CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 30, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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THE WORD OF GOD
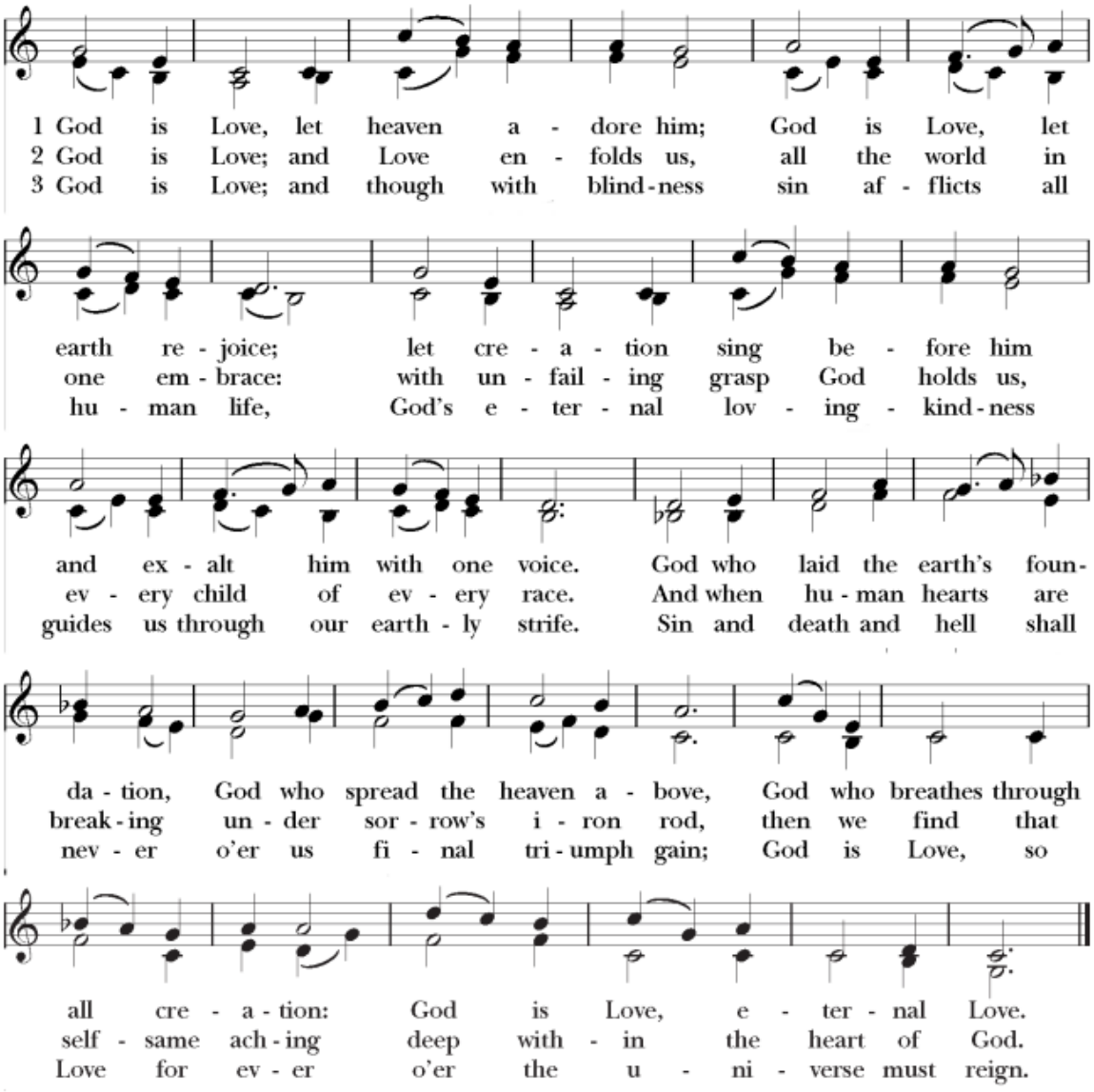
PRELUDE – Variation IX "Nimrod", from Enigma Variations *Edward Elga*

Ola Oladipupo, organist

INTROIT – Christ is Our Guiding Light *Eric Law*

Christ is our guiding light: come let us walk in the way of peace.

