

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, May 22, 2022 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

The wearing of face masks is recommended, but optional, at Christ Church

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE – Meditation on *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

arr. John Behnke

CHORAL INTROIT – Fill-a Me Up

Pepper Choplin

*Fill-a me up, come a-boly spirit, fill-a me up, to the top of my soul,
Fill-a me up, come a-boly spirit, fill-a me up, now and take control.*

OPENING HYMN LEVAS 141 – Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; ____
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, ____
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; ____
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, ____

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of ____ God?
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of ____ God.

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.**

A SONG OF PRAISE S236 – Canticle 13

John Rutter

1. Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are worthy of praise; glo-ry to you.

2. Glo-ry to you for the rad-i-ance of your ho-ly Name; we will praise you and highly ex-alt you for ev-er.

3. Glo-ry to you in the splendor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jesty, glo-ry to you.

4. Glo-ry to you, seated be-tween the Cher-u-bim; we will praise you and highly ex-alt you for ev-er.

5. Glo-ry to you, be-holding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glo-ry to you.

6. Glo-ry to you, Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will praise you and highly ex-alt you for ev-er.

OPENING COLLECT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 ACTS 16:9-15

***Reader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

PSALM 67

Deus misereatur

May God be merciful to us and bless us, *

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *

**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; *

may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, *

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Reader: A Reading from the Revelation to John.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

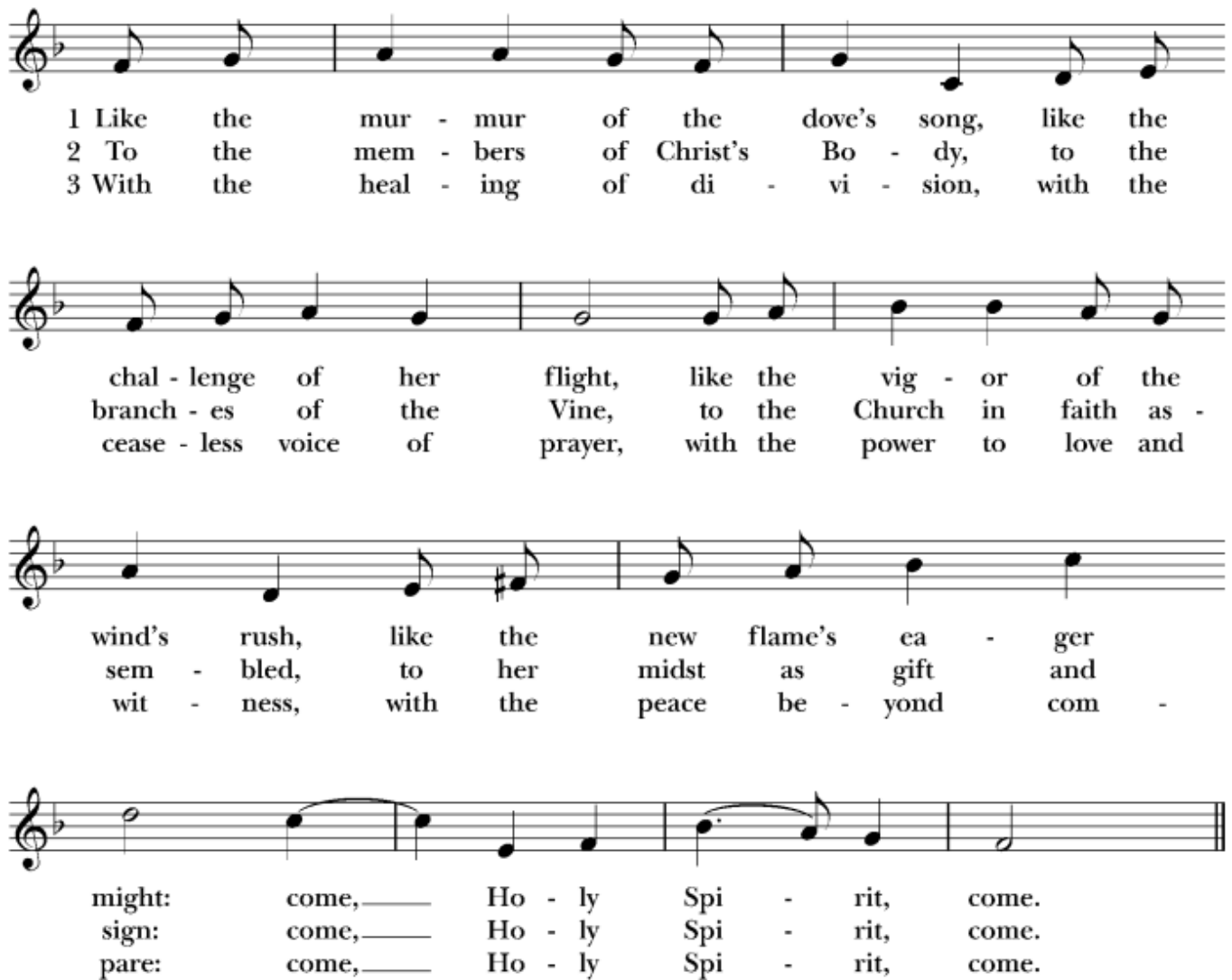
I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

