

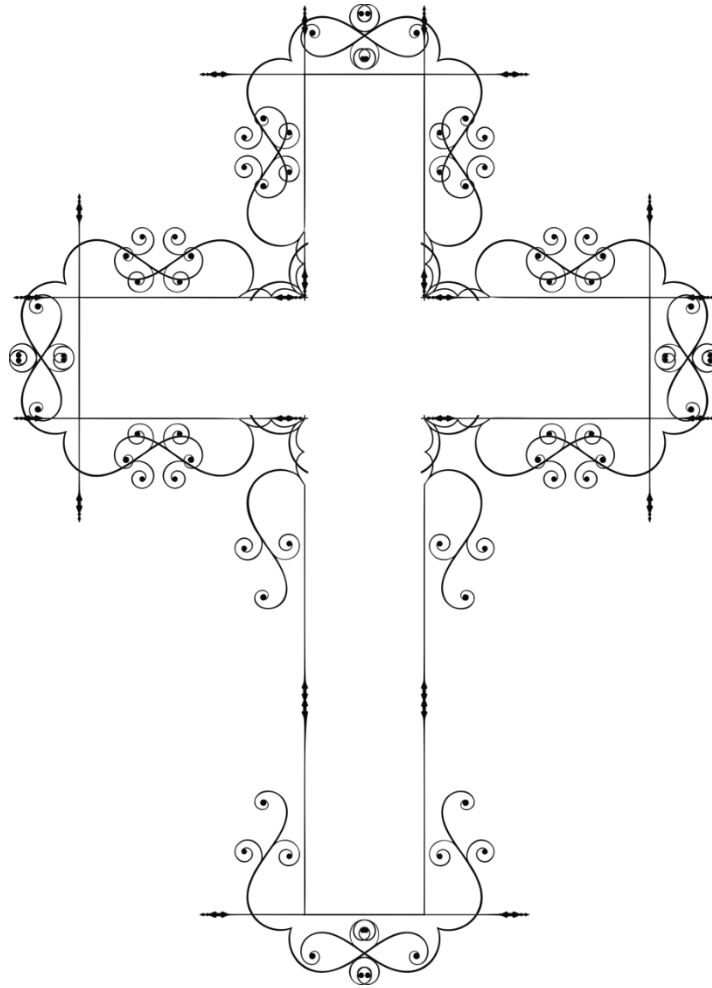
Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, October 6, 2024 | 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

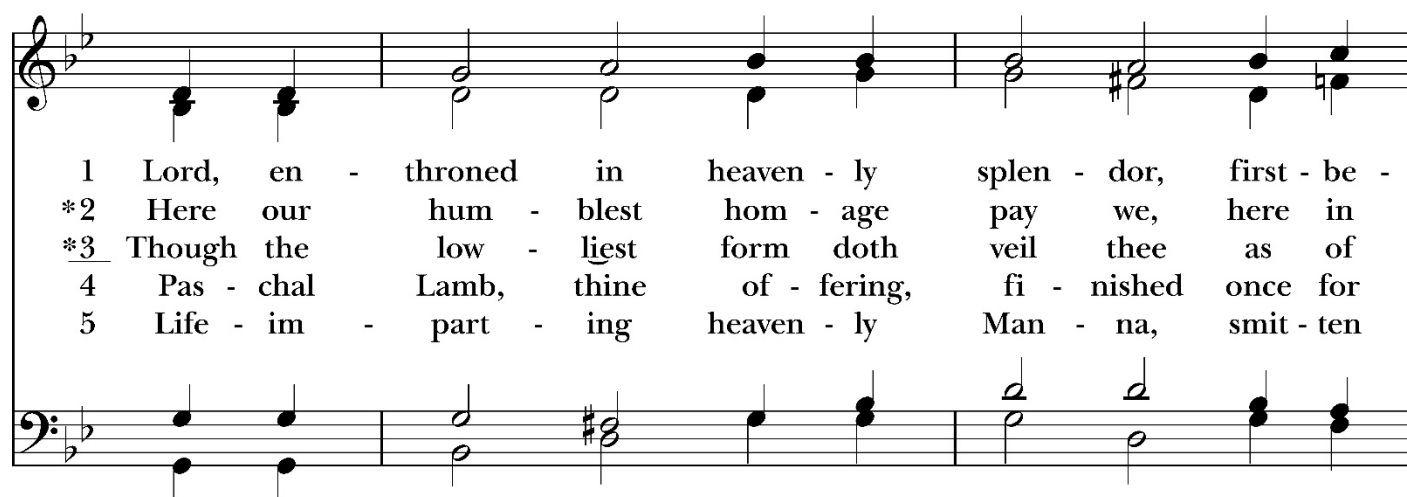


Welcome Home!

