

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, June 2, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. & 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!

Prelude | Prelude

Jean Langlais

Opening Hymn 429 | I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

Old 113th



1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in
2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God, who made the
3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint - ing
4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in



death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My
sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose
mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He
death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My



days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing
truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed, and feeds the
helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther -
days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing



last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
poor. And none shall find his prom - ise vain.
less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity |

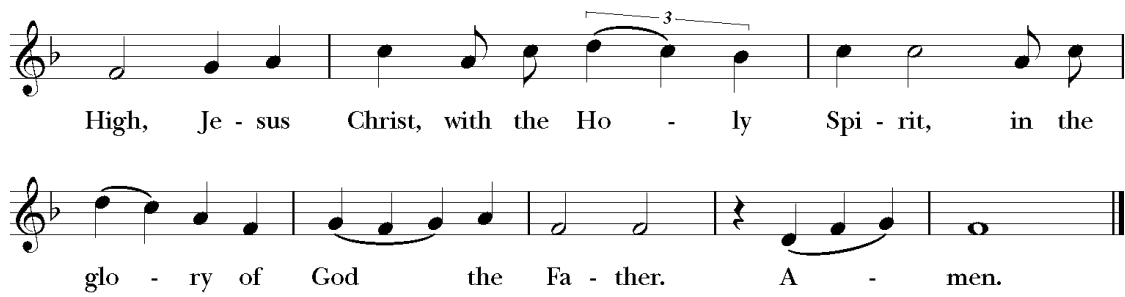
Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Gloria S 280 | Glory to God

Robert Powell

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.

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; 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.

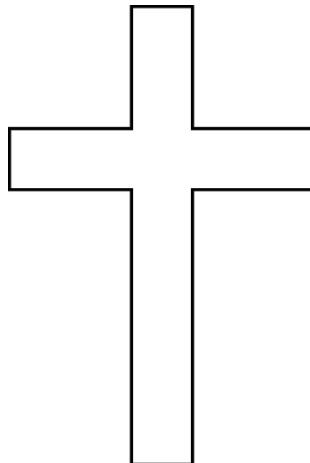
A Reading from Deuteronomy 5:12-15 |

Reader: A reading from Deuteronomy.

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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





Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song and sound the timbrel, *
the merry harp, and the lyre.
Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, *
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.
For this is a statute for Israel, *
a law of the God of Jacob.

Antiphon

He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, *
when he came out of the land of Egypt.
I heard an unfamiliar voice saying *
**"I eased his shoulder from the burden;
his hands were set free from bearing the load."**
You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; *
**I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.**

Antiphon

Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: *
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
There shall be no strange god among you; *
you shall not worship a foreign god.
I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

Antiphon

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 |

Reader: A reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in
2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my
3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope
4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O
thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -
still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who
God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.
hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?
is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.
was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

The Gospel | Mark 2:23-3:6

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Deacon: 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-eous-ness,

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. Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed |

All: **We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People |

Dear Lord, today is Survivors' Sunday, in which we give thanks for the restoration of health to survivors of cancer and other diseases. The lessons for today remind us of your compassion and saving grace. Even when our prayers do not result in the restoration of physical health, we know the gift of eternal life. May our hearts and minds remain open to your presence even when our earthly desires do not appear to be granted. Together we ask, **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on us.**

We lift in prayer people everywhere who are victims of war and other forms of violence, poverty and famine, environmental degradation and natural disasters. Among others, we pray for the people of Afghanistan, Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, North Korea, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Uganda, and Mozambique. We pray for victims of wildfires in the U.S. and Canada and of mudslides in Papua New Guinea. We ask that all who suffer come to know your healing presence and that world leaders be called to be instruments of your peace. **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on us.**

May we never forget that the Church is one body, united by your love and the sacrifice of our Savior. May we forgive one another for our discord and remember that we are all members of the Jesus Movement. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. In the Diocese of Maryland, we give thanks for Christ Church, Columbia; Grace, Elkridge; and Holy Apostles & St. Stephen, Arbutus. We lift in prayer our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Bishop, Carrie; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Deacon, Denise; our Postulants, Mike, Kiona and Rebecca, and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. Thank you for bringing newcomers and visitors to Christ Church Columbia this morning. May they know that all are welcome here. **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on us.**