OPENING HYMN 379 – God Is Love *Abbot's Leigh*



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. **Amen.**

Gloria

8:00 a.m. service

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
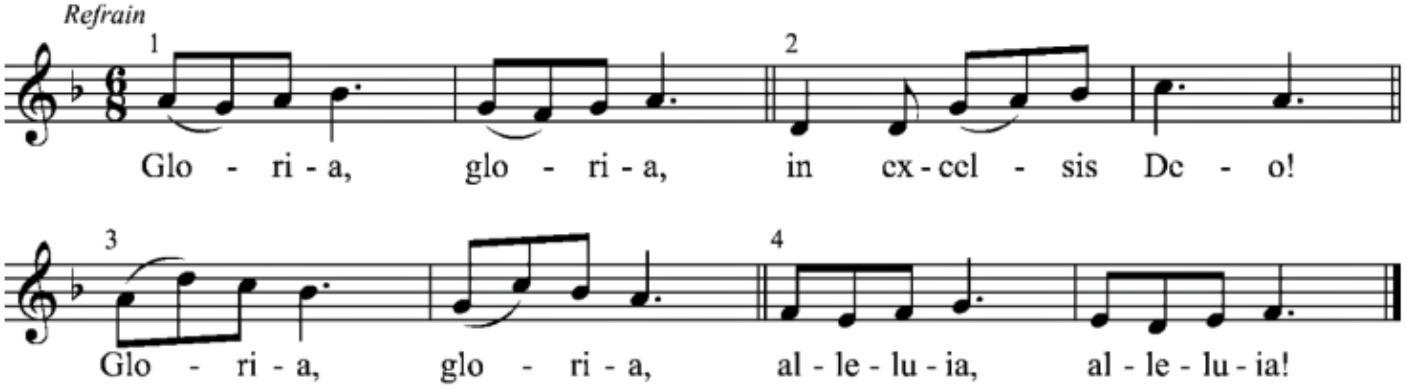
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Song of Praise – Gloria

Jacque Berthier/Taize

Sung at the 10:30 a.m. service.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen***.

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you,
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 71:1-6 — ***In te, Domine, speravi***

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.
In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.
Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, *
my confidence since I was young.
I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

THE EPISTLE — 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

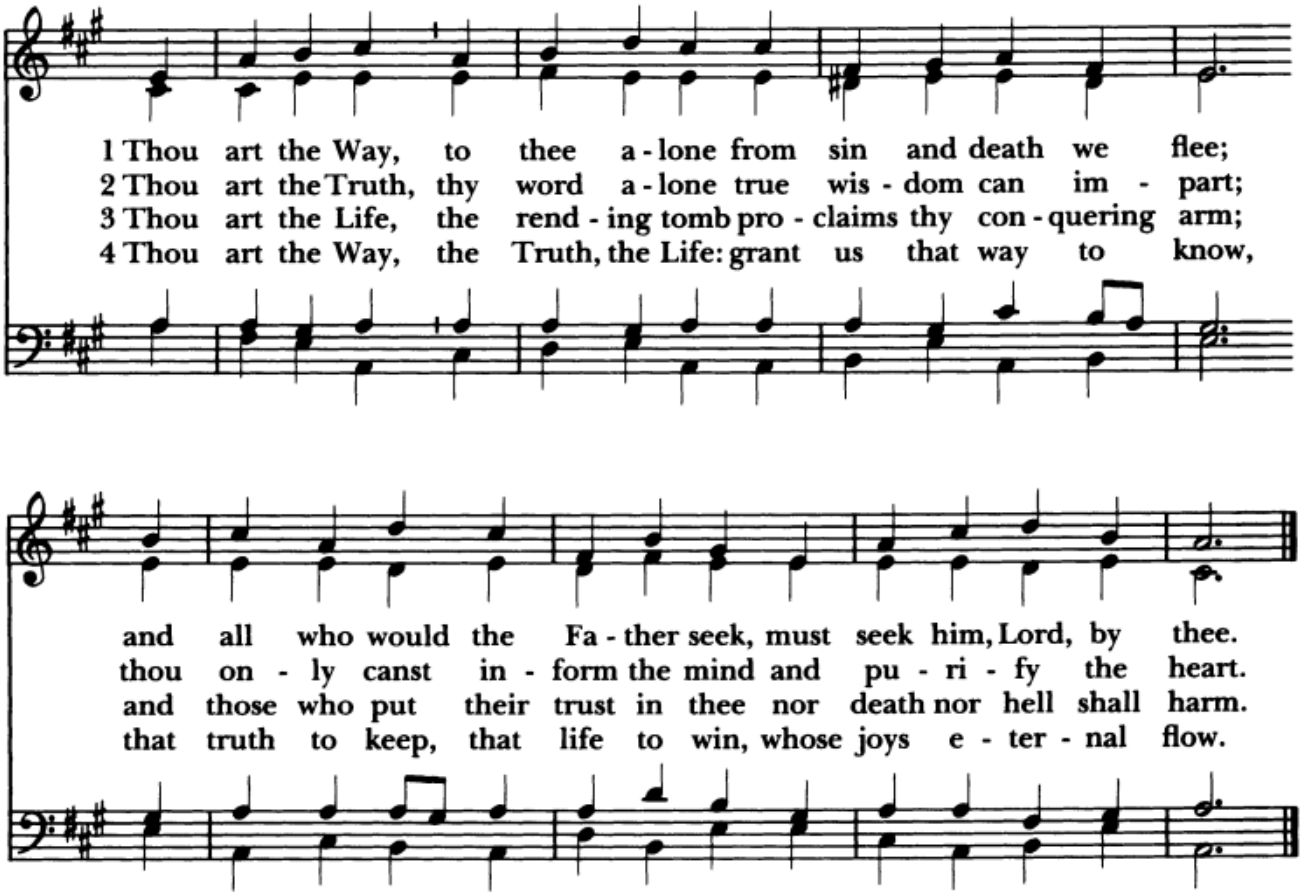
If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel and the prayers.