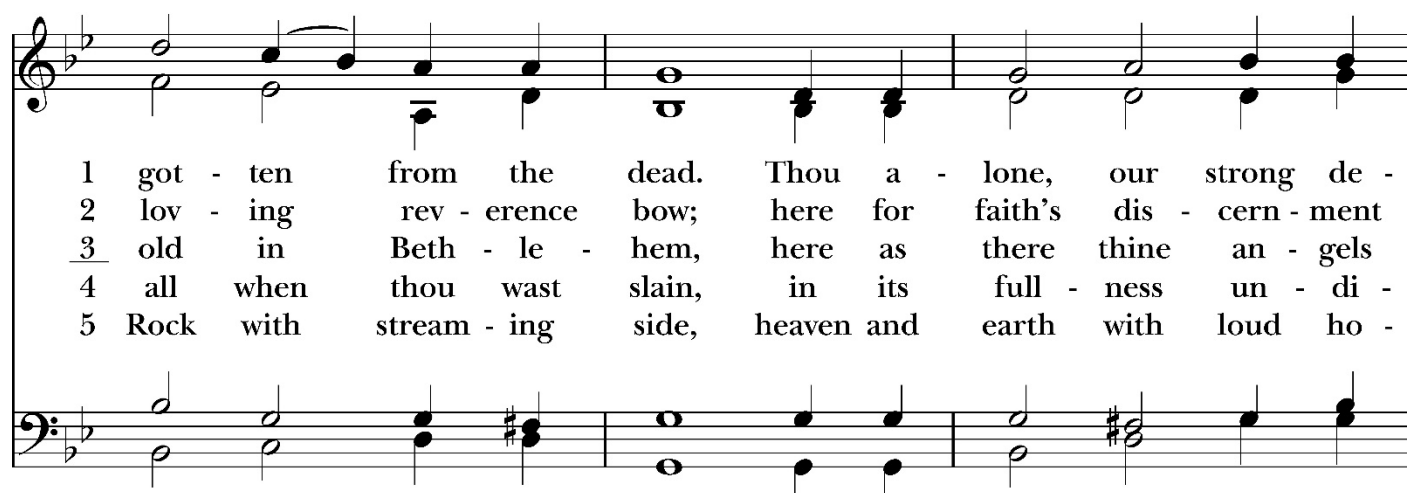
Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community:

christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

We are delighted you're here – welcome home!



1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 *2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
 *3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten



1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -



Al - le -
 1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
2 Thou art here, we ask not
3 We in wor - ship join with
4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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



The Collect |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Genesis 2:18-24 |

Reader: A reading from Genesis.

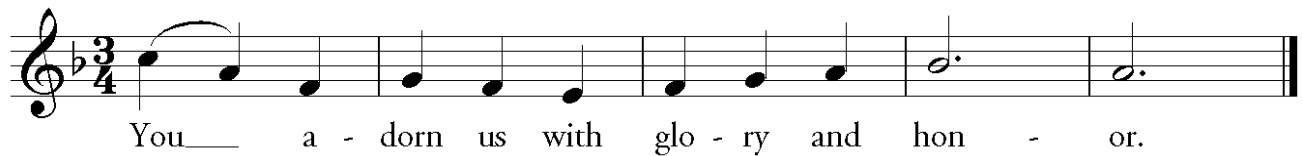
The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**



O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children *

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? *

the son of man that you should seek him out?

Antiphon

You have made him but little lower than the angels; *

you adorn him with glory and honor;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *

you put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, *

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Antiphon

A Reading from Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 |

Reader: A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

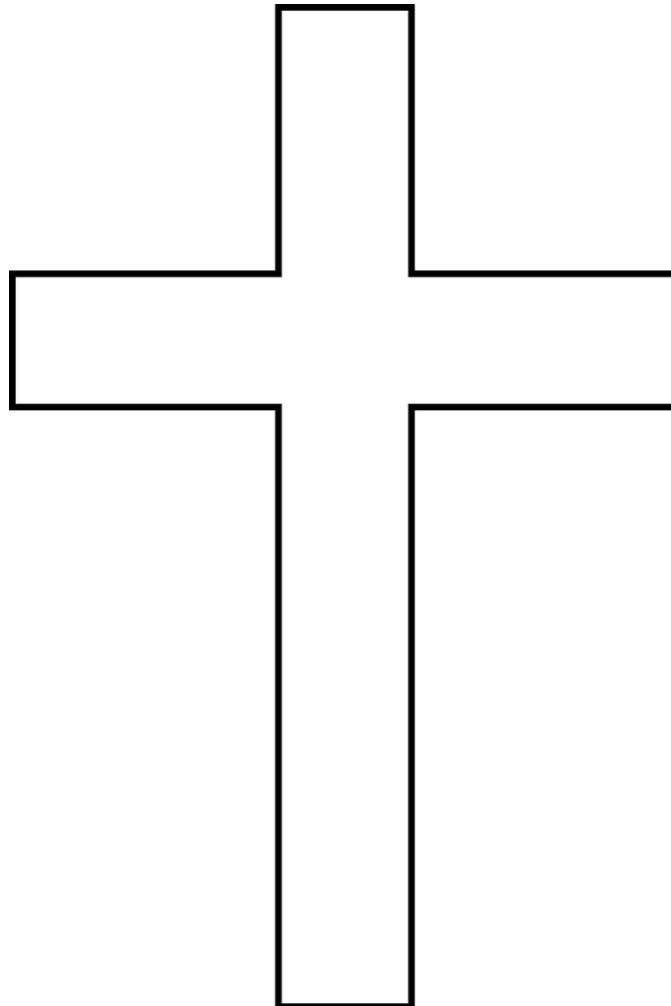
Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Sequence Hymn 691 | My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet

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

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

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

The Gospel | Mark 10:2-16

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eousness,

Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

Sermon | The Rev. Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

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, You continually guide Your people through very difficult times where Your grace abounds. Generosity and provision are ever present in Your Love. We each encounter times of doubt in our own personal wilderness. Let us place our faith and trust in You. ***Search for the Lord and His Strength***

The worldwide Church welcomes all as workers in God's kingdom: the new, the established, the unpolished, the overzealous, the introverted, the doubtful, the givers, the needy, the prepared, and the unprepared. Jesus modeled inclusiveness in an age of very separate cultures. None were turned away. We pray for peace in the Holy Land. We encourage all visitors and newcomers to be a part of our Christ Church community in Columbia. We would love to share our worship, praise, and opportunities to minister to others. We are enriched by your presence. ***Lord, we praise you for your faithfulness***

In the Anglican Communion, we pray today for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. Following Hurricane Helene and many others on the way, we ask for restoration of services, medical intervention, and flood remediation. We pray that people's hearts will be opened to bring help and hope to those people affected by the disaster. In the Diocese of Maryland, we ask special blessings for the Parishes of: St. Katherine of Alexandria, Baltimore, St. Mary the Virgin, Baltimore, and St. Matthias & Messiah, Baltimore. We ask for the Lord's guidance for our spiritual leaders: the Presiding Bishop, Michael, Presiding Bishop-Elect, Sean, our Diocesan Bishop, Carrie, our Rector, Emmanuel, our retired Rector, Richard, our postulants, Clergy, Vestry, and staff. We also ask that our governmental leaders receive insight and strength to find solutions to many problems facing our nation and the world. ***Let our hearts rejoice in the Lord***

We pray for those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, that they may be restored to health and wholeness, especially Andrea, Dolores, Edvon, Kitzel, Claudia, Sarah, Jay, Rachan, Ian, Ron, Jerry, Kristin, Kim, Sabrina, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Tim, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell. We give thanks for the love and care of family and friends, who bring happiness to those in need.

We pray for those who have entered the Kingdom of Heaven, especially Iquo Aribiah. May the light of God shine forever in their hearts. May the presence of Christ comfort those who mourn. ***Glory in His Holy Name***

We give thanks for the occasions of joy in our Church family. Today we celebrate the birthdays of Kevin, Amy, Stacey, Patrick, Drew, Ron, Barbara, Chester, Patricia, Jill & Karen, the wedding anniversaries of Dee & Bob Bauer, Erin & Jason Whong, Stacey & Patrick Frith, Jena & Sean Peay, Jeannette & Randolph Wild and Melanie & Nick Yaksich and the baptismal anniversary of Aileen. We are blessed with these gifts of God throughout our lives. ***Our Lord is gracious and full of compassion***

Let us stand firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith.

