Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II | Sunday, September 10, 2023 | 8:00 am & 10:30 am

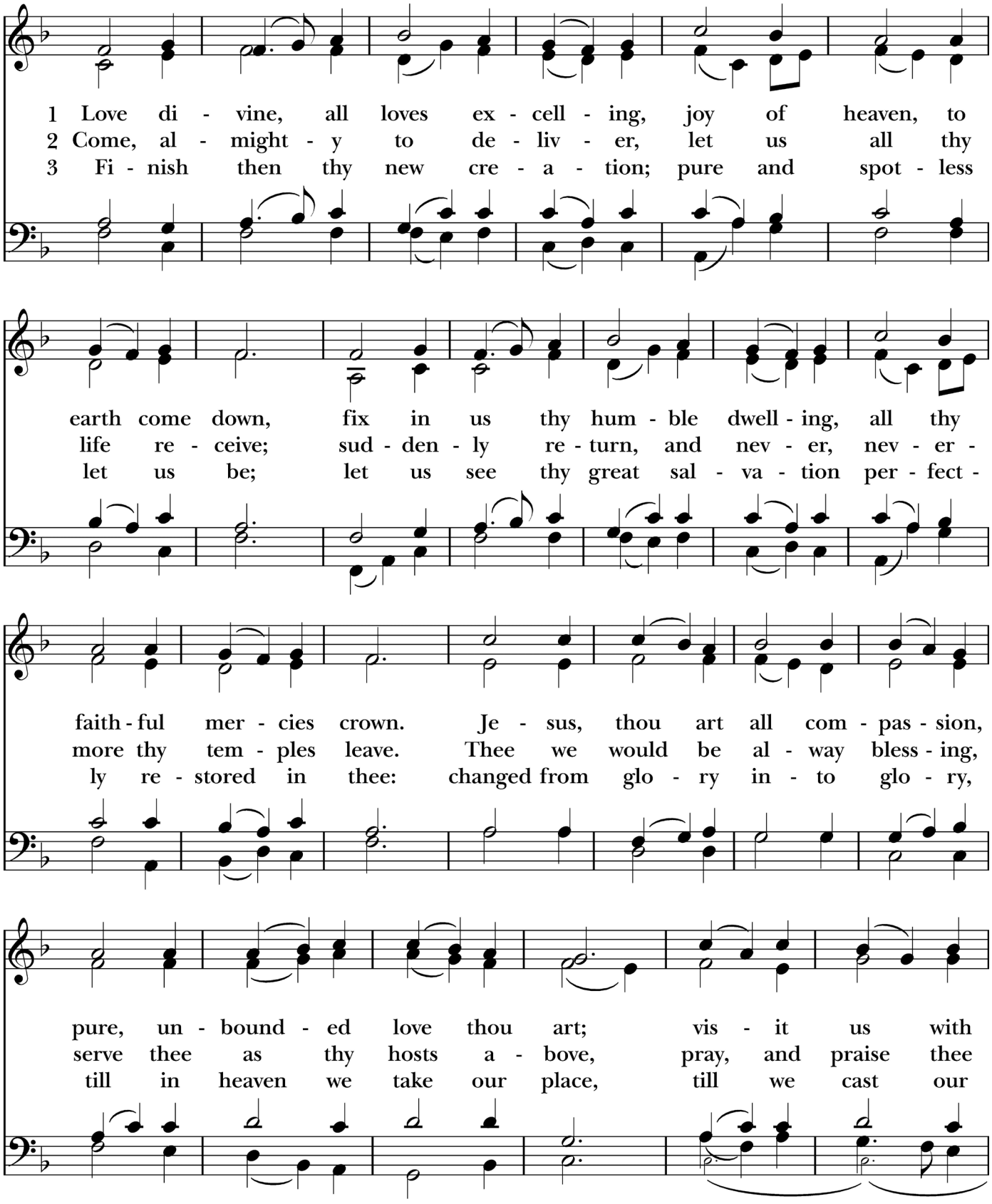


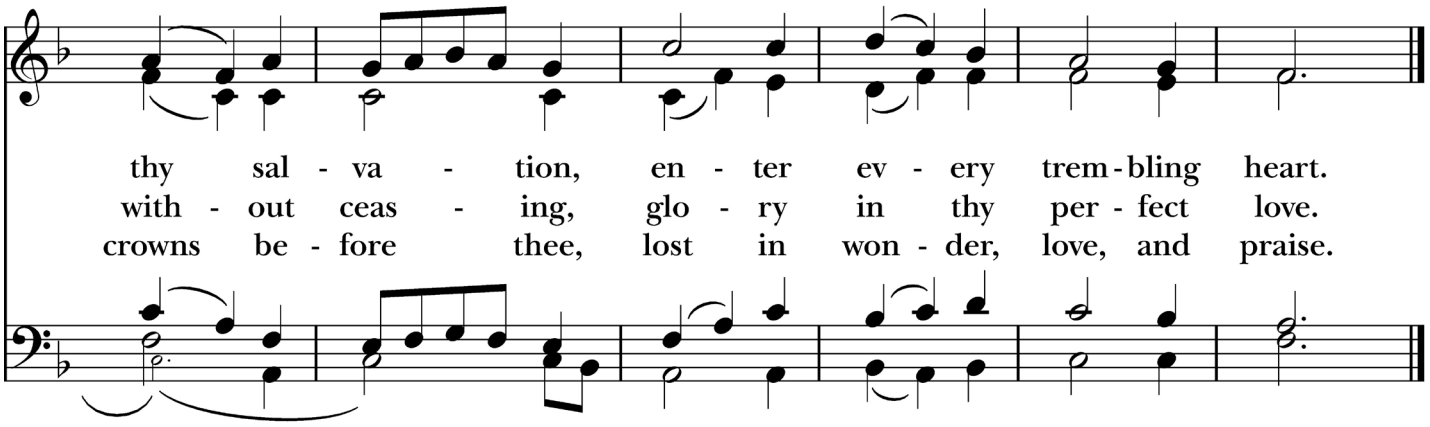
Welcome Home!