SEQUENCE HYMN 457 – Thou Art the Way *St. James*



THE GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

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

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

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

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

The Christmas holidays have come and gone, but our commission remains. As Jeremiah reminds us, we have been consecrated to God. Our work of stepping out in faith, building with hope, and above all, reaching out with God's love continues. Lord, guide us in speaking Your truth with fearless hearts and kindness and steadfastness, for You are always with us.
We pray: **My praise shall be always of You.**

Remember our leaders, in our nation and throughout the world, that they may be guided by Your Spirit, govern with justice, and strive for peace among nations. We pray for all church leaders but especially for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Robert; and our own clergy, Father Manny, Mother Marcia, and Deacon Denise, who bless us with their gifts. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St. Thomas, Hancock; St. James Chapel, Hagerstown; and St. John's, Frostburg. We give thanks for and ask Your blessing on all visitors and newcomers who worship with us today, either in person or online.
Together we lift up our voices to You: **For You are my hope, O Lord God.**

We pray for all those in any need — those desperate, imprisoned, impoverished, homeless, and those who have given up hope. We lift up those who suffer from illness of mind, body, or spirit, especially Amos, Jim, Erin, Chuck, Bunmi, Frantz, Chad, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those you now name. Hold them and their caregivers close.
We pray: **Lord, deliver them and keep them safe.**

We remember all those who have departed this life and dwell with You, Lord, especially those you now name. Ease the pain of those who mourn with Your never-ending love and consolation.
We pray: **Lord, be their strong rock and their sustenance.**

With grateful hearts, we celebrate the birthdays Rebecca, Tim, Ed, Andrew, Monique, Nancy & Michael, and wedding anniversaries of members of our parish family, especially Nancy & Jim Schempp & Victoria & Samuel Herring. We rejoice and ask Your blessing: **I have been sustained by You ever since I was born; my praise shall be always of You.**

O Lord, as we begin a new week and continue to strive to do the work of building and planting Your beloved community, help us to carry in our hearts the words of Your faithful servant, Archbishop Desmond Tutu: "Even if we speak different languages or have different ways of talking to God; even if we have different eyes or different skin … know we are family because we are all God's children." **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

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING – The Gift of Love — Hal Hopson