Good and gracious God, you call us to be disciples carrying out your mission. Transform us through the power of your Spirit. Open our hearts to acknowledge your many blessings, to use your gifts wisely, to share generously, to serve joyfully, to live responsibly, to be a gift to others. Help us nurture a stewardship way of life, which connects, serves, and impacts our communities. Guide us as we prayerfully discern how to give of our time, talents, and treasures, to further your kingdom on earth. We pray, Through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Confession of Sin |

Celebrant: 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.

Passing the Peace | I Love You with the Love of the Lord

Jim Gilbert

**I love you with the love of the Lord,
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.
I can see in you the glory of my King
And I love you with the love of the Lord.**

Welcome and Announcements |

THE HOLY COMMUNION



Offertory Anthem | Prayer of St Francis

Allen Pote

Please scan to give.



Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, - ho-ly, ho - ly - ho-ly - Lord God - of hosts -

- Heav-en and earth - are - filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in - the -

high - est - ! Bless-ed is the One who - comes in the name - of the Lord, -

- of the Lord - Ho - san - na - in the high - est, Ho - san-na

in - the - high - est.

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."

All: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
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

The musical score is written for organ and voice. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The organ part is indicated by the word 'organ' above the first staff. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' The score consists of four staves. The first staff is the organ introduction. The second and third staves are vocal lines with lyrics. The fourth staff is the organ conclusion.

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - pressed;
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,
 from harm - ful pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
 let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heav - en - ly way.
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

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.

Eucharistic Visitors' Prayer | 10:30 a.m. service

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing |

The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Dismissal |

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

Postlude | Postlude on *Duke Street*

*Today's altar flowers were donated by Carol Abbott
 in gratitude for Jay Abbott's surgery and recovery.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Sonni Aribiah

Usher: Onyx & Kayode Williams

Chalicerist: Sonni Aribiah

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Kathy Lyon

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, Cherry Williams, Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah, Eva Oladipupo, Hope Oladipupo

Acolytes and Crucifer: Caleb McKenna

Chalicerists: Kathy Lyon, Mary Vail

Altar Guild

Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett

Tellers

Cathy Gold, Rhonda Tomlinson



TAIZÉ AT CHRIST CHURCH

in New Brick at 6 p.m.

If you've never been to a Taizé service before, you're in for something quite special. Gather with us this Sunday, October 6th at 6 p.m. as Christ Church offers a service of contemplative prayer and music in the tradition of the Taizé community of France - a community that promotes peace and justice through prayer and meditation. Our Taizé Vespers service focuses on silence, holy words, prayer, and singing, and offers a chance to meditate and reflect on God's love and presence in one's life, to offer prayer for oneself and others, and to share in a supportive community of fellow pilgrims. We encourage you to gather with us in the New Brick Sanctuary for this uniquely exceptional and restorative service.

PARISH CALENDAR

OCTOBER 6 TO OCTOBER 12

Sunday, October 6

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Worship Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick & Zoom
9:30 am	School School – New Brick & Parish Hall
9:30 am	Parents Group – New Brick, lower level
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
6:00 p.m.	Taizé Service – New Brick, upper level
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, October 7

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:30 pm	WOCC Meeting – Olive Garden, Columbia
7:00 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Tuesday, October 8

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:30 pm	Building and Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, October 9

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, October 10

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:45 – 7:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, October 11

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, October 12

8:30 – 12:00 pm	Center for Spiritual Nourishment – Entire Campus
9:00 – 1:00 pm	Auction Picture Taking – Parish Hall, conference room
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
2:00 – 4:30 pm	Parish Sports Festival – New Brick, lower level & Field

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
email to 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.

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 do so by using our [Realm Online Giving Form](#); just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* dropdown menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. Then please email or call the church office and let them know, and we'll be sure to place an acknowledgment in the Sunday service leaflet for that day.

Pledge for 2025

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Ministry Leaders, We Need Your Annual Reports!

Last chance! In preparation for our Annual Meeting, we need all Ministry and Committee leaders to submit their annual reports to Chris at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you to those who have already sent theirs in. For those who haven't yet, let the rest of the Christ Church family know what your ministry has been up to over the past year, fill them in on your plans for 2025, and explain how they can take part. If you need, you can view last year's Annual Report here. The deadline for submissions is this Sunday, October 6th. Thank you.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer is a weekly evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God and a more powerful experience of God's presence in our lives. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. We are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. The Zoom link is here, the Meeting ID is 875 9496 3596 and the Passcode is Centering! You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church, or by emailing centering@christchurchcolumbia.org.