We seek healing for those who are ill, especially Graham, Brian, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell, and those we now name. We give thanks for their caregivers. We ask for the care and protection of those in military service, especially Conner Warlow and Kofi Abdallah. **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on us.**

We pray for the souls of those who have departed this life, especially those who weep for the loss of their loved ones. May the souls of the departed rest in peace with you and may their survivors find comfort. **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on us.**

We are grateful for the happy occasions that members of the Christ Church family celebrate this week: birthdays of Shreya & Rhonda. We thank you for the gifts of their lives, their marriages – Christina & Shawn Frederick, and the baptism of Pamela, and for the joy that comes with these celebrations. **O Lord, we give thanks to you forever.**

In the week ahead, O Lord, be our helper, that we may show your love and proclaim our transformative faith to all we meet, in both words and actions. **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 thy ways,
to the glory of thy 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.**

INTRODUCTION

The prayer shawl ministry has been hard at work these past months knitting and crocheting shawls and prayer squares to be sent out to those who are ill in mind, body, or spirit, those suffering and those in need of comfort.

BLESSING

Oh God of healing and hope, we ask that you bless these prayer shawls and prayer squares, made faithfully and lovingly by your servants at Christ Church. Infuse these shawls with the power of your presence, so they may they serve as a salving relief from suffering and pain. May those who receive them be wrapped in comfort, mercy and peace. May they feel renewed and restored in the warmth of your unceasing love. May those we send out to deliver these gifts be a blessing and a comfort to the recipients. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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 Song | 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 | Amazing Grace

New Britain
Lumen Christi Dancers, Christ Church Choir

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer B |

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

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, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer | *Sung*

Catherine Hinton, soprano, Lumen Christi Dancers

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

organ

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.

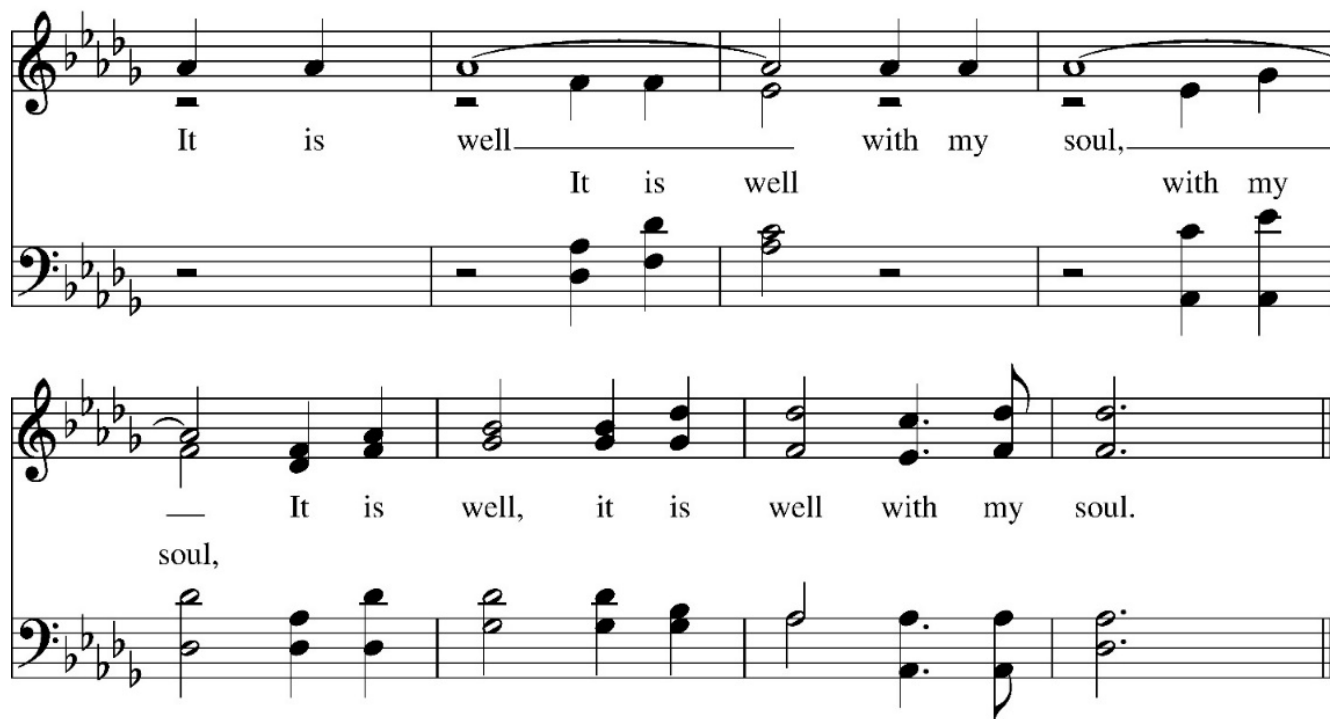
1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

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Post-Communion Prayer |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

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.

