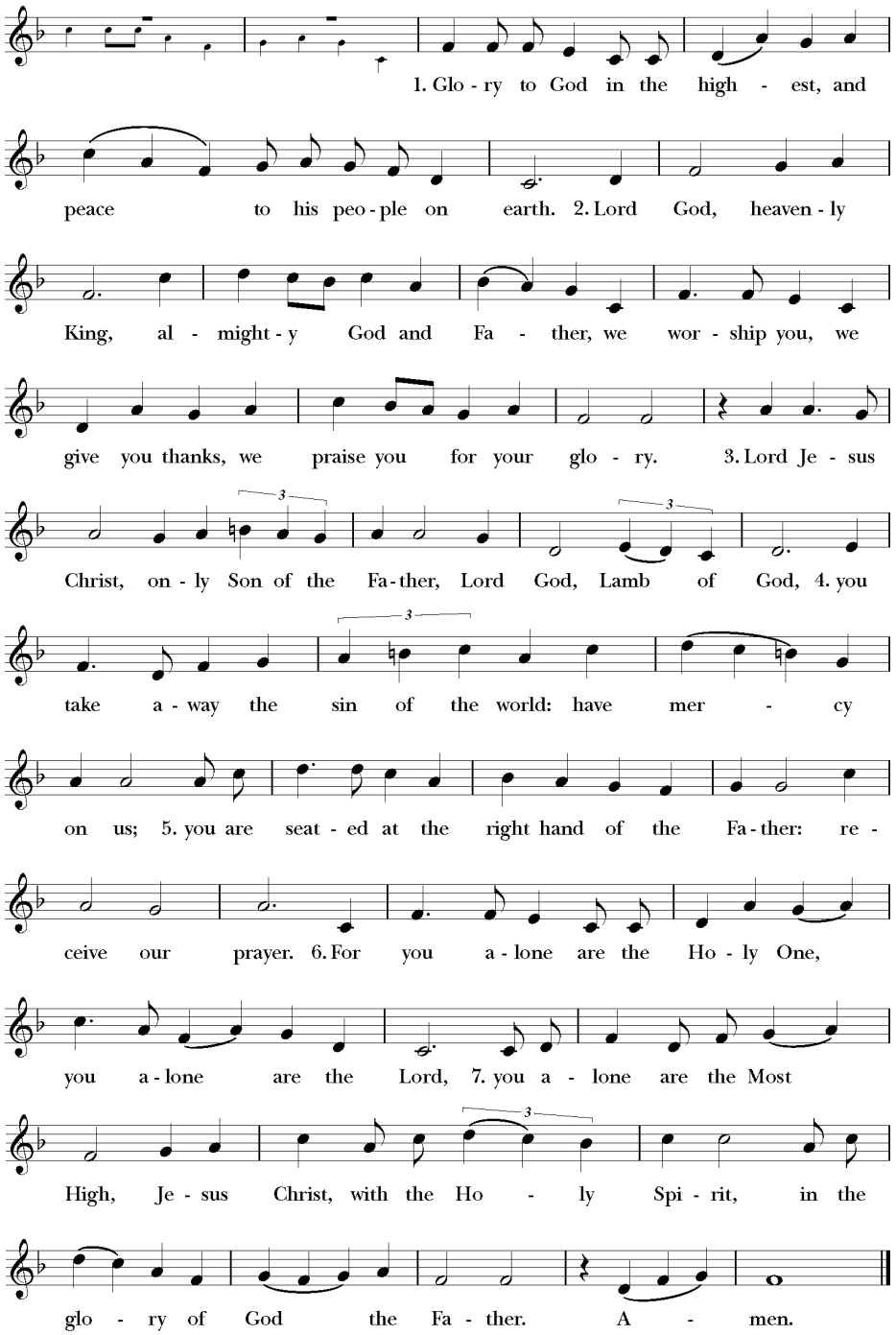
The Collect for Purity

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

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON — 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 24 — *Domini est terra*