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 | Berceuse, Opus 31 No. 19 — Louis Vierne


1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less
earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -
faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,
pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



Opening Acclamation |

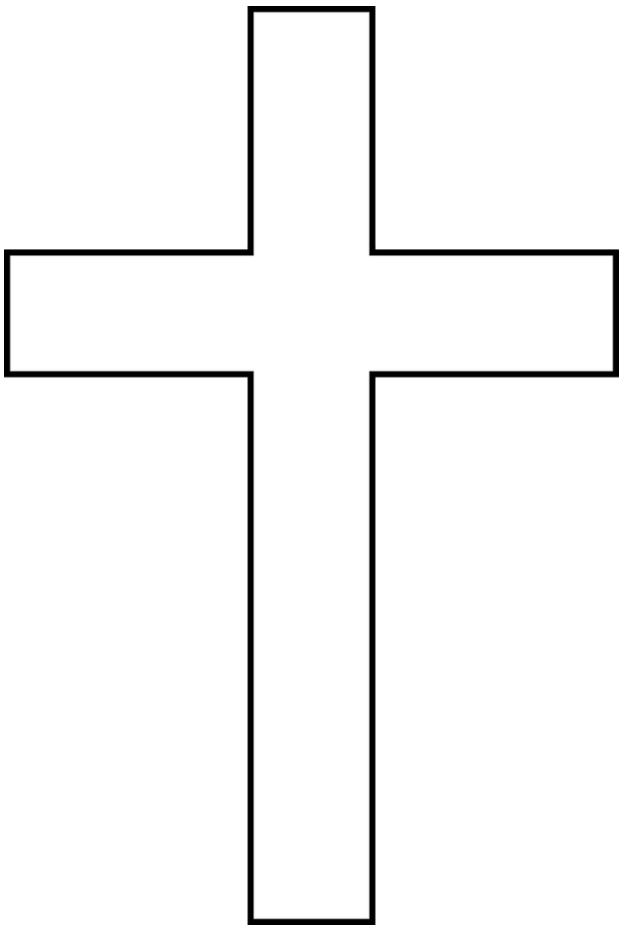
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

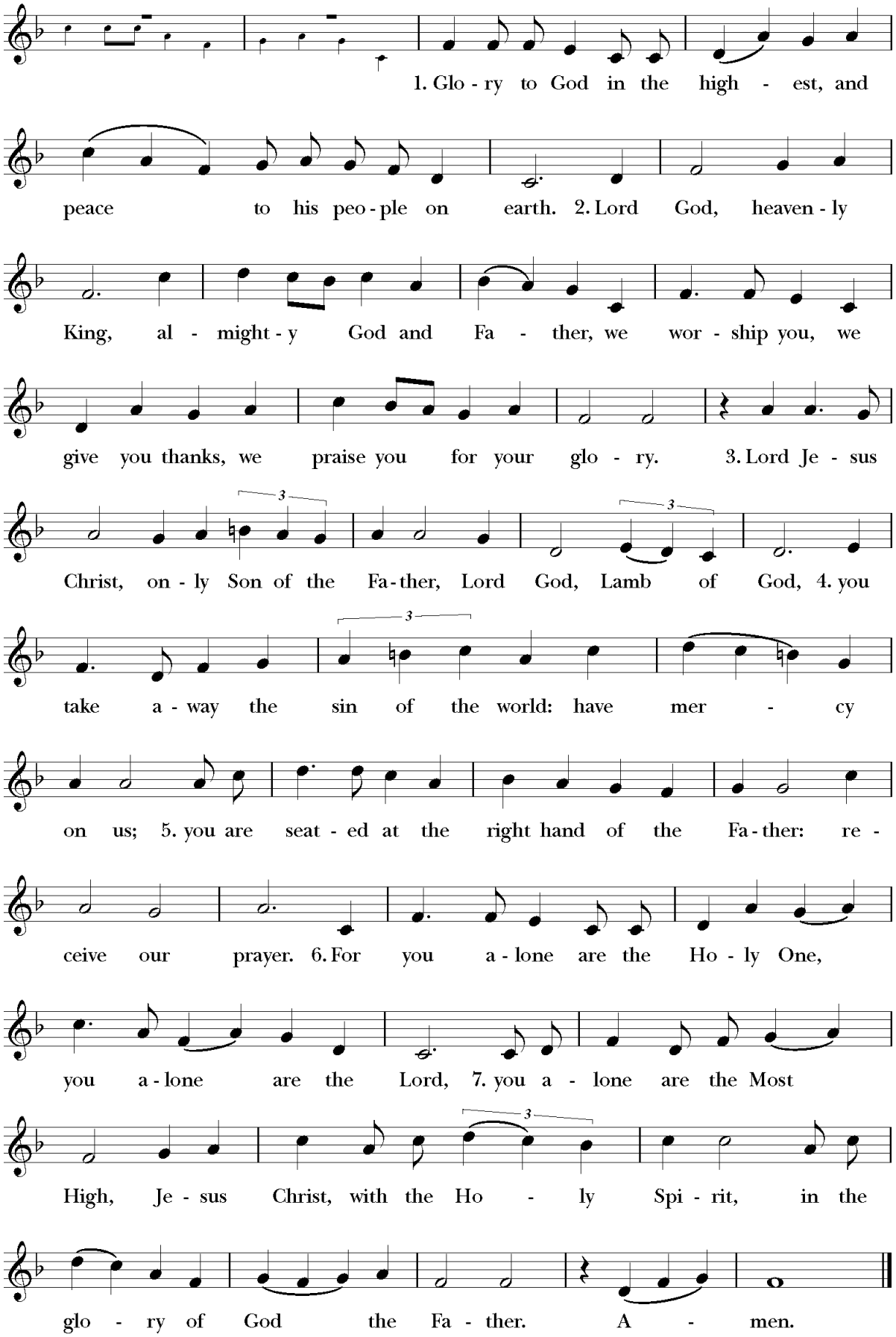
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**




1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day |

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: *Amen.*

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Exodus 12:1-14 |

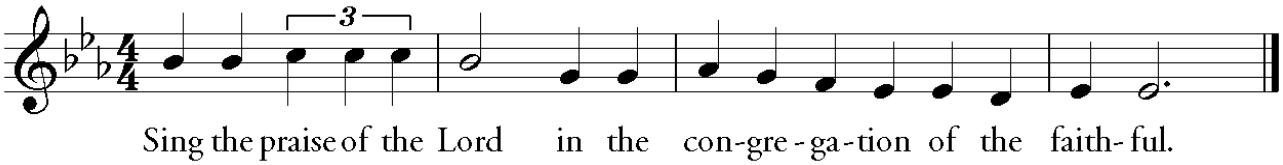
Reader: A Reading from Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalm 149 | *Cantate Domino*



Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

Antiphon

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

Antiphon

A Reading from Romans 13:8-14 |

Reader: A Reading from the Epistle to the Romans.