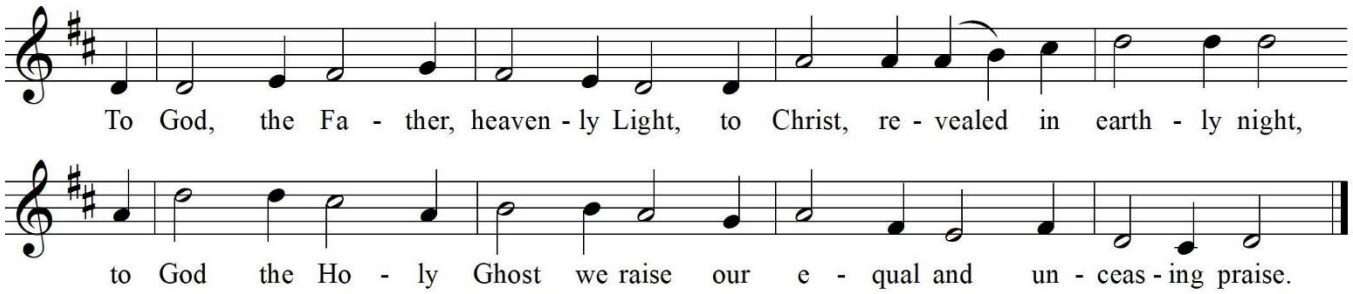
Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain, As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; By this we worship, and are freed.

The people stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN 124, V. 5 — *Puer Nobis*



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

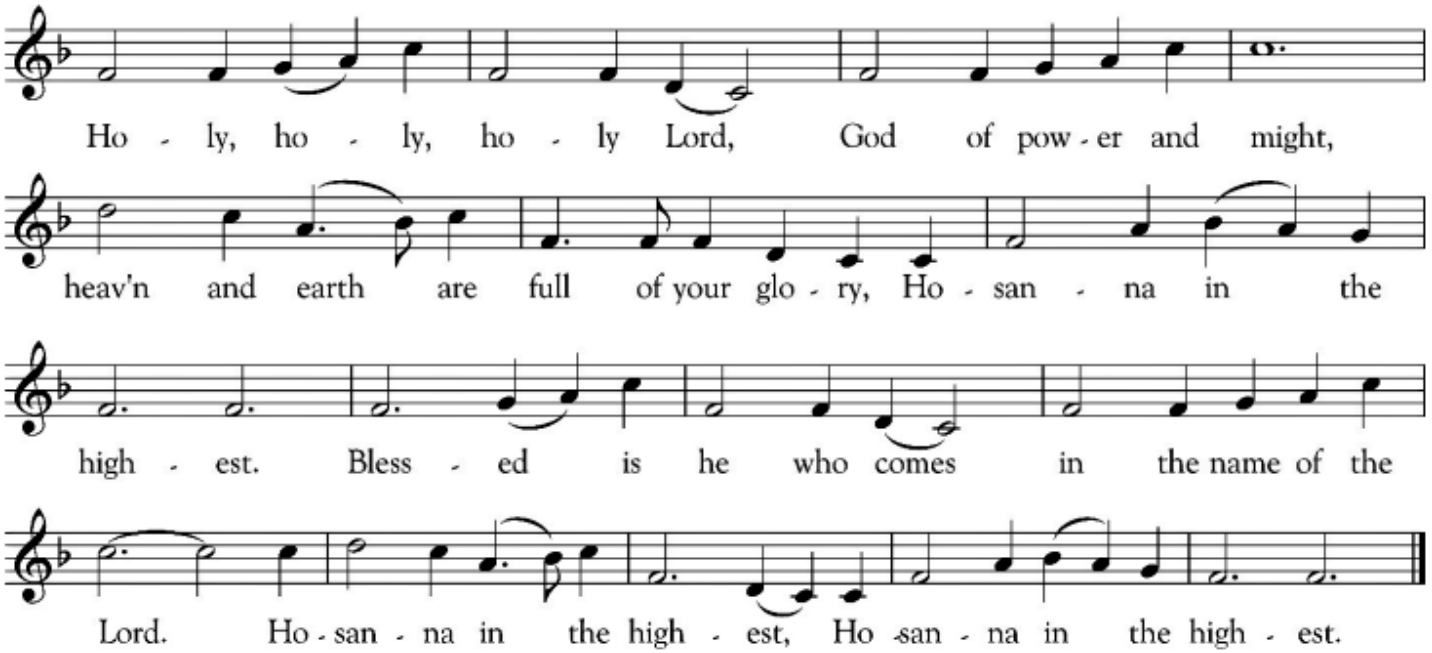
Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us.**
By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***AMEN.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