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? " *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

THE EPISTLE — Ephesians 1:3-14

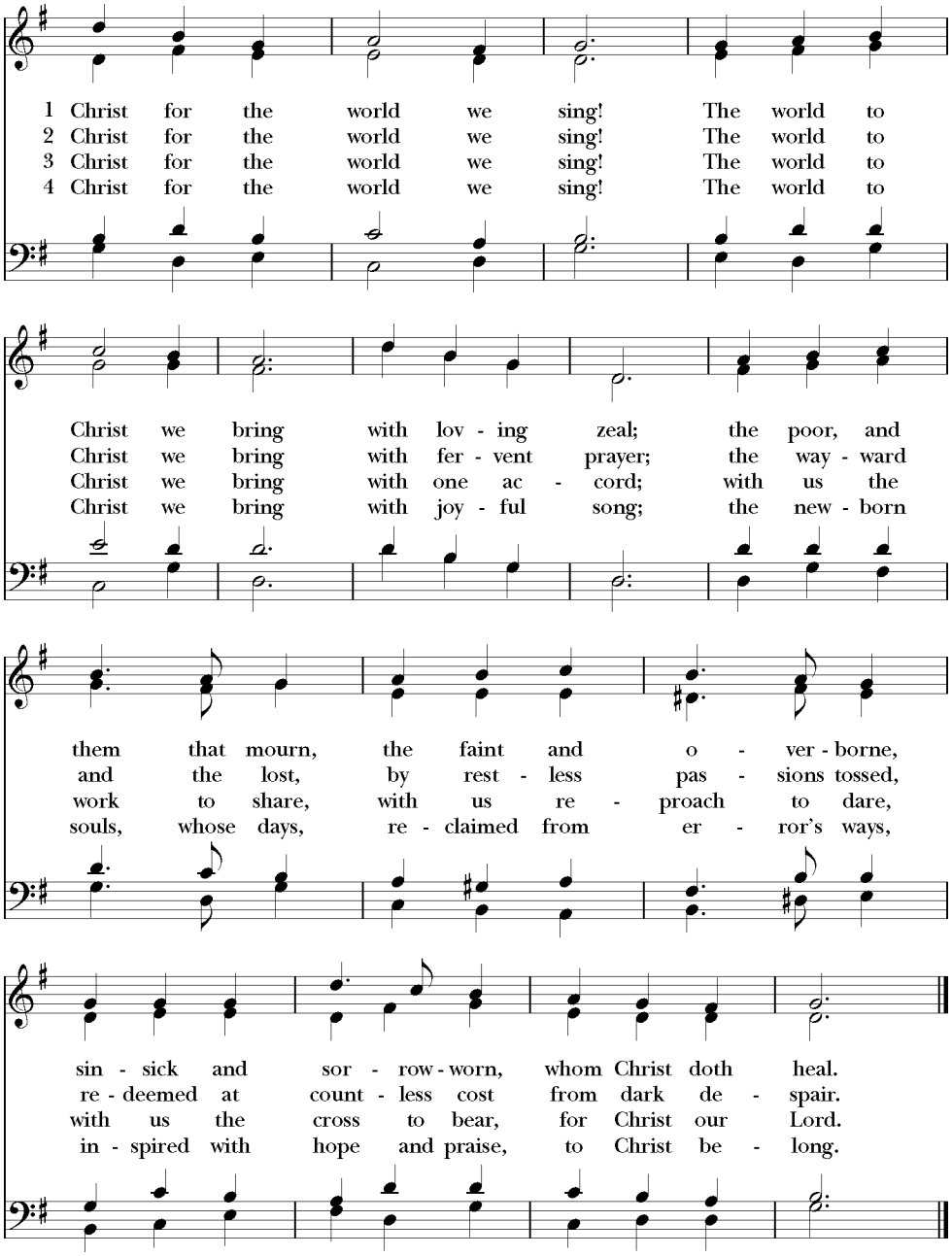
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Moscow