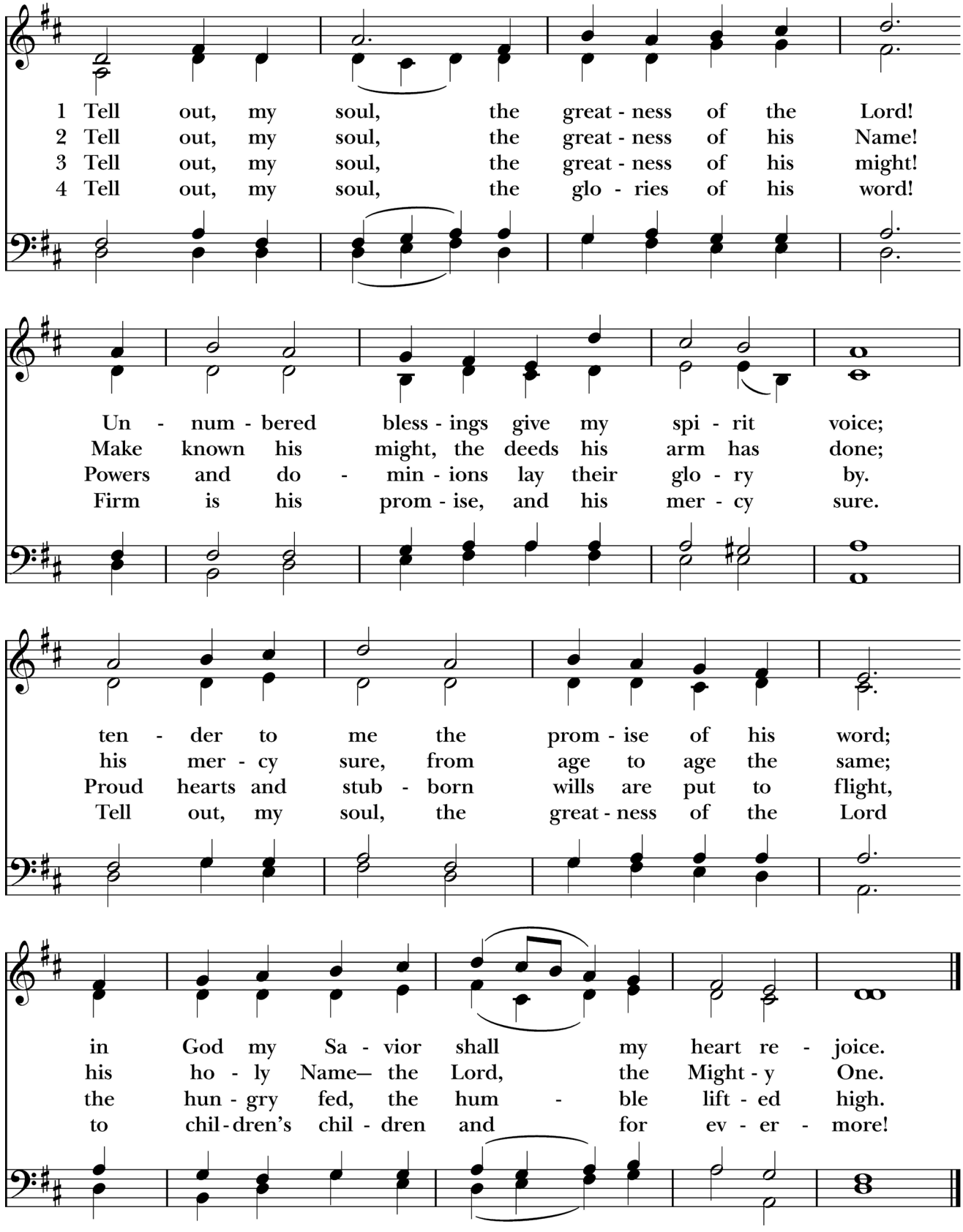
Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 437 | Tell Out My Soul *Birmingham*



The Gospel | Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

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

Sermon | Michael Looney, *Seminarian Associate*

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 |

This week we began the Fall season, a time of shorter days and longer nights; a time of the dropping off of old foliage to begin the process of dormancy which will lead to new growth. Our lives, too, are full of transitions -at home, at work, at school, at church, and in our relationships. But through it all, Lord, we know that You are here, responding and reviving, rejoicing our hearts and making us whole. May our words be acceptable as together we pray: **"O Lord, You are my strength and my Redeemer."**

We lift up our President, Joseph, and all those in positions of authority throughout the world that they may be guided by Your Holy Spirit in all their decisions. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Ireland. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for our sister parishes. We ask Your blessing for the leaders of our Church: our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Diocesan Bishop, Eugene and our Bishop Coadjutor, Carrie; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Deacon, Denise, our Rector Emeritus, Richard, our Seminarian Associate, and Priest Postulant, Mike Together we pray: **"O Lord, give light to their eyes and the wisdom to guide others in Your ways."**

We pray for those in need - the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, the refugees, and the imprisoned. We lift up those who are suffering from any illness of mind, body, or spirit, especially Alison, Dinorah, Fr. Richard, Forrest, Christine, Carol, Jan, Judy, Patricia, Cindy, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Nell, and those you now name. Surround them and their caregivers with Your healing love and strengthen their spirits. Together we pray: **"O Lord, You are my strength and my Redeemer."**

We pray for those who have died and abide in Your Presence, especially Betty DeBoissiere, and those you now name. Comfort those who mourn with Your peace that passes all understanding. Together we pray: **"O Lord, You are my strength and My Redeemer."**

We welcome those who are new or visiting with us today. May you find renewal and refreshment as, together, we affirm our faith and come to the Lord's Table. We rejoice as we mark the special occasions of birthdays of Danny, Noah, Bill, Momodu, Joan, Judith, William & John, baptismal anniversary of Gina, and wedding anniversaries of David & Kim Mosier and Momodu & Marinda Sonii. With grateful hearts, we lift up our voices and pray: **"O Lord, You are my strength and my Redeemer."**

Heavenly Father, help us to follow Jesus' call to have salt in ourselves and be at peace with one another. Ground us in this community, united in a faith that endures, saves, forgives, heals, and praises. Give us a discerning and loving spirit as we strive to continue to do Your work in this world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **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.
Amen.