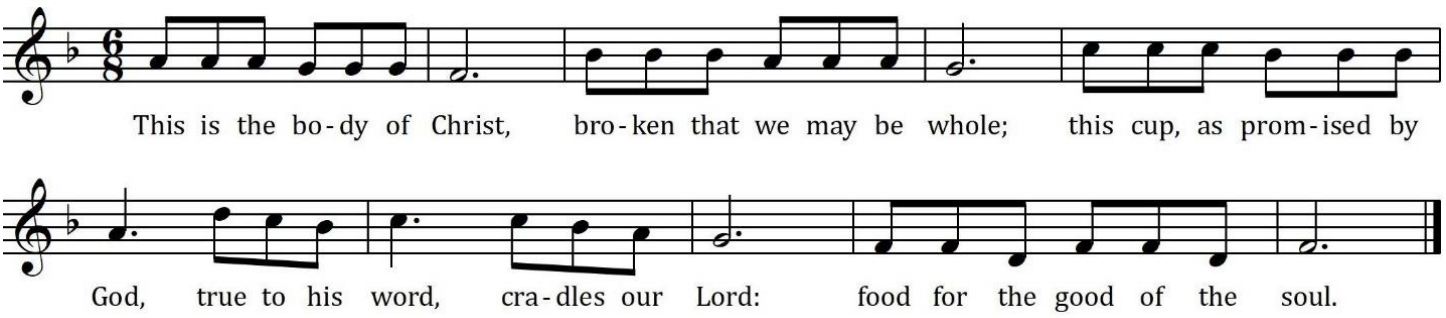
All: **Our Father,**
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

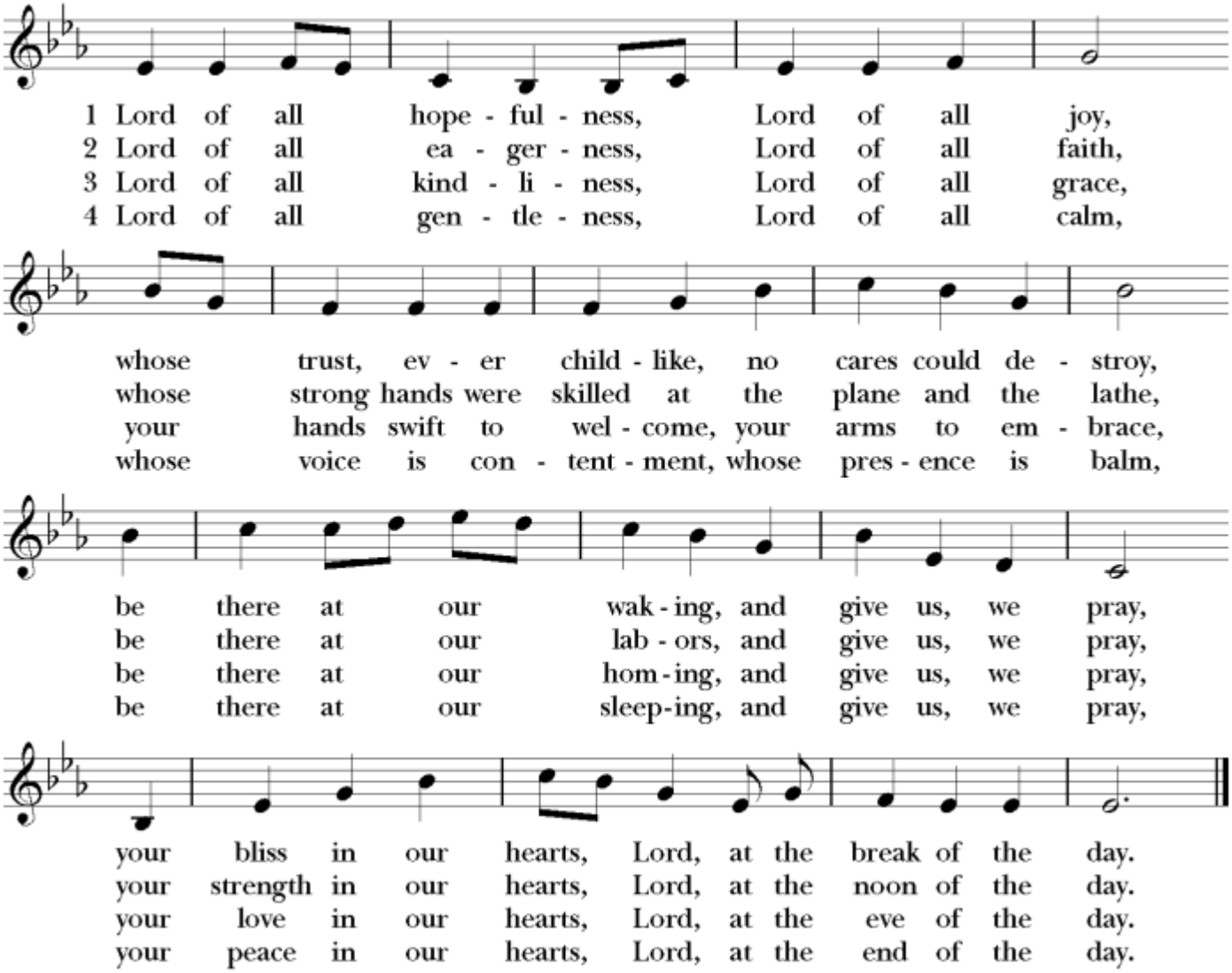
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