THE GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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. Emmanuel 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

Lord, may we always express our joy in your worship and praise. Let us be so thankful to be considered your children by the continued blessing of your grace. Our Father and his son Jesus Christ have lavished their love on us. Setting our hope in the truth of Christ and His gospel of salvation, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit and given new life. **Glory to our magnificent God.**

We pray for the work of the worldwide Church, especially for its efforts to bring racial reconciliation, unity, true understanding and strengthening of the Body of Christ. We pray for justice, healing, peace, an end to the pandemic, an end to senseless violence, a sharing of resources, a development of talent, a resolution of unemployment and lack of housing, a bridge to education and societal transformation. In the Anglican communion, we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for our sister parishes of Emmanuel, Baltimore; Grace & St Peter's, Baltimore and Guardian Angel, Baltimore.

We pray for our spiritual leaders: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; Emmanuel, our Rector; Denise, our Deacon; and Richard and James, our Rectors in Emeriti. We ask for wisdom for all government leaders throughout the world, especially for our President, Joseph, and our state and local government leaders. **Let us live according to God's will.**

We pray for all those who are ill in mind, body or spirit, and those who care for them. We pray this week especially for Cherryllynn, Tanis, Sam, Farris, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Ana, Theresa, Nell, Victoria, Jim, Roberta, Kathleen, Ashley, Ron & Jeanette and those you now name. **Lord, may your healing touch ease their pain and restore them.**

O God, we ask you to hold in Your loving arms all those who have departed this life, especially 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**.

We give thanks for all our visitors and newcomers, in person or online, who share in our worship today. Our parish is strengthened by your presence and enlivened by your spirited participation. Our congregation is grateful for the diversity of spiritual gifts and talents of all. We extend a warm welcome to join us in our ministries of service and praise. We also celebrate occasions of joy in our parish today, marking the birthdays Dee, Ainsley, Jan, Patricia, Ed, Bill, Catherine, Kyle, Pamela, Shahra, and anniversaries of Ed & Kathy Chrzanowski, Lexi & Ron Couch, Donna & Thomas Day, and David & Suzanne Ziobro. **We are blessed in so many ways.**

May we go forth in the world, as children of God, spreading the Good News in Christ. **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.**