The Peace |

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

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

Welcome and Announcements |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem | Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether — Harold W. Friedell

Please scan to give.

The people stand as able.

Presentation Hymn 380 (v. 3) | *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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

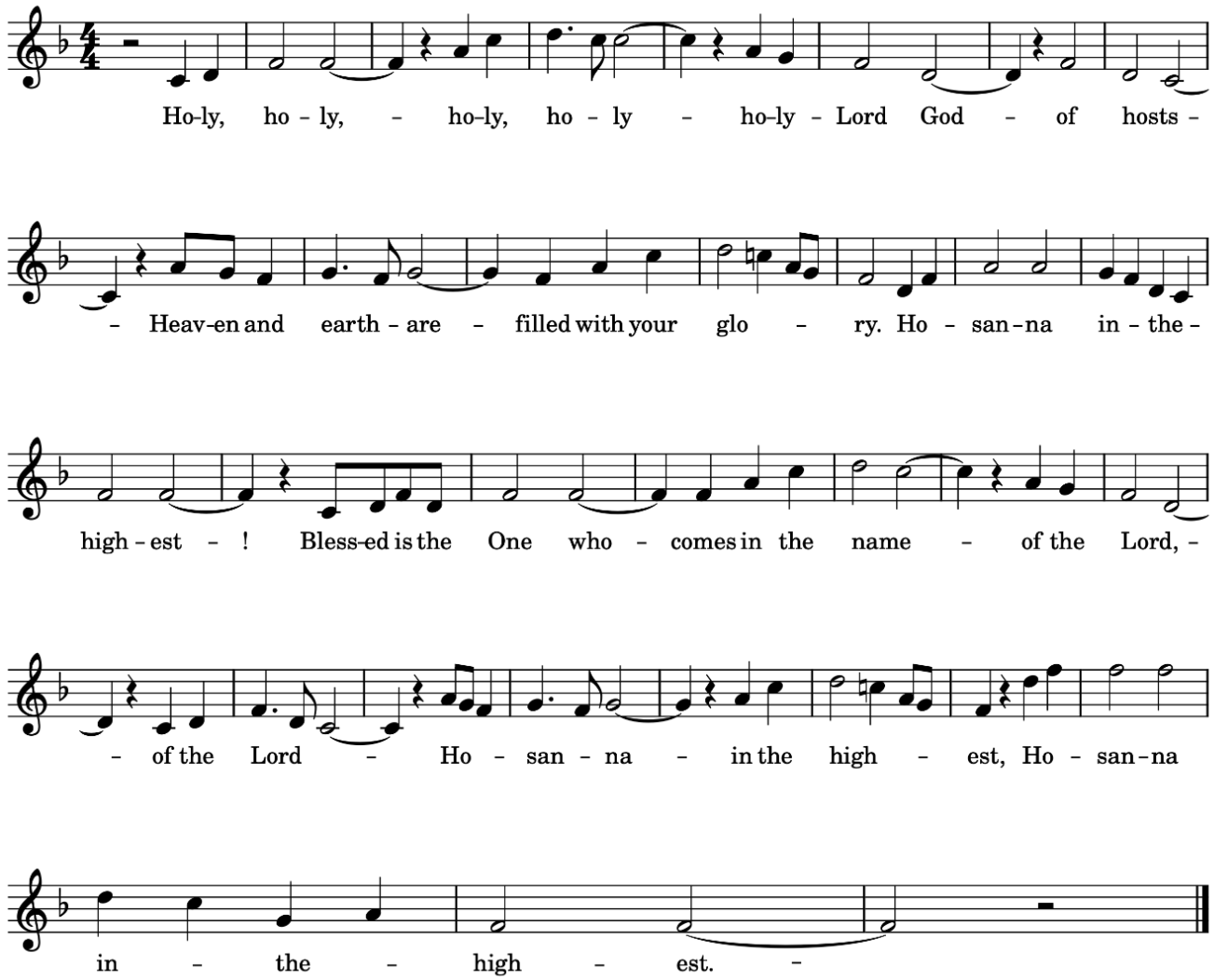
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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 forever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer |

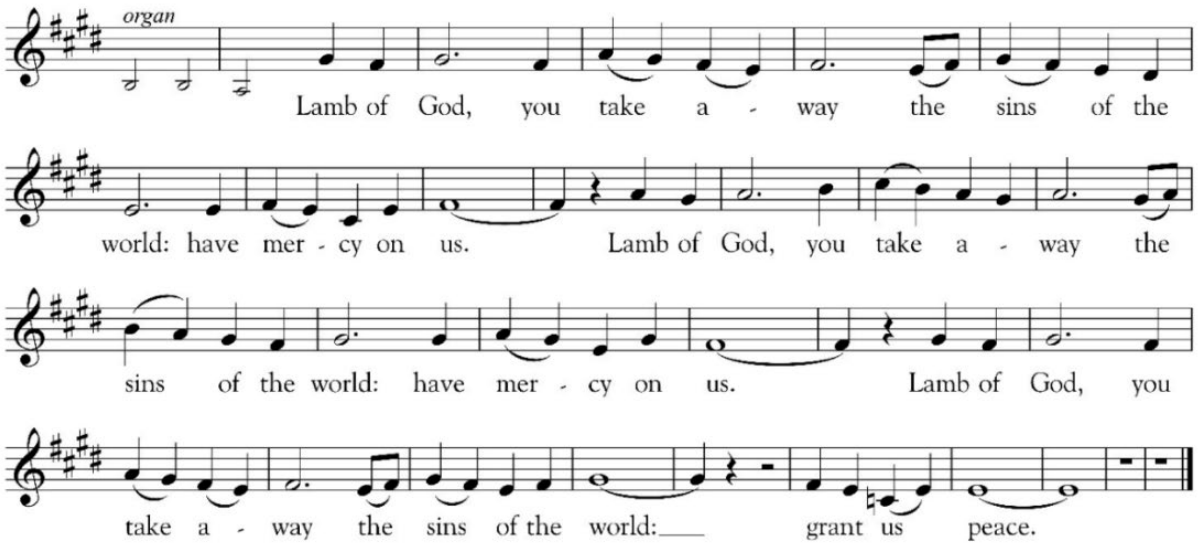
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