FRACTION ANTHEM – This is the Body of Christ *John Bell*



COMMUNION HYMN 482 – Lord of all Hopefulness *Slane*



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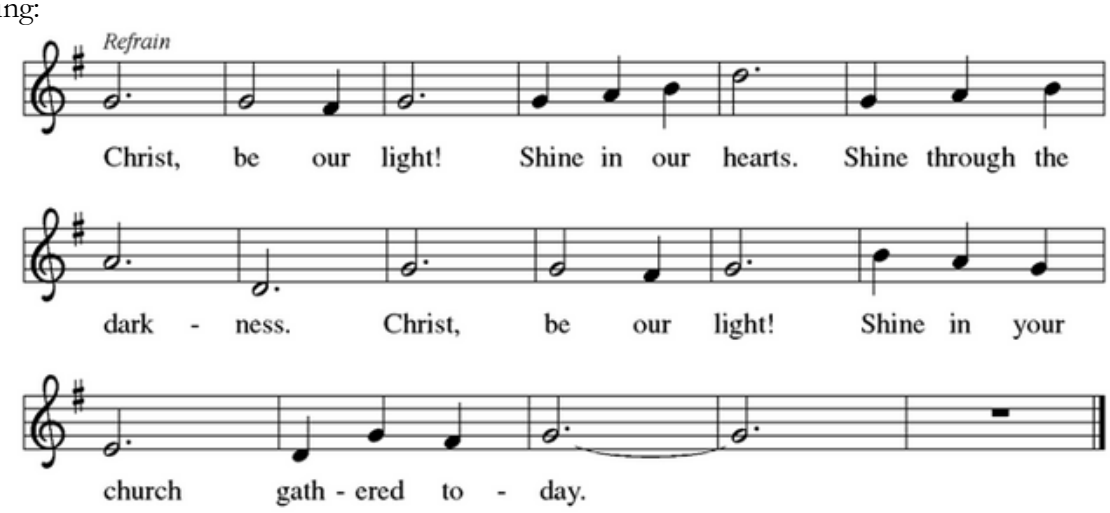
The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN – Christ Be Our Light *Bernadette Farrell*

Choir:

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you.
   Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see. ***Refrain: All sing***

All sing:



Choir:

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled, Longing for hope, many despair.
   Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. ***Refrain: All sing***

3. Many the gift, many the people, Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
   Let us be servants to one another, Making your kingdom come. ***Refrain: All sing***

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – Festive Trumpet Tune *David German*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Youth Formation: Sunday School | Every child is welcome to join us virtually for Sunday School. The registration form is located **here**, and you can send them to ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org to enroll your child(ren). Elementary school sessions begin at 9:15 a.m. and you can receive the Zoom link by emailing Jennifer Atkins at dandjatkins@verizon.net. The older youth session begins at 9:30 a.m. and is run by our Youth Minister, Todd Domer. You can reach Todd at youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org for Zoom details.

Adult Forum: Sunday Circle | Sunday Circle gathers this Sunday and concludes our January theme of Renewal and Reconciliation. The documents related to this Sunday's lesson on Meditation and Mindfulness are on our website now; click here for those links. Join us each Sunday from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Great Hall (lower level) of New Brick. Questions? Contact Mother Marcia or Jenn Lavanish.