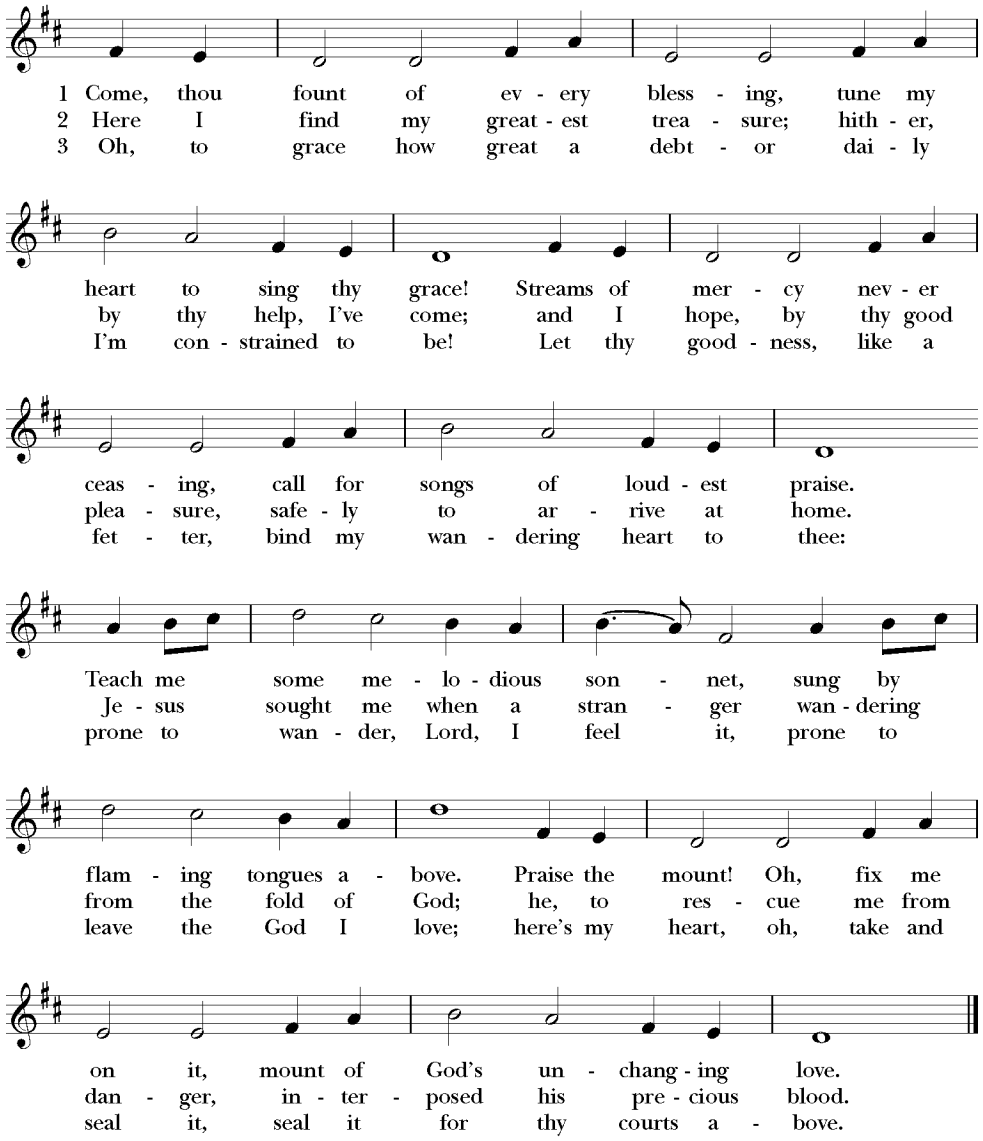
The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

Nettleton



Doxology

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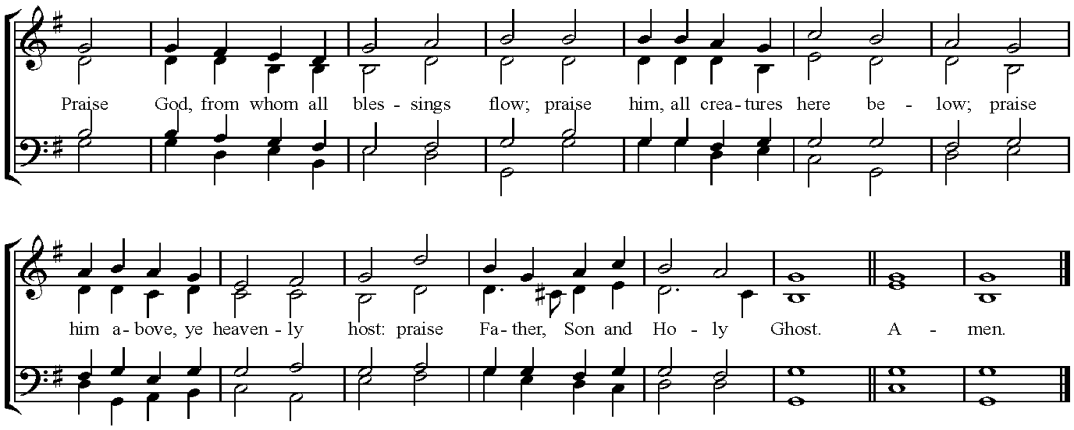


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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."

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.