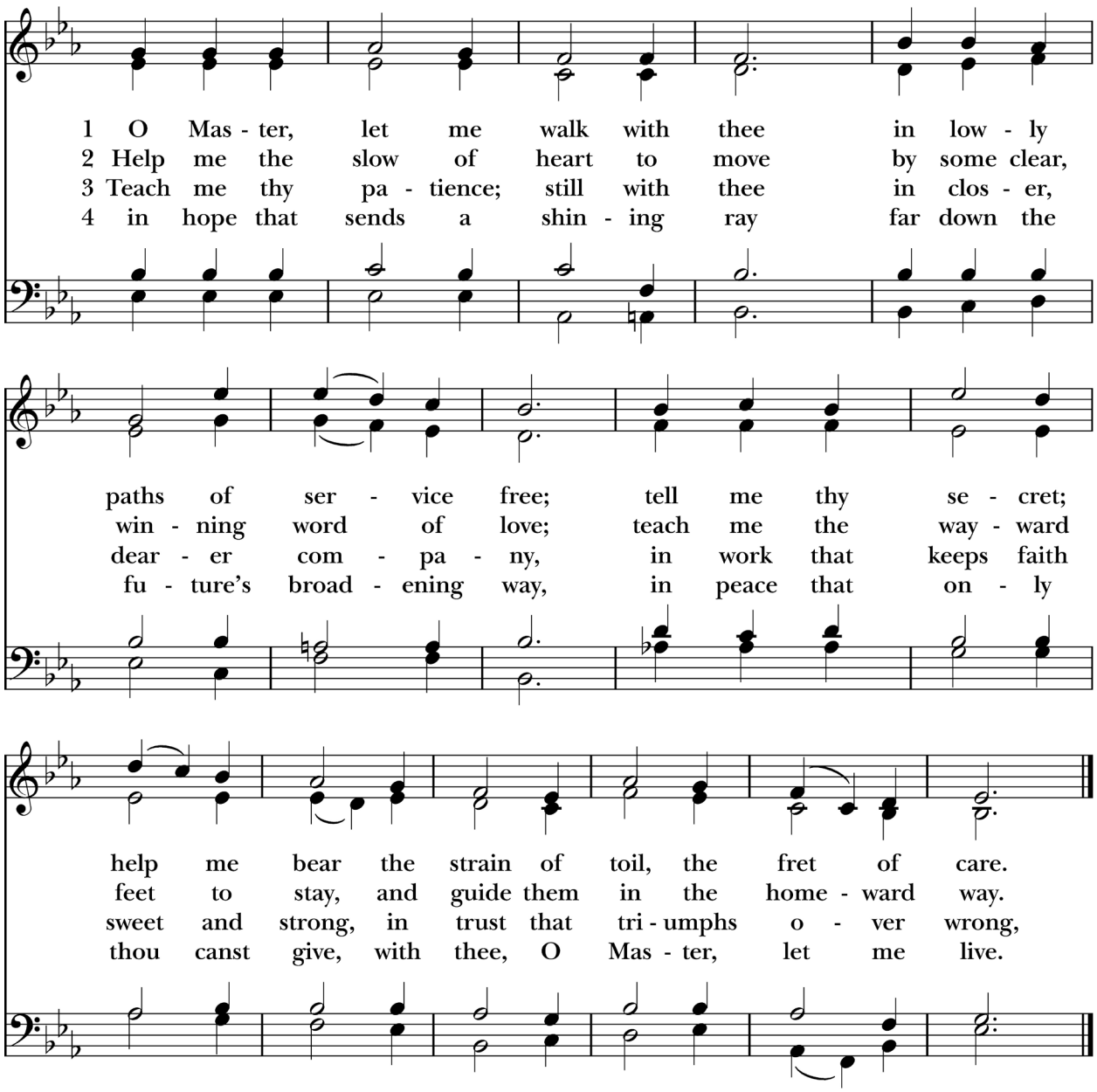
The Breaking of the Bread |

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God — Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.



The people stand as able.

Post-Communion Prayer |

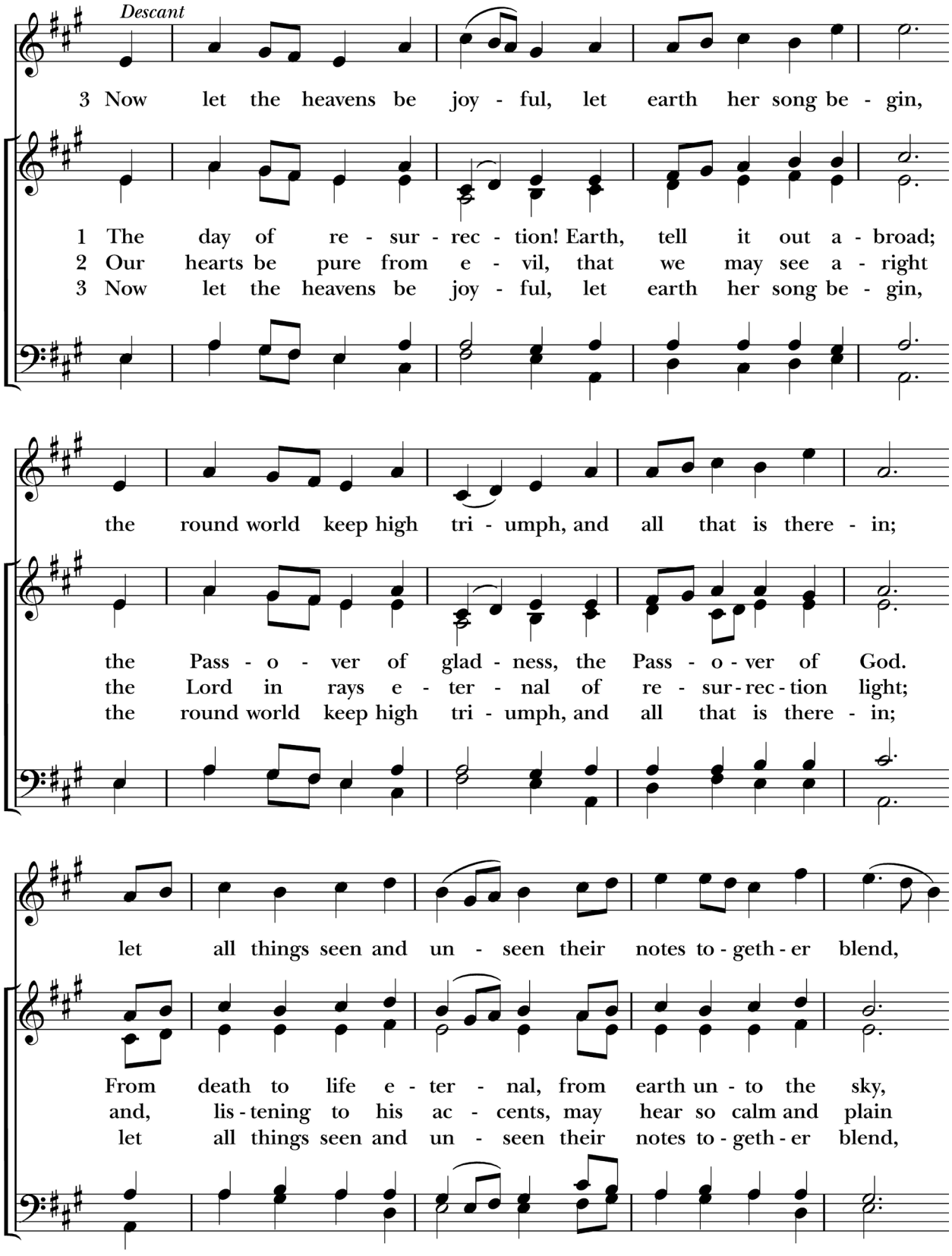
Celebrant: Let us pray.