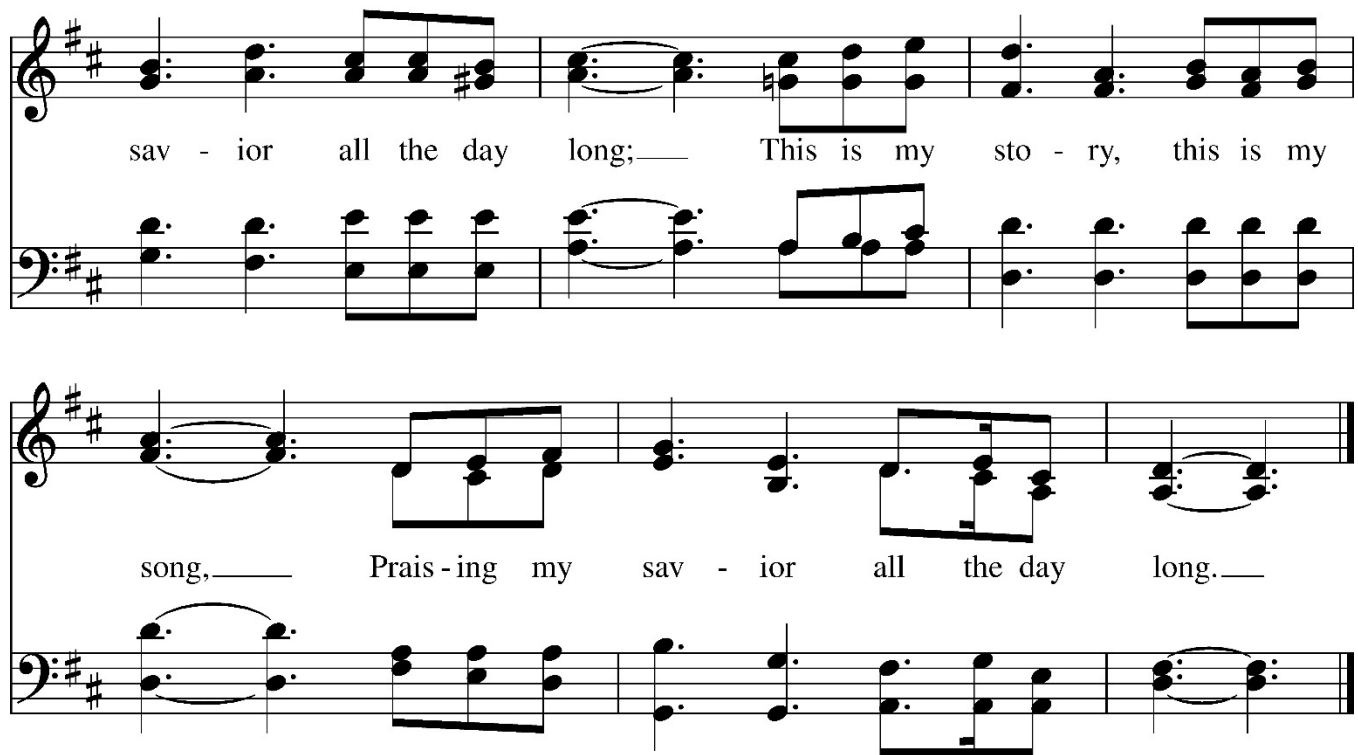
1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my

1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —
 2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —
 3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my

continued



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: Sonni Aribiah

Ushers: Onyx Williams, Kayode Williams

Chalicerist: Sonni Aribiah

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Kathy Lyon

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Mikailu Sheriff, Ava Fox, Danny Jackson

Chalicerists: Theo Jones-Quartey, Kathy Lyon

Altar Guild

Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett

Lumen Christi

Reena Bernards, Peggy Hoffman, Veronica Ivey, Shahra Toth, Kathy Wallen, Sharon Werth, Suzanne Ziobro

PARISH CALENDAR

JUNE 2 TO JUNE 8

Sunday, June 2

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 am	Breakfast – New Brick, lower level
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
10:00 am	Kenyan Congregation – Old Brick
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
1:30 – 4:30 pm	EFM – Parish Hall, conference room
4:00 – 7:00 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, upper level
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, June 3

7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	WOCC Meeting – New Brick, lower level & Zoom

Tuesday, June 4

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 – 9:00 pm	MS Support Group – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	300 yr Race & Slavery Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, June 5

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 – 11:00 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, June 6

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

Friday, June 7

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, June 8

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Cycling & Fellowship
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

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.