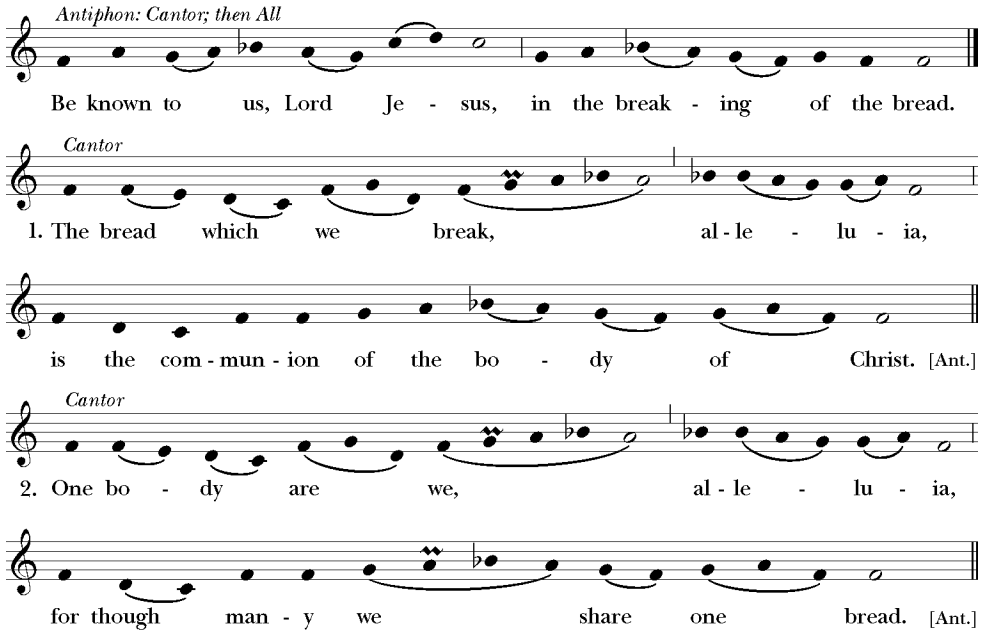
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