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 find the details and 2022 sign-up sheet at https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts. 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.

Confirmation Classes - Sign Up Now | Christ Church will begin offering Confirmation classes for all high school students and will begin on Sunday, March 6th. At this time, we'll temporarily hold these classes online and make adjustments as we go along. It is our hope that our candidates will be confirmed by one of the Bishops of Maryland later this year; we'll share the date when it becomes available. If you are interested in learning more about Confirmation and/or registering for the class, please reach out to Fr. Manny at revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Adult and Children's Choir - Tuesdays and Thursdays | Our choirs have resumed activities for 2022, both for youth and adults, and everyone is welcome to join... so maybe 2022 is your year! Children's Choir meets Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Adult Choir meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. If you've ever been interested in joining our choir, now's that time… and this invitation is open to every parishioner. No experience is necessary! Please email Len Langrick, our Director of Music, at music@christchurchcolumbia.org to learn more.

CEC Book Club – Fridays | The CEC Book Club is still going strong and is always welcoming new members to join us virtually. For about an hour or so each Friday evening, we discuss the current book and plan future ones. We hope that you'll find time to join us for this engaging and enlightening group discussion. The Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is 894 0227 6226 and the Password is CECbooks. Log into Zoom and join us any Friday.

Centering Prayer Update | This Saturday, we'll have our last weekend Centering Prayer, as we're soon moving to Mondays beginning February 7th. Centering Prayer is a form of contemplation, a method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. We invite you to log in this Saturday and see what Centering Prayer is all about, and how it can find a unique and valuable space in your own life. The Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is 812 7402 2854 and Password is Centering!. Please email us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org and we'll answer any questions you might have.

Christ Church's Grief Support Group | If you are grieving a loss and would like to occasionally join a group of others for mutual support and learning, please let us know. Christ Church is planning on creating a Zoom gathering, led by Mother Marcia, for those who might find comfort in sharing &/or listening to experiences of processing loss. This group would meet on a schedule that's most convenient for all participants. Mother Marcia is also happy to meet individually to offer pastoral care and counseling, so if you're interested in taking part in either gathering, please email or speak to her at any time.

We Can Use a Few More Ushers and Lectors... How About You? | Several people have recently offered to help out during Christ Church services, and we are extremely grateful to each of you! We do have several spots available for more volunteers, so we encourage you to consider becoming an usher and/or lector for the occasional Sunday service. You will know your schedule well ahead of time, and all ushers and lectors will receive training before scheduling. Please contact Yetti Lipede at ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

Women of Christ Church News | Wear RED For Heart Health on Sunday, February 6th: February is Heart Health Month. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S., but it is largely preventable. We are wearing RED to remind everyone to be Heart Healthy. If you are planning to worship online that day, then please take a picture of yourself wearing RED and e-mail it to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by January 31st. We'll post the group image to help spread the word. Birthday greetings from WOCC are sent by email through the Jacquie Lawson website. Please make sure the Christ Church office has your current email address. Next WOCC Monthly Meeting: Monday, February 7th at 1:00 p.m. via zoom. We'll publish the link in upcoming communications. Hope to see you there!

Diocese of Maryland's COVID Update for This Week | The Omicron variant continues to increase the number of cases throughout the region. The most recent Diocesan update can be read in full here. Please note that masks are still required at all times while indoors at Christ Church, and we encourage those with compromised immune systems to remain home on Sundays and worship virtually. As always, we'll continue our dialogue with the appropriate organizations and adjust restrictions with care and consideration. Email us if you have any questions.

Christ Episcopal Church's 2022 Lenten Meditation Book | For each of the last 19 years, Christ Church has compiled and published a Lenten Meditation Book, which is distributed to parishioners around the weekend preceding Ash Wednesday. It is composed of parishioner submissions that center around that year's Spiritual Life Theme. and assists us all in times of quiet contemplation. The theme for this year is *"Be One Body in Christ, Belonging to Each Other"* which you can read more about on our website. The LMB - nearly 80 pages last year - shares these submissions and helps us prepare ourselves for rebirth and renewal at Easter. We also post these Meditations on our website and social media each weekday during Lent and present a special musical selection each weekend. Our website is viewed by our congregation and by many thousands of individuals worldwide during the Lenten season.