Summer Worship Schedule begins Next Weekend

This Sunday morning will host the final 9 a.m. service before we go to our two-service summer schedule (we again regather for the 9 a.m. service starting in late summer). Starting next Sunday, June 9th, we will gather for worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30, and both of these will be in New Brick.

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

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!**

Christ Church Choirs - Thursday Evenings

Choir rehearsals are always welcoming new participants - anyone can join us! We gather on Thursday evenings at 7:00 (Handbells) and 7:30 (Vocal), so whether you're a novice singer or musician, or a seasoned one, there's a place for you in our Vocal &/or Handbell Choirs. If you're interested, please email Larissa at music@christchurchcolumbia.org or speak with her after church on Sunday mornings.

CEC Book Club - Friday Evenings

Book Club is always welcoming new people to the group, so if reading and sharing our thoughts on books sounds like something you'd enjoy taking part in, gather on Zoom with us on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366**, and the Password is **CECBooks**. Email Ellen Hoke at bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

Pick Up Your Orioles Tickets Soon - June 12

In June, First Wednesday Fellowship breaks tradition and meets the second Wednesday as we head north to Camden Yards! We'll gather at the stadium at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12th, so if you'd like to join us, tickets are a very reasonable \$20. per seat - and there are only five left! Sign up using the sheets in the Narthex or Old Brick, or use the online form at tinyurl.com/CEC-FWF-Orioles. If you've already purchased tickets, you can pick them up from Jan DeBoissiere at church this Sunday, or stop by the church office during business hours any day this coming week.

Back-to-Back Movie Days - June 14 & 15

Bring your favorite movie munchies to a double-bill movie screening weekend. At 7 p.m. on Friday, June 14th, we'll gather in the lower level of the Church Office building for the film *Metamorphosis* (**view the trailer here**) a film exploring the design, engineering, and life-cycle of the butterfly, and discussing how they came into being. Then at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 15th, a repeat screening of the film *After Death* (**view the trailer here**) will take place. Group discussions will follow both events, so join us as we share our thoughts and insights from these films.

Center for Spiritual Nourishment – June 15

Join us for the June CSN gathering from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon for experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit. Come for any or all of the morning as we offer: Meditation, Spiritual Direction, Exploring Synchronicities, Science Supporting Spiritual Reality, Trauma-Informed Care and Spirituality, and closing with a Healing Liturgy Worship Service.

Registration is Closed for VBS and Choir Camp - June 24

Vacation Bible School and Choir Camp registration is now closed, and in a few weeks, we'll see those of you who have signed up! If you need to cover your tuition, **you can process payment here**. *Volunteers are still very much needed*, so whether you can help for a day or two, or all week, come and have fun with us! **Email us** if you want to help us with the program, or if you have any questions. Visit **www.christchurchcolumbia.org/vbs** for more details.

An Independence Day FWF Celebration - July 3

Gather with us to celebrate Independence Day one day early, as we host a barbecue party on campus Wednesday, July 3rd. A scrumptious BBQ main dish will be provided by the church, and there will be outdoor games and fellowship for all! Bring a side dish, snacks, or dessert to share, as well as soft drinks, beer, or wine. Let's welcome the start of this summer together!

Assateague State Park Weekend - July 5-7

Christ Church's Youth Group is sponsoring a **free** beach camping trip for youths, their families and friends, and other parishioners who want to get away for a few summer days. There will be many activities, including swimming, hiking, crabbing, fishing, kayaking, beach games, campfires, and much more. Bring your tent, and camp right by the ocean! If you are interested in joining in, look for sign-up forms in next week's *Gatherings*. In the meantime, **visit this site** to find out more about Assateague State Park.