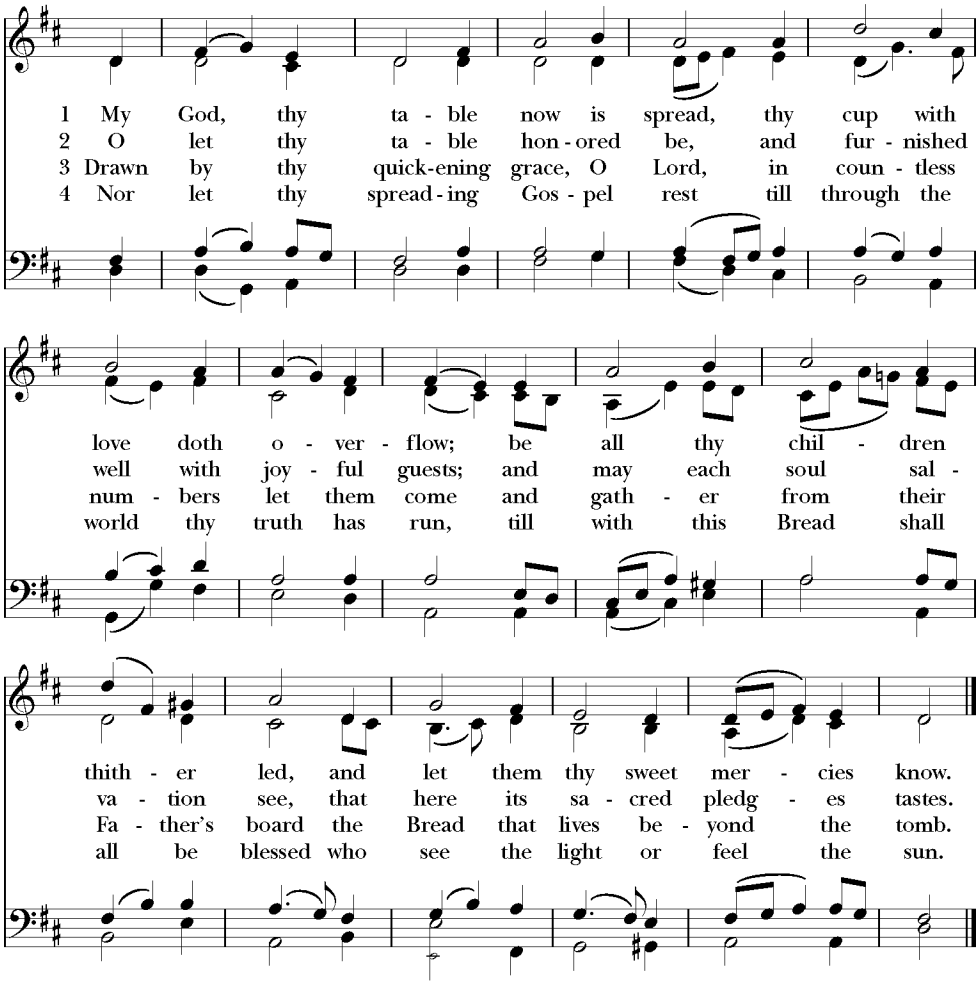
FRACTION ANTHEM

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



COMMUNION HYMN

Rockingham



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

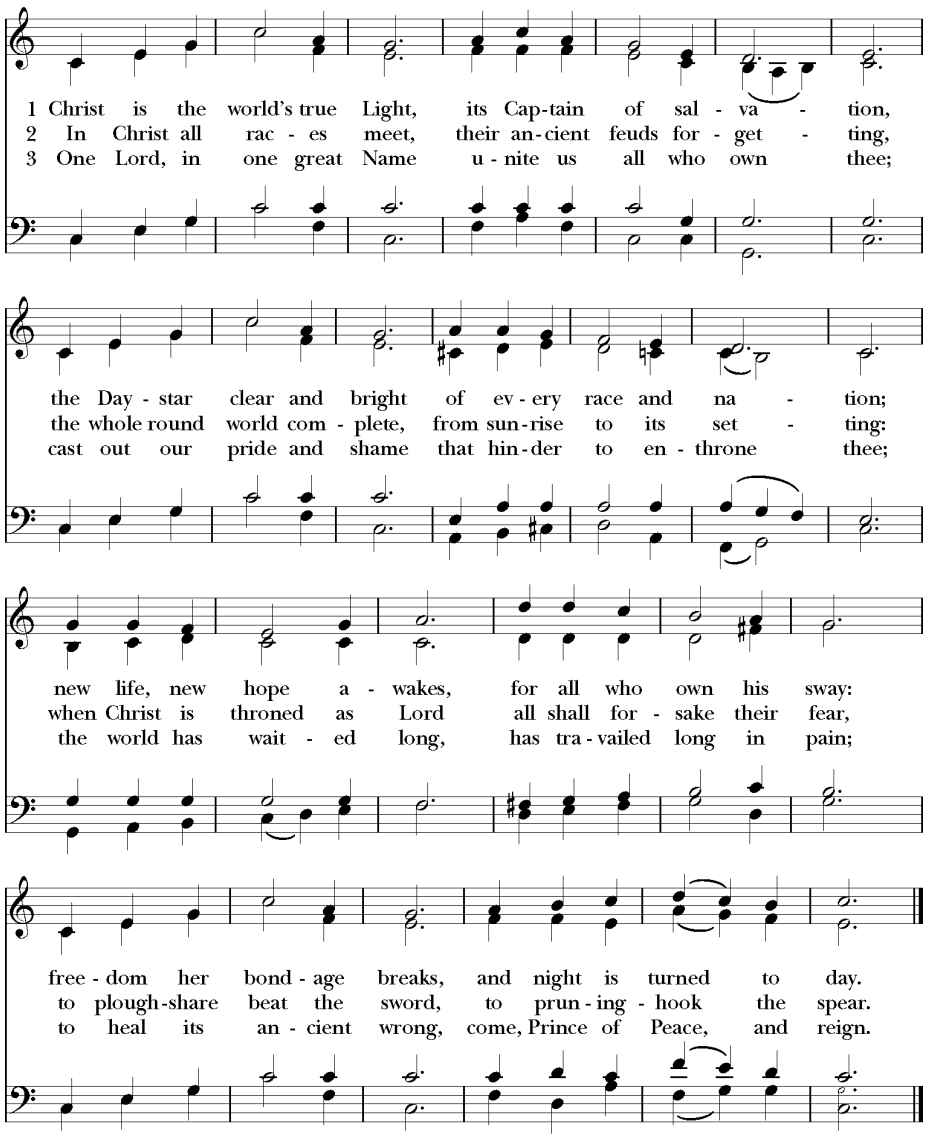
All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with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