The Lenten Meditation Book is a fully collaborative project made of wonderful prayers, songs, stories, poems, readings, and personal reflections. We invite you all to send us yours so that we share them with the world. This year, we need to have all of your submissions in by February 13th in order to put this publication together in time. If you'd like to see examples of past years' Meditations, check them out on our website. Submit yours by email to Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com, or place it in the Spiritual Life mailbox in the Church office. You can also speak with Ellen for more information, or for an example of past years' submissions.

Episcopal Relief and Development Gets Disaster Aid After Wildfires | The New Year hadn't yet begun when wildfires swept through Boulder County, Colorado, leaving behind a swath of destruction. Since then, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) has been taking steps to help people recover from the loss of more than 1,000 homes and businesses that burned on December 30th. "The Episcopal Church in Colorado has deep ties to the community and vast experience in responding to disasters," said Katie Mears, Senior Director, US Disaster Program of ERD. "Their experience and preparation enabled them to quickly jump into action to provide assistance."

Housing was already scarce in the region, where the University of Colorado is located. Some people lost everything, from household items to family mementos. A *Washington Post* article published on Jan. 25th describes one former resident who returned to search her family's property. Wendy Kramer found an ornamental metal angel from the back patio. "She retrieved its blackened figure, leaving the one remaining wing behind," the article says. The Episcopal Church in Colorado mobilized its Disaster Response team to identify residents of the towns of Superior and Louisville whose homes were destroyed or damaged and who may not have other support systems.

On behalf of Christ Church parishioners, members of the Outreach Commission voted at its January meeting to contribute $500 to ERD to assist in relief efforts. These are Vestry-approved funds derived from your pledges and contributions. Heartfelt thanks go out to one and all who make this possible. If you wish to donate personally to the ERD disaster fund, go online to ERD's plea, "Responding to the Colorado Wildfires."

ERD is also asking for our prayers, for the victims of these and other wildfires, and for those beset by fire at any time or place. There have been a series of losses by fire, both near and far. In Columbia, a Christ Church family was displaced by a chimney fire and, in Baltimore, a vacant row house collapsed as it burned. Three firefighters died and another was hospitalized as a result. This month in Philadelphia and New York, 31 people died and others were injured and dispossessed when their buildings were consumed in flame. To raise your own voice in prayer, go to ERD's special page, "Be with Those Who are Besieged by Fire."

Refugee Ministry Update: The Long Welcome Continues | …*'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' -Matthew 25:40* Our refugee family continues to make great progress in their adjustment to life here in the U.S. Mother Marcia is leading the effort to provide English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) tutoring to Ziba, as a supplement to the ESL curriculum at HCC she will begin next week (along with Anwar and Ijaz). All three young took the initiative to obtain employment, even as they await their engagement in Lutheran Social Services' job development program. Mati began classes at Wilde Lake High School, with a challenging course lineup. The non-profit organization "Wheels of Hope" donated three refurbished bikes to the family, and the young men ride them to and from work and to the mosque they've begun attending. What a wonderful service for the underserved in our community! (If you're so inclined, Wheels of Hope accepts donations via their website).

We're so very excited to see this family grow and thrive in their new home! The family will be receiving some limited public benefits, but there is still a need for donations of a few requested items, especially gift cards, which they greatly appreciate. Donations can be made via this Signup Genius link, or you can donate directly to the Refugee Ministry on Christ Church's website (select the "Refugee Ministry" drop-down). If you have questions or would like to engage in this ministry, please contact Deacon Denise. Thank you for your support!

Columbia Community Care Renews Request for Diapers | It's not too late to make a New Year's resolution to donate diapers to Columbia Community Care (CCC). One of the volunteers who sorted donations on Jan. 22 posted a plea on the organization's Facebook Group: "Please donate diapers if you can!" At Christ Church, members of our Racial Reconciliation Discussion Group and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting the all-volunteer organization 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 when the church office is open or on Sunday.

The items, as well as groceries and produce, are distributed at three sites: Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct.; Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., and at the Barn/Teen Center indoor space in the Oakland Mills Village Center, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, all in Columbia. Recipients are welcomed from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For volunteers, donations and drop-offs begin at 9 a.m. You'll find updates, such as requests for volunteers at specific sites, posted in the CCC Facebook Group.

Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway | Organizers for FISH of Howard County are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill its shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.



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