WOCC June News

We are going to see *Jersey Boys* at Toby's Dinner Theater on Friday, July 12th at 6:00 p.m., and friends and families are all welcome to join in the fun, food, and music! Please sign up in the Narthex and pay by Wednesday, June 12th. **If paying by Realm**, please select "WOCC" in the *FUND* dropdown menu and write "Toby's" in the *MEMO* line. If paying via check, make it out to Christ Episcopal Church and write "Toby's" in the *MEMO* line. And don't forget to join us for our final WOCC meeting of the spring. Gather in person in the lower level of New Brick, or online via Zoom, at 7:30 p.m. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **843 0204 4790** and the Passcode is **cecWOCC**.

Communion to You

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 our campus. If you want more information, **please complete this form** or **email** the Church Office.

Healing Stations

Christ Church now has healing stations during the 10:30 Eucharist at the back of the sanctuary. If you need prayer, we invite you to visit the healing station after receiving Communion. We also welcome those of you who wish to help, so if you are interested in joining a group of parishioners who offer healing prayer, email Rebecca Warlow at **healingministry@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Please Support the Rector's Discretionary Fund

The RDF typically helps fulfill the needs of those in our community. There are real people with real needs that we help support, so we appeal to you to consider supporting the RDF for us to help our neighbors. **Visit our main Online Giving Form** and select "Rector's Discretionary Fund" from the *FUND* dropdown menu.

Education for Ministry Has a Place for YOU

Education for Ministry is a unique, four-year, small-group program led by Mother Marcia Davenport, and is based on study and practice in theological reflection. It helps you to discover and nurture your call to Christian service

where you live, work, and play. Now, as the first year of our EfM seminar is drawing to a close, we welcome a few additional members of Christ Church to join us in an exciting journey towards discerning our roles as ministers in Christ's name. If you are interested, speak with Mother Marcia or any EfM member at church or email EfM@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Buy Tickets Now for a “FUNdraiser” on Sunday, June 9 at a Scenic Northern Virginia Farm to Benefit Somos Amigos Medical Missions

Get your tickets for a carnival-themed afternoon of fun at a beautiful Northern Virginia farm, where **Somos Amigos Medical Missions** will welcome supporters in the DC-MD-VA metro area. The “FUNdraiser” takes place on Sunday, June 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Sylvaside Farm, 19606 Telegraph Springs Rd., Purcellville, Va., 20132. Former Christ Church parishioners Mary and Ed Keath plan to travel from their home in Oregon to attend and show their support for how Somos Amigos provides care in the Dominican Republic. In a **video on Vimeo** taped three years ago, Mary says volunteering there has helped her live out her baptismal vows. Her first trip in January 2005 and the Keaths' subsequent trips led to the involvement of Christ Church.

The event will celebrate 25 years of Somos Amigos' medical and dental care while raising funds as the nonprofit organization looks forward. Tickets are \$45 each or four for \$110. You can **order tickets** up until June 9. Enjoy games, music, snacks, beer, wine, hot dogs and hamburgers by Smokin Willy BBQ. Spencer Bates, a former volunteer who is a favorite at the Georgetown Piano Bar, will perform. Nature and history buffs will want to tour the property and see the majestic Clydesdale horses. **Sylvaside Farm** dates to 1744, with breathtaking views, manicured grounds, and restored barns. A live auction that starts at 4:15 p.m. will feature the chance to bid on two VIP tickets and backstage passes to meet Stephen Colbert and see a live taping of The Late Show. A longtime supporter of Somos Amigos, Colbert appears in **a video on Vimeo**, saying he is eager to meet the winning bidder. It could be you!

The auction also offers a chance to “Dunk Frank in the Dunk Tank.” Founder and Executive Director Frank Brightwell is well known to Somos Amigos volunteers Dione and Jim Mahoney, Shahra Toth, Dr. Preethi Jackson and Dr. Ellen Boudreau Hoke and for his visits to Christ Church. View his most recent sermon in the **Collect, Readings, Sermon and Livestream of Feb. 25, 2024** at 28:28 minutes into the video. See photos and learn more about the clinic in the **Outreach Blog of Feb. 22, 2024**.

CCC Calls for Volunteers on Saturday, June 8 for Garden Planting Day

Attention: Everyone with a green thumb! **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) will hold its annual Community Garden Planting Day on Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to Noon. This event had been postponed from an earlier day due to inclement weather. So be sure to check for updates on the **CCC Facebook Group**. You do not need gardening experience, but it's preferred that you **sign up** to participate. Come anytime within those hours to the exterior of the pantry, 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD, to plant seedlings and be trained on how to tend CCC's community garden.