THE BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN

St. Joan



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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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.

We Have Begun the Green Phase! | The Diocese of Maryland has placed Howard County in the Green Phase! This allows for more restrictions to be lifted soon, such as the safe distribution of communion wine. It's important to note that although we are excited to move in this direction, we are in continual dialogue with the appropriate organizations and will ease restrictions with care and consideration. We also continue to welcome your feedback and thoughts via the brief, confidential questionnaire located here. You can find the latest information, links, and updates on the Summer Re-Gathering page of our website.

Please Help Us Make Summer Coffee Hours a Reality | Sign-ups are open! We will try and have Coffee Hours 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 ideas 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!

Centering Prayer - Thursday Evenings | Throughout the summertime, come join Kathy and Adrian in Old Brick on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for this contemplative prayer gathering, one which allows for shared energy and connectedness that fosters an openness to God's presence. All attendees currently wear masks and sit at an appropriate distance from each other. You are welcome to participate as their schedule permits, whether it's every week or once in a while.

The 32nd Annual Christ Church Auction is being held Online AND In-Person in November! | The 2021 Christ Church Auction will be both a virtual and in-person event this year, with silent auction items available for bidding from 7:00 p.m. October 30th through 3:00 p.m. November 6th. Doors will open for the in-person live auction at 6:30 p.m. on 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 for the auction in support of our Church. Its success depends entirely on each and every one of us! No item is too small, or too large. Information to register a donation online will be provided soon, with more details provided in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

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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 lead or taught a class? 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. In the meantime, the WOCC started sending birthday e-cards for those WOCC members interested in receiving an e-card rather than one via USPS. Don't forget to check your email's spam folder if you don't see yours. If you would prefer to receive a card in the mail instead, please send us an email. Please ensure that Christ Church has your correct email address and birthdate (month/day) in your Church's REALM account. If you do not have a REALM account, email Yetti at office@christchurchcolumbia.org so that she can send you a link to set up an account. And 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.

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.

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.

Vaccination Updates | We'd like to bring to your attention that the Clergy and Staff at Christ Church have been fully vaccinated, and our Howard County faith communities are hard at work to help end this COVID-19 pandemic. There are vaccine clinics taking place in July at various houses of worship, and you can find that information at https://tinyurl.com/cecCOVIDresourcejuly.

Inviting One and All to Get Involved in Christ Church Outreach | The Outreach Commission is making an effort to better spread the word about what we do and, in turn, persuade more volunteers to participate during 2021. For starters, how about joining us at our next meeting? It will be held on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 12. Information on how to join the meeting by Zoom or by phone will be provided in the Church notices about online activities next week. To become active in other ways, please email us at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

As you consider answering this call, keep in mind the scripture that underpins our mission: *And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Matthew 25: 40*

Dine-In or Take-Out on July 29th as Cured and 18th & 21st help Bridges to End Homelessness in Howard County | Supporters of Bridges to Housing Stability are asked to save the date: July 29. That's when you 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.

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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. There is no need to buy tickets as in past events to benefit Bridges, such as one last month at Iron Bridge.