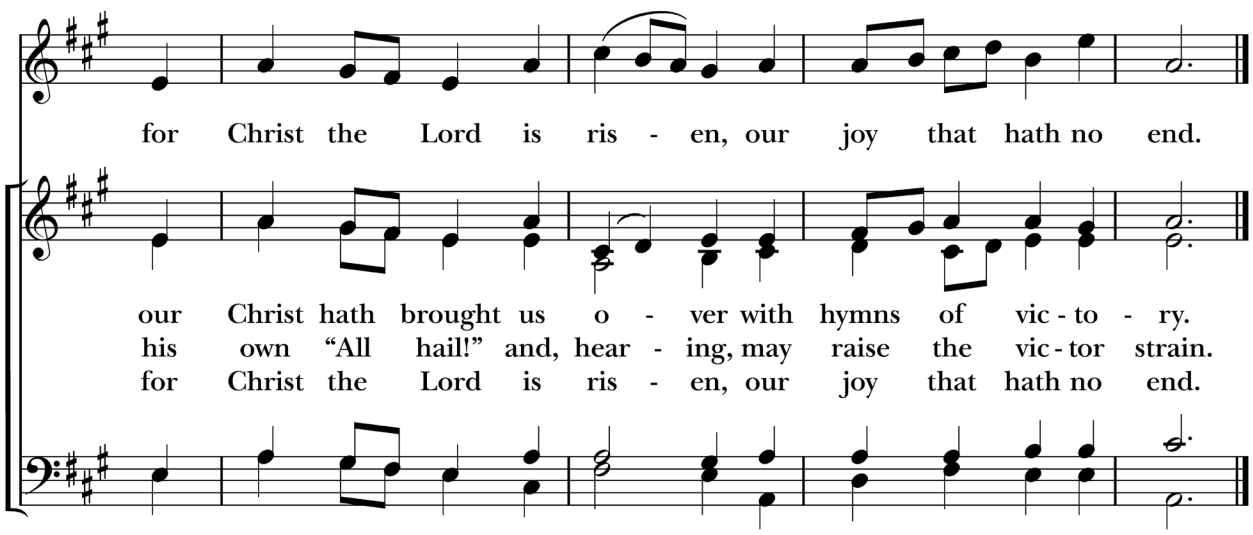
All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with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

The Blessing |

The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 210 | The Day of Resurrection *Ellacombe*





The Dismissal |

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

Postlude |

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service
Lector/Reader: Kevin Osborn
Ushers: Nancy Winchester, Kayode Fatodu
Chalicist: Dione Mahoney

10:30 a.m. Service
Lector/Reader: Robin Bradley
Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, JB Hanson, Cherry Williams, Beth Dagne, Alex Amponsah
Acolytes & Crucifer: Caleb McKenna
Chalicist: Cheryl Lucente

Altar Guild: Pam Foreman, Cheryl Lucente, Gail Braatelein

PARISH CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER 10 – SEPTEMBER 16

Sunday, September 10
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
9:00 – 10:00 am Cycling for Health & Fellowship
9:30 – 10:15 am Sunday School – Parish Hall & New Brick, lower levels
9:30 – 10:30 am Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
9:30 – 10:30 am Sunday Circle – Old Brick
10:30 – 11:30 am Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1:30 – 5:45 pm Sundays at 3 – New Brick, lower level

Monday, September 11
7:00 – 7:30 am Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off
3:15 – 3:30 pm Grassroots Drop-off
7:00 – 8:00 pm Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 - 9:00 pm CEC Outreach Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, lower level

Tuesday, September 12
7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Howard County Homeschool Camp – New Brick, lower level
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:30 – 9:30 pm Buildings and Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, September 13
7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
6:30 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, September 14
8:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Howard County Homeschool Camp – New Brick, lower level
12:00 – 1:00 pm Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:00 – 7:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 7:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, September 15
7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 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, September 16
9:00 am – 11:30 am MOCC Breakfast – Bob Evans, Columbia
9:00 am – 2:00 pm Flea Market
2:00 – 3:00 pm AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
6:00 pm – 2:00 am Event Rental – New Brick, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm NA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication, email communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.
For a digital copy of this service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website.

Christ Church's Fall Service Schedule Begins this Sunday

On September 10th, Christ Church begins its fall schedule with three services. The first service takes place in Old Brick at 8 a.m. and does not contain music. Our Children & Family Worship resumes in New Brick at 9 a.m. and is focused on the younger members of our church. Then at 10:30, we have Holy Eucharist with choral and musical accompaniment, and it's also in New Brick. Whichever you choose, we hope to see you because ALL ARE WELCOME.

Sunday School, Youth Formation, Sunday Circle, and all of our other formation and fellowship gatherings also begin this Sunday. Visit **www.christchurchcolumbia.org/sundays** for the details.