WOCC at Olive Garden - October 7

The WOCC will host their monthly meeting at Olive Garden on October 7. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for great food and conversation. No sign-up is necessary - just meet us there!

"Leading in Divided Times" - October 8

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland and the One America Movement are excited about the upcoming series of workshops: "Leading in Divided Times." This four-part series will allow both clergy and lay leaders to gather and will be broken into four sections. Each session will be livestreamed on Zoom beginning on the evening next Tuesday, October 8th and everyone is welcome to take part. If you would like more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/3xMcq8L>.

Join Us at the Center for Spiritual Nourishment - October 12

The first autumn Center for Spiritual Nourishment takes place on Saturday morning, October 12th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and everyone is invited to gather with us. The CSN provides opportunities for spiritual growth for Christ Church members and the larger community by offering an array of experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit. Programs on Contemplative Christianity, Spiritual Direction, Thin Spaces & Liminal Places, Trauma & Spirituality, and a healing liturgy will be on offer, as well as a film screening of *Heaven is for Real*. You can learn more about the CSN at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/spiritual-nourishment, and if you have any questions or wish to help in the future, please fill out the contact form on that page or email us at csn@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Parish Sports Festival - October 12

Mark your calendars for the first annual Parish Sports Festival on Saturday, October 12th from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. We will have activities for everyone. You can look forward to the Kickball Tournament, Pickleball Tournament, Family Olympics, and more! The Christ Church Youth Group will be selling homemade cookies to help raise funds for their upcoming activities, too, so come and have fun, enjoy food, get some exercise, and win prizes!

Sunday School & Faith Formation

Faith Formation is open to all ages pre-k through 12th grade and is designed to enrich their spiritual lives and deepen their relationship with God. We offer Bible-based teachings and also have time to explore some of the interests 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: tinyurl.com/CEC-YouthFormation.

Youth Group is Back!

We are gearing up for another Christ Church Youth Group year and pray that it is full of fun, meaning, and purpose! Please register your youth by using this link. If you have any ideas or questions, please contact Chaplain Kiona Lookingbill - you can speak with her on Sundays or email kiona@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Church Office Closed - October 14

In observance of Columbus Day, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, October 14th, and reopen on Tuesday, October 15th.

MOCC Breakfast - October 19

Everyone's gotta eat, so why not join us for breakfast? We'll gather at 9:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month for great food and even better conversation and fellowship at IHOP at 8825 Centre Park Dr, Columbia, MD 21045. All ages are welcome. Then, stop by the Health & Wellness Fair at Christ Church! You can learn more below.

Christ Church's Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections - October 20

We will host our Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections on Sunday, October 20, and on this day, we have only one service at 10:00 a.m. in New Brick, with a potluck lunch and Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections to follow. As has been our practice, we invite parishioners to donate meals for our communal brunch, and [you can sign up here](#). Please be sure to join us on this day - it's when we review our past year's ministries and activities while making plans for our leadership in the coming year, learn about where we're headed soon as a parish, and is certainly one of the most important gatherings of the year.

Christ Church's Vestry has approved the following candidates for election during the Annual Meeting this October. They are (in alphabetical order): Ed Chrzanowski, Sara Kirkpatrick, Isaac (Gbenga) Olajide, Kathy Simms, and George Toth. If you want to learn more about these candidates, you can read a brief message from each on our website - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-vestry-candidates.

First Wednesday Fellowship - November 6

This month's FWF will be a costume and pasta party that celebrates Halloween/All Saints' Day, so come decked out in your fun Halloween getup! There will, of course, be a prize for the best costume, so get yours ready! And be sure to bring their leftover Halloween candy to share with others. See you there!

"Larissa and Friends" Recital - Saturday, November 9

We are thrilled to present our Music Director, Larissa Sanders, in her fall Christ Church recital - now an annual tradition. Larissa and her selection of incredibly talented musicians and vocalists will present a program of beautiful music spanning several centuries and cultures. Light refreshments will be served at a reception following the performance, as well. Come to the New Brick Sanctuary on Saturday, November 9th for an evening that's sure to entertain everyone. Save the date, and support excellent music performed by talented musicians.