THE GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people stand as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, open our minds to know that only in the stillness of the moment can we hear your voice. Discipline us to quiet our minds to seek that stillness. We desperately yearn to receive your guidance. Remind us that love can heal all wounds. Love can reconcile all differences, and only love can bring us to you. In love, there is always obedience and forgiveness. Forge us to become an instrument of your truth, boldly proclaiming the Gospel of Christ Jesus by our words and actions. Pour your peace and trust into the hearts of your children. **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Remind us that earthly prosperity is not our goal, for your kingdom lies in the hearts of those who know and serve you. We feel a responsibility to help resolve the strife and suffering we see all around us. We know our struggle is ultimately against spiritual forces. Our faith in you Lord assures us that all works for good. Open our mouths to share our knowledge of you, and open our arms to greet and help a stranger, for it is your kingdom we desire to build. **Christ, hear our prayer.**

We pray all leaders around the world follow your guidance and courses of right action. We pray for the spiritual leadership of all faiths and especially of your Church, that messages of universal love and understanding remain central and clear. We lift in prayer our own church leadership: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Bishops; Father Manny, Reverend Marcia, and Deacon Denise; and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. We extend prayers to our sister parishes of St. Francis, Timonium; St. George's, Hampstead; and St. James, Monkton; and in the Anglican Communion we pray for Church of the Province of South East Asia. **Christ, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those suffering from material losses, that you guide helping hands to ease their struggle to rebuild what has been lost. We pray for those struggling with addiction and physical and mental illness, and that able caregivers be available to speed their recovery. We especially lift in prayer Ivy, Megan, Mildred, Jim, Kathleen, Caroline, Nell, Catherine, Mary Ann, Sherry, Rena, Kandi, Bradley, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those you now name. **Christ, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have passed into eternal life, especially those your now name. May they rest after their labors in the company of those whom they love, and to those bearing the burden of grief, we ask for helping angels to surround them and the healing power of your peace. **Christ, hear our prayer.**

We warmly welcome the stranger and all who are new to our worship, and hope that you find a home with us. We thank all who support this service and the many activities showing the image of Christ. In celebration of friendship and love, we remember the joyous occasions of our lives, especially the birthdays of Steve, Jennifer, Aston, Carlo, Karey & Sarah, and anniversaries of Sonni & Teddy Aribiah, Dennis & Jennifer Atkins, & Maurice & Amy Hairston. May the Lord bless and keep you healthy and well. **Christ, hear our prayer.**

In a communion of love, we seal these prayers to You, Lord Christ. **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 – Njooni Majini/Come to the Waters

Mark Sedio

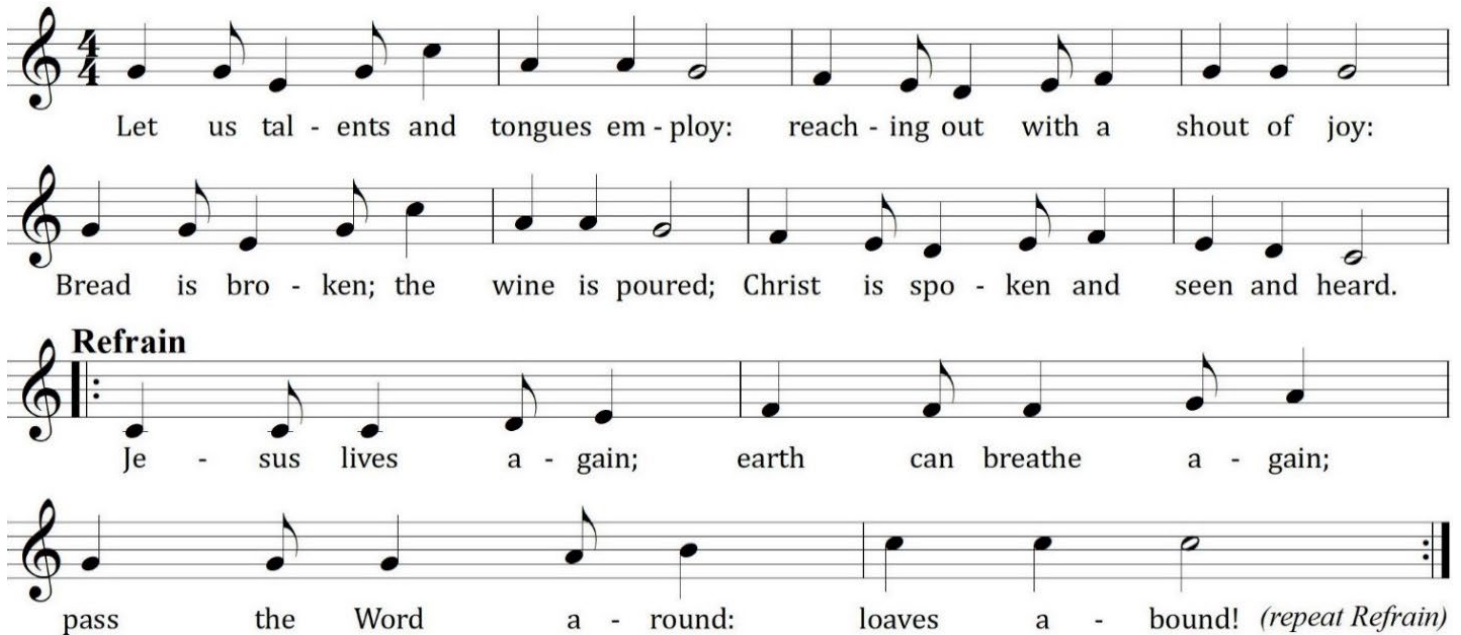
Come to the waters, waters of life. We live refreshed, renewed; by dying with him.

We are raised with him; Christ Jesus, our Lord

We are healed, we are made new. We live with Christ, Jesus our Lord.

PRESENTATION HYMN VF 79, V. 1

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Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy: reach - ing out with a shout of joy:

Bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured; Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Je - sus lives a - gain; earth can breathe a - gain;

pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound! (repeat Refrain)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