Register Now for Sunday School

Children and Youth Faith Formation is open to all ages pre-k through 12th grade and is designed to develop and enrich their spiritual lives and deepen their relationship with God. Throughout the year, we will offer Bible-based teachings and also have time to explore some of the interests and/or issues our younger parishioners face. It's an important program that's relevant and engaging, and we're looking forward to an exciting year! Visit our website for more details and registration form links: **www.christchurchcolumbia.org/youth-formation** or scan the appropriate QR code on page 22 of this leaflet or the Children & Youth Formation slide on the Narthex TV.

Vestry Candidates Update

The Vestry has approved the following candidates for election at the Annual Meeting this October. They are (in alphabetical order): Ron Baran, Dee (Martha) Bauer, Diane Philips LaGuerre, Greg Schuckman, and Cherryllynn Williams. Information about the candidates will be published soon.

There's still time to submit nominations. This year, there are four (4) slots open for election, and if you are a baptized Christian who is 16 years or older and are a giving member of record at Christ Episcopal Church, you are qualified to become a candidate. To offer to stand for election, contact our Vestry Nomination Committee by emailing **nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org** and they will let you know what's needed for this process. The election will be held at our Annual Meeting which is scheduled for Sunday, October 15th. Sincere thanks to the nominating committee for all their work.

Centering Prayer - September 11

For an hour or so each Monday evening, gather with us in Old Brick at 7:00 p.m. for Centering Prayer, a unique method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. You can also take part virtually from wherever you are; **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and the Passcode is **Centering!**

CEC Book Club - September 15

The Christ Church Book Club is back! The fall season begins this Friday at 7:30 p.m. and we're always welcoming new readers to join us, so how about you? Our first book this season is *Faith - A Journey for All* by Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States and Nobel Peace Prize winner. We'll even get you started if you can't grab a copy in time; Ellen has kindly scanned the first few chapters for you, **and you can read them here**. So check them out, and take part for an hour or so each Friday evening for a lively discussion with a friendly bunch that appreciates everyone's input and thoughts. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366** and the Passcode is **CECbooks**.

The Flea Market Benefits All of Us, So Please Help if You Can.
We Are In Serious Need of More Volunteers for the Flea Market. The Christ Church Flea Market and Craft Fair, presented by the WOCC, is next weekend - Saturday, September 16! We are in desperate need of volunteers in order to make this event safe and joyous for everyone, including many from our community who are visiting our campus for the first time. Please see the large Flea Market panel in the Narthex for the signup sheets for traffic control, baked goods, White Elephant table, book table, and food court. Spaces are also still available; we have forms available in the Narthex, or you can download a copy on our website at **www.christchurchcolumbia.org/flea-market**.

Donation items must be dropped off prior to opening next Saturday morning. Book donations may be dropped off in the lower level of the Church Office Building and placed on the left-side table. The White Elephant items are to be placed on the right-side large conference room table. All donations are received during normal office hours, or after services this Sunday. Baked goods need to be dropped off next Saturday by 9 a.m. at the breezeway between Old Brick and the Church Office. If you need assistance, please email **WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org**

Although this event is coordinated by the WOCC, make no mistake - the funds raised assist our common life substantially as its proceeds are used to help support so many Christ Church activities and gatherings. If you can help us - even if only for an hour or two that day - we would really appreciate it. The more people that take part, the more successful and safer this event can be!

Please speak with Shahra or George Toth, or signup on the sheets in the Narthex. **Thank you.**

Consecration of Our Bishop Coadjutor - September 16
You are all invited to the Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Carrie K. Schofield-Broadbent as Bishop Coadjutor of Maryland on September 16th at 11:00 a.m. at Washington National Cathedral. Tickets are not required to attend. **You can find parking, admission, and other information by clicking here**.

CEC Health and Wellness Fair - September 30
The Christ Church Health Ministry is hosting a Community Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, September 30th, on our campus. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. that day, many health-related tables, booths, and presentations will be available, and everyone's invited to take part. Some vendors and participants include specialists in Fitness, Massage, Yoga, Nutrition, Dental Hygiene, Physical Therapy, Holistic Natural Stem Cell Technology, CPR Training, Health Screening, and Mental Health. Invite friends, families, and colleagues to learn more about how they can live well - and have a chance to win great gifts, too!

Christ Church's Annual Auction - November 4
Your DONATIONS are needed! The auction is not even two months away - that is fewer than 60 shopping days, folks! Once again, we will hold Christ Church's Annual Auction online for a week, ending in a fun- and fellowship-filled evening with a silent and in-person, live auction. Start thinking about great gifts and ideas that you can donate in order to help raise funds to support many of our ministries.

Mark your calendars!

- Enter donations on the Auction website by Sunday, October 8th.
- Silent online auction begins October 28th
- Silent, in-person and live auctions on Saturday night, November 4th

The auction website is up and running. You can use this link to go directly to the auction website and enter your donations: **https://christepiscopalchurch.schoolauction.net/cec2023auction** or you can email **auction@christchurchcolumbia.org** with a description and pictures of your item. Likewise, if you have any questions, please email **auction@christchurchcolumbia.org** and we will get right back to you.

Education for Ministry
Mother Marcia, long-time mentor and teacher for Education for Ministry, is forming a new EFM group at CEC. Participants commit to the program on a yearly basis. EFM groups are lively, exciting places for new discovery and personal spiritual growth, so if you're interested in exploring and deepening your call to ministry in Christ's Body - the Church - then Education for Ministry provides a strong foundation. You can also learn a bit more by **visiting the EFM website**, and by speaking to Mother Marcia in church on Sundays. You can also email her at **revmarcia@christchurchcolumbia.org** and she'll answer any questions. Scholarship support is available.

Cycling for Health and Fellowship
The Cycling for Health and Fellowship has concluded their Sunday trips for the season and will return soon. Thanks to all who joined us on this new adventure. We hope to ride with you again someday soon!

Please Support the Rector's Discretionary Fund
We want to thank those of you who have helped replenish the Rector's Discretionary Fund. The RDF typically helps fund - among many other things - rental assistance, gas and electric bill aid, financial support, mortgage assistance, and transportation needs. As you know, the needs of those in our community are always present - there are real people with real needs that we support on a consistent basis, so we appeal to you to consider supporting the RDF in order for us to help our neighbors. **Visit our main Online Giving Form** and select "Rector's Discretionary Fund" from the *FUND* dropdown menu if you'd like to help.