300th Anniversary News

The new landing page for the 300th Anniversary celebrations is live on our website, so visit www.christchurchcolumbia.org/300 and see how we are gearing up for a year-long series of special gatherings, activities, and parties! Please bookmark it and check for updates often. It's still early days, but committees are already taking shape and making plans. We are always looking for more people to provide their input and would love to have you join us. This celebration is a massive milestone for our church, and we encourage everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you are interested in assisting, please speak with Robin Bradley at church, complete the brief contact form on our website, or email 300@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Christ Church Sends Disaster Aid to Victims of Hurricane Helene

After Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida on Sept. 26 as a Category 4 storm, it unleashed massive flooding throughout the Southeast. At least 166 people have lost their lives and countless others have lost their homes and livelihoods and are suffering through power outages, the Associated Press reported.

Episcopal Relief and Development is helping as it collaborates with faith-based and community-led organizations in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina that have been impacted by the destruction. Similarly, Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service), is in Florida assisting nearly 600 immigrant families in mobile and single-family homes and is working with Inspiritus (GA) and Lutheran Services Carolinians to help in those states.

Please join in praying for those harmed, from residents of flooded communities in mountainous North Carolina to those in the flattened Big Bend section of Florida. ERD offers these Hurricane Season prayers.

Christ Church is among donors aiding survivors. Members of the Outreach Commission voted to contribute \$500 to ERD and \$500 to Global Refuge, which are the latest humanitarian aid donations in 2024. The most recent went to UNICEF for humanitarian aid in Sudan and to ERD to help U.S. wildfire survivors. Before that, two donations went to World Central Kitchen to help victims of Hurricane Beryl in the Caribbean and to feed displaced people in Gaza. These are Vestry-approved funds derived from your pledges and contributions. Heartfelt thanks go out to one and all who make this possible.

Columbia Community Care Calls for Teens to Volunteer at Its Pantry

Columbia Community Care (CCC) said on the CCC Facebook Group that it has lengthened its pantry hours in hopes of attracting teenage volunteers who can earn community service credits at their public schools by sorting supplies. The longer hours are on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please spread the word.

Go online to learn how to volunteer at the pantry, located in the rear of the Long Reach distribution site at Long Reach Village Center, Suite 107, 8775 Cloudleap Ct. Also consider volunteering at that site on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or one of the other locations: Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., and The Barn at Oakland Mills Village Center, 5853 Robert Oliver Place.

Those who need groceries and other necessities can find information by going online to “Get Help” on CCC’s website.

CCC continues to request baby-care items and diapers, especially sizes 4-6. It currently has an inventory of pullups. Put these along with sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sundays. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bin and delivers items.

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.

Learn more at <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/outreach>

The Christ Church Auction is Soon... BUT THE DONATION DEADLINE IS TODAY!

The 35th Annual Christ Church Auction is at the end of this month, and to make it a success, we need your help! Our largest fundraiser of the year depends entirely on the efforts of **YOU**, our parish family. Your donations generate interest and increase fundraising - income that helps support every aspect of our common life at Christ Church - so please donate to the CEC Auction, and watch the bidding take off!

But remember - the deadline for donations is this Sunday, October 6.

Please submit your donation any time today, October 6th, at christepiscopalchurch.schoolauction.net/cec2024auction/donate_items/new. Donors can either fill out the form there (one form per donated item, please) or you can email the CEC Auction Committee at the address below and let them know about your items. If you don't need us to photograph your items, you don't need to drop them off until later this month. If you do want them photographed, see the info further down in this article. No matter which you choose, we need all donations to be registered by this Sunday.

Some suggested donation ideas are:

gourmet and cultural dinners,
getaway vacations,
home accessories,
artwork,
personal services,
gift certificates,
handmade jewelry,
seasonal crafts,
music performances,
food and wine baskets,
customized greeting cards,
children's gifts,
and so many more.

We'll photograph your items for you next week!

If you want us to take photos of the items on your behalf, please drop them off:

This Sunday, October 6: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday, October 7-11: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (office hours)

Friday, October 11: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (extended hours)

Saturday, October 12: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday, October 13: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

And mark your calendars!

Online bidding begins Saturday, October 26

Our Auction gala event is on Saturday, November 2

If you have any questions or need assistance, [please visit this post on our website](#), or email us at auction@christchurchcolumbia.org





FROM THE TREASURER

August's net loss exceeded that of July - putting us in a \$10k hole for the year. While this is better than last year at this time, last year was not a great year for comparison. The issue is with revenue, as both plate offerings and pledge payments were well below budget. Expenses were in line with expectations and remain below budget on a year-to-date basis.

Best Regards,
Drew

You can view the NEW Vestry-approved monthly financial report [here](#).

STEWARDSHIP 2025

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TEXT GIVING

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

ONLINE GIVING

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

Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables our parish to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness. Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving.

THANK YOU.



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