Our less fortunate neighbors who depend on CCC for food, staples, and baby supplies will enjoy produce grown during the summer in a garden tended in partnership with its ecological partner. The **Community Ecology Institute** also grows crops on its own site, and it delivered its first produce to CCC in 2024 on March 22, harvesting “overwintered spinach, kale, and turnips.” The institute's Farm to Family project, in collaboration with CCC, recently won a \$15,000 grant in the 2024 Howard County Changemaker Challenge sponsored by four local grantmakers as part of United Way of Central Maryland's overall Changemaker Challenge competition. The project improves food security in the county by creating a collaborative team of local farms, food assistance programs and youth community members to distribute fresh and nutritious food to those in need, according to **a May 14, 2024 article in The Baltimore Sun**. Be a part of the action on garden planting day!

Please continue to support CCC by donating baby-care items and diapers. Sizes 4-6 are in the greatest demand, as are 3T-4T and 4T-5T pullups. Please collect these along with sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put them 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 its contents. Those who need groceries and other necessities can find information by going online to the **“Get Help”** section of CCC’s website. Or **learn how to volunteer** at CCC’s distribution sites or as a translator or a shopper at its pantry.

Join us for the 20th Anniversary MatzohBall 5k - June 9

Temple Isaiah’s 20th Annual 5K Run & 1-Mile Family Fun Run is Sunday, June 9th at 9:00 a.m. Proceeds benefit Christ Church-supported groups such as DreamBuilders, Grassroots, and Hopeworks to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable communities in need of support. This family event is for runners AND walkers! Both the 5K race and the 1-mile fun run/walk courses follow the paved foot paths around the lake at beautiful Centennial Park, located off Route 108 in Ellicott City, Maryland. The race starts and finishes near Pavilions A, B & C (south entrance). After the race, you’re welcome to stay at the park and attend Family Wellness Day. **The MatzohBall Run website** has race information, sponsorship forms, and sign-ups.

Look for the FISH Bin on the Breezeway near the Parish Hall

FISH of Howard County requests non-perishable foods and toiletries, which we collect in the basket at the altar or in a marked yellow bin on the breezeway between the Parish Hall and Old Brick. **FISH** provides committed support to select families in need. The neighbors you help give thanks for all you do in their support.

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.

WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

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.

Stewardship 2024

We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church. You may pick up a pledge card in the Narthex to complete, or you can complete one electronically on our website -

www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge

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 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 **<mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org>**

M3daas3

I remember calling All Saints a couple of times that day and left a voicemail. But I didn't get a callback. And so, on Sunday, I wore my color and rode the train to All Saints with my friend. For some strange reason, we missed our North Avenue stop and so we had to walk back to the church. Service had already started when we arrived, and to my utter horror, a woman was celebrating the Eucharist. I couldn't believe my eyes.



Yes - I had, at that time, heard of women clergy when I was in Ghana, but I had never seen one. Fortunately, the last pew was empty, so I sank into that pew and watched as the service rolled on. I don't remember paying attention to anything except for the woman celebrating the Eucharist. I kept asking myself if I should participate in the consecrated Bread and Wine. The ushers started at the front of the sanctuary and worked their way back. It was my fervent wish that they didn't get to my turn. But after pew by pew, these ushers made their way to the back - where I sat.

They didn't know what I was dealing with or the theological battle that was waging within me. Although a part of me wanted to simply run out of the sanctuary, a part wanted to hold on and see what the Lord would do. I stayed put in my pew and when it finally got to my turn to walk down the aisle and receive Communion, I chose one of the four stations where I could receive Communion; in fact, I went straight to the female priest and received the Communion from her. To Beth, *M3daas3* - thank you for opening my eyes to the possibility that lies in inclusivity.

After worship, I introduced myself to the Rector. He was surprised to find out that an Anglican priest simply walked into his church on that day. He welcomed me and then asked that I make an appointment to see him. So I called his office on Monday and made an appointment to see him two days later.