Cured will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for outdoor & indoor dining; its curbside pickup is available from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. Only indoor dining is available at 18th & 21st, which offers a sophisticated setting and live music (diners must be 18 years old). Please mention "Bridges" to your server or in placing your order.

The goal of the nonprofit organization is preventing and ending homelessness in Howard County. Christ Church has a warm relationship with Bridges that dates to 2019, when we participated in its countywide chili cook-off, Holier Than Thou. During our own cook-off in February 2020, we raised $1,000. And that, in turn, led to Christ Church winning a Silver Ladle Award during the Chili & Challenge virtual fundraiser last fall.

One of Bridges' strengths is its Rapid Rehousing Programs (RRH), which was the subject of a blog post in June. The concept is grounded in the "Housing First" model that many experts view as an effective solution. It holds that people experiencing homelessness need necessities like food and a stable home before focusing on such tasks as seeking work, budgeting, and attending to mental health concerns.

"Studies have shown that the Housing First approach helps people exit homelessness quickly and remain housed for the long term. For example, at Bridges, 85 percent of families transition from Rapid Rehousing programs to stable, permanent housing without additional subsidies," Bridges says.

CCC Alters New Hope Pantry Hours on Saturdays in a Change that Affects Donation Dropoffs, Timing of Volunteers' Shift | At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to support Columbia Community Care (CCC) in various ways. For those who convey our collected items to the CCC pantry, please note a change in operating hours. As of July 10th, the pantry is open on Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the New Hope Adventist Church, 12350 Hall Shop Rd., Fulton, MD, 20759. Weekday hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The change in hours is because New Hope Adventist, whose members worship on Saturdays, is resuming indoor services. The Saturday change also affects Christ Church parishioners who volunteer for "shop and deliver" slots by signing up under "I can help" on the CCC website or in the CCC Group on Facebook.

The New Hope member who oversees the pantry, Sandra Hartz, encourages adhering to the new hours. But if it is essential to "shop" earlier on Saturdays, she elaborated: "I will be there at 12:30 but church will be in session. You will see church members in the lobby and you may be able to hear the music as well as the sermon. Parking will be available but may not be as convenient as usual before 2 p.m."

For Christ Church parishioners, please continue to donate diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers for CCC. 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. To learn more about CCC, which is seeking permanent space for a Peace and Justice Center, all Baltimore Sun Media Group subscribers can access a June 30th article in the Howard County Times/Columbia Flier.

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Help Supply Lake Elkhorn Middle School Students with the Essentials | Melissa Shindel, the principal at LEMS, has asked for the support of Christ Church parishioners to provide school supplies for 125 children for the upcoming school year. We will need $5,000 to reach this goal. Why can't the families or their school cover these costs? Families are stressed - over 50% of LEMS students qualify for free and reduced meals, the highest percentage amongst the middle schools in Howard County. Additionally, LEMS has the lowest discretionary budget in the county. Why can't the current LEMS budget cover this cost? The current budget is primarily for the Weekend Food Program for families at the school.

The school wants to distribute the supplies the week of Aug 16th, so we are requesting your generous support now to reach this important goal. If you would like to help, we hope to purchase the supplies between July 11-24 and fill the bags on a morning between July 25-30. Contributions can be made via check, online, or via text. If you'd like to write a check, please make sure you indicate "LEMS School Supplies" on the memo line. If you would like to give online, please also write "School Supplies" in the Memo line. For giving via computer/tablet, you can find our "Support Christ Church" button at the top of every page on our website. On the form, choose "LEMS" from the *Fund* dropdown menu.

To give via your mobile device, you can text CECGIVING to 73256 and you'll immediately receive a link to our form. Click that link, then choose "LEMS" from the Fund drop-down menu. Please also write "School Supplies" in the *Memo* line so that your donation is used as you wish. (This number will never send you unsolicited texts. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply). If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Onyx Williams at ow6062@gmail.com or Cathy Whittaker at catharinewhittaker@gmail.com.

Donate Toiletries, Cleaning Supplies for FISH in its Yellow 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.

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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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