Help Us Plan Christ Church's 300th Birthday
We are gathering and planning for Christ Church's 300th year, but are always looking for more input, so join us! This celebration is such an important milestone for our church, and we want participation and ideas from as many of us as possible. There are a variety of committees that you can serve on and so we would like to encourage everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you have ideas, are interested in assisting, or need more information, please speak with Father Manny or email **300@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

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

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

Inviting You to Remotely Join Us on Monday, Sept. 11, at the Monthly Outreach Meeting
Do you want to begin Fall days by helping others? Learn the best ways to do that by joining us remotely for the Outreach Commission meeting next Monday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Our mission has a local, national, and international scope. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **876 3365 4968** and the Passcode is **Outreach!** See you on Zoom!

Help the Homeless on Monday, Sept. 11, by Serving a Meal at DRC in Jessup or Bringing Menu Items for the Grassroots Live-In Facility
For our homeless friends at the Day Resource Center, the DRC is known as a source of healthy, nutritious meals and supplemental items such as fruit and granola bars. Similarly, residents of the **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center** Live-In Facility look forward to a fried chicken dinner and tasty side dishes. Making that happen is a rewarding experience for us, too.

Grassroots operates the DRC, located at the Leola Dorsey Center in Jessup where Christ Church provides a hot midday meal on the second Monday of each month. To join us on Monday, Sept. 11, please sign up by Sunday, Sept. 10. If you wish to volunteer or bring food for the midday meal, our **DRC online signup form** describes the procedure. The drop-off time for side dishes, desserts, and fruit is 12:45 p.m. in the Christ Church parking lot near Old Brick. In-person volunteers are gathering at that time to carpool to Jessup.

We most recently took part on Aug. 14, when our team served 80 diners, including a toddler and a kindergarten-age child. Shahra Toth, with the continuing assistance of Dione Mahoney, is our coordinator.

Later, parishioners who cook or shop for the evening meal for 50 residents of Grassroots' Live-In Facility on Freetown Rd. are making a different drop-off. Please arrive in the Old Brick parking lot between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. Get details in our **Grassroots online signup form** about the evening meal, which is served by Grassroots staff. It's efficient to provide for diners at two venues on the same day. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried chicken entrees. Thank you!

The DRC and the Live-In Facility have wider needs for their pantries and welcome in-kind donations to be dropped off for delivery on the second Mondays. Look for the latest needs list on bulletin boards at church or online, under the words "Related Files," on each signup form.

If you wish to do more, parishioners are encouraged to sign up individually to provide the evening meal at the Live-In Facility. Pick a date to provide an entree and side dishes, or just the entree, for the 50 adults and children. Grassroots **suggests ideas** to make it easier. Go to Grassroots' **sign-up list**, which has multiple open slots through Oct. 31.

Refugee Ministry Update: The Family's Thanks, and a Request for Flea Market Items
"Every time I want to talk with you guys, I remember your kindness, blessings, and helpings."
~from Anwar, August 31, 2023

The Afghan family that Christ Church has supported since late 2021 constantly expresses its thanks for all we have done and continue to do for them. And their thanks are meant for ALL of Christ Church, not just those of us in regular contact with the family. So thank YOU for continuing to pray for, give to, and help with this ministry.

You can help the Refugee Ministry this week by donating items you no longer need to the White Elephant table at our church's annual flea market. Please bring your gently used items to the parish hall, starting after church this Sunday, September 10th, or during office hours any day during the week of September 10. Then come on Saturday, September 16 to support the flea market and find new "treasures". All money from the White Elephant table will go to the Refugee Ministry. Thank you for your support.

And look for updates on how the family is doing in an upcoming parish newsletter.

Enter a Golf Tournament on Friday, Sept. 22, to Help Bridges to Housing Stability
Advocating for affordable housing and helping individuals and families who struggle to keep a roof over their heads is the mission of **Bridges to Housing Stability**. It's a daunting task, but the nonprofit organization offers golfers a way to stay fit and support the cause.

On Friday, Sept. 22, Bridges will hold the second annual **Sheehy Toyota Bridges for Birdies Golf Tournament** at The Timbers of Troy, 6100 Marshalee Dr., Elkridge, MD. The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and features a full day of golf, food, and awards. Would-be participants are urged to register soon. The cost for a single golfer is $200, or $800 for a foursome, which covers greens fees, unlimited range balls, food, and beverages. Teams play a best-ball format, so everyone can have fun regardless of their varied abilities.

The event raises crucial operating funds, says Bridges Executive Director Jen Broderick.
In **a July newsletter**, she wrote: "The housing crisis and inflation have impacted our clients and our organization from all sides: increased rents, more evictions, and a tighter housing market that gives landlords leverage to demand even higher levels of income and creditworthiness from rental applicants. Our staff, board members, volunteers as well as many of our partner organizations have raised their voices to push for more affordable housing for our low- and moderate-income households." Christ Church has been a supporter of Bridges since participating in a countywide chili cook-off in 2019. At a Chili & Challenge virtual fundraiser in 2020, Christ Church won a Silver Ladle Award. Then, at the 2021 Chili & Challenge, **we won gold**. The relationship began at the urging of parishioner Jim Collins, who was honored among Bridges' "Heroes for Housing" in 2022.

Columbia Community Care Seeks Baby Care Items, More Volunteers
Please continue supporting **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) by giving essentials and with your time and talent. People can choose tasks such as translating to enable home deliveries or stocking the shelves at the pantry building, 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia. Check the **CCC Facebook Group** for updates or go to the **"I Can Help" portion of its website**.

Please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. 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.

Save the Date for the DreamBuilders Spaghetti Dinner
Please support DreamBuilders' annual dinner and fundraising event on October 14th at Temple Isaiah. Bid on a wonderful selection of auction items at the silent auction and purchase tickets for their iPhone 14 raffle! All proceeds directly support DreamBuilders mission trips and projects. For more information, be sure to check out their flyer at **https://ibb.co/CWdTBbb**. Speak with Cathy Gold at church if you'd like more info.

Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway
Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** continue to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill their shopping lists. Please put items in a basket that has been returned to the altar. Or drop them in the yellow bin on the breezeway 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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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
(pre-k through 5th grade)

YOUTH FORMATION
(6th through 12th grade)



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