That Wednesday, I picked up the same train to North Avenue - I didn't miss my stop. I went to see Geoffrey with all the documents that confirmed that I was a priest. This time, I arrived a little early, so I had the chance to tour the Parish House. One of my earlier surprises was that I could have free coffee, so this time, I got myself a cup of coffee with so much milk. It felt really good. I waited for Geoffrey while I sipped on my coffee, and he eventually came out and invited me to his office. It was a hearty meeting, filled with laughter. It felt as if I had known him forever. At the tail end of our conversation, he asked me if I wanted a job and I responded with a hearty, "Yes."

He asked that I come to the church early next Sunday morning so he could introduce me. After our meeting, he had one of the staff members show me my new office - I had never had an office before. My office was beautiful, complete with a computer and a phone. "Luxury items," I said to myself. "How lucky I am."

On Sunday, I showed up early but with no vestments. I was given one, and I used it for a very long time. During the introduction, Geoffrey told the congregation, "A few months ago, we sang *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. And now, Emmanuel is here. Be careful what you wish for." Everyone burst out laughing. And this is when a ministry began, and a journey that has been both challenging, life-transforming, and eye-opening.

As I have said on a previous occasion, I didn't know why Geoffrey hired me. I haven't had the chance to ask him, but I think this is the time for me to ask him why he took a chance on an African priest with an accent.

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All Saints was a blessing in so many ways that it would be difficult for me to count them all. Geoffrey was a great mentor and priest, and I learned so much from him. His goal was to mentor me to be able to serve any parish in the Episcopal Church.

A few weeks into my time at All Saints, Geoffrey said to me, "Emmanuel, I don't think Mercer University School of Theology is the best place for an Episcopal priest. There's another school here in Atlanta, which I would highly recommend that you look into and apply." The school he was referring to is Emory University.

Based on his advice, I applied to Emory University and was accepted - with a full tuition scholarship. But because he was out of town on sabbatical, Reverend Ted Hackett, who was a Professor and the Director of the Anglican Studies at Candler School of Theology, secured the living expenses portion of the immigration requirement for me to enroll at Emory University. But then I had to leave All Saints to St. Michael and All Angels, Stone Mountain, GA. To Ted and Paul, who was the Rector at St. Michael and All Angels, *M3daas3*.

What seemed to be a simple arrangement caused a huge uproar at All Saints. The raging question was, "Why should Emmanuel leave All Saints?" Upon Geoffrey's return, he raised the necessary funds to satisfy Emory University, so now I could return to All Saints. That was a pure moment of joy for me and the faithful people of All Saints. To Geoffrey and All Saints parishioners, *M3daas3*.

I once wrote to you all about a parishioner at All Saints, Bruce. He was the head verger and was one dedicated and faithful parishioner. I was so impressed by his passion for the ministry that he held. One day, I came to learn that he was gay. How surprising to me!! He wasn't the only gay but there are lots of gays and lesbians at All Saints. I suddenly felt thrust into a whole new theological dilemma - how does this new-found information square up with my traditional African beliefs about homosexuality? In fact, how do my conservative-evangelical beliefs hold up in the face of this new reality?

That was a huge issue for me - it was a lot more than I could chew. But thankfully, people like Bruce, Nedra, and Rebecca - two of my daughter Frances' godparents - helped me to understand what it meant to live under grace. More than that, they helped open my eyes to what human dignity was all about.

Indeed, the Baptismal Covenant in the Book of Common Prayer invites us to respect the dignity of every human being. But I differ - *respect* doesn't cut it for me. I would've wished that the framers of the Prayer Book had used the word ***honor*** instead. Honor appears more divine and encapsulates every responsibility we owe all people. To Bruce, Nedra, and Rebecca, I say *M3daas3*.

All too soon, my time at All Saints came to an end. The three years had been incredible, powerful, life-transforming, a culture shock, and a learning curve for me. The experience was more than what I bargained or hoped for. It was such a blessing, O my God, the blessing was incalculable.

There's no way that I can write a story of my faith journey as a priest without crediting Geoffrey and the faithful parishioners of All Saints for the compassionate way in which they welcomed me and nurtured me into becoming the priest and pastor I am today. Again, to the people of All Saints, I say, *M3daas3*.

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(*M3daas3* means "Thank You" in my native dialect. This thank-you tour of sorts is meant to highlight pivotal moments and people in my life and to give thanks for all those who, by the grace of God, made it happen for me. This is part 2 of a possible four-part series (*part one is here*) and the photo accompanying this one is of Monique, myself, and Geoffrey at Havi's baptism. It turns out that I have more than to write than I originally thought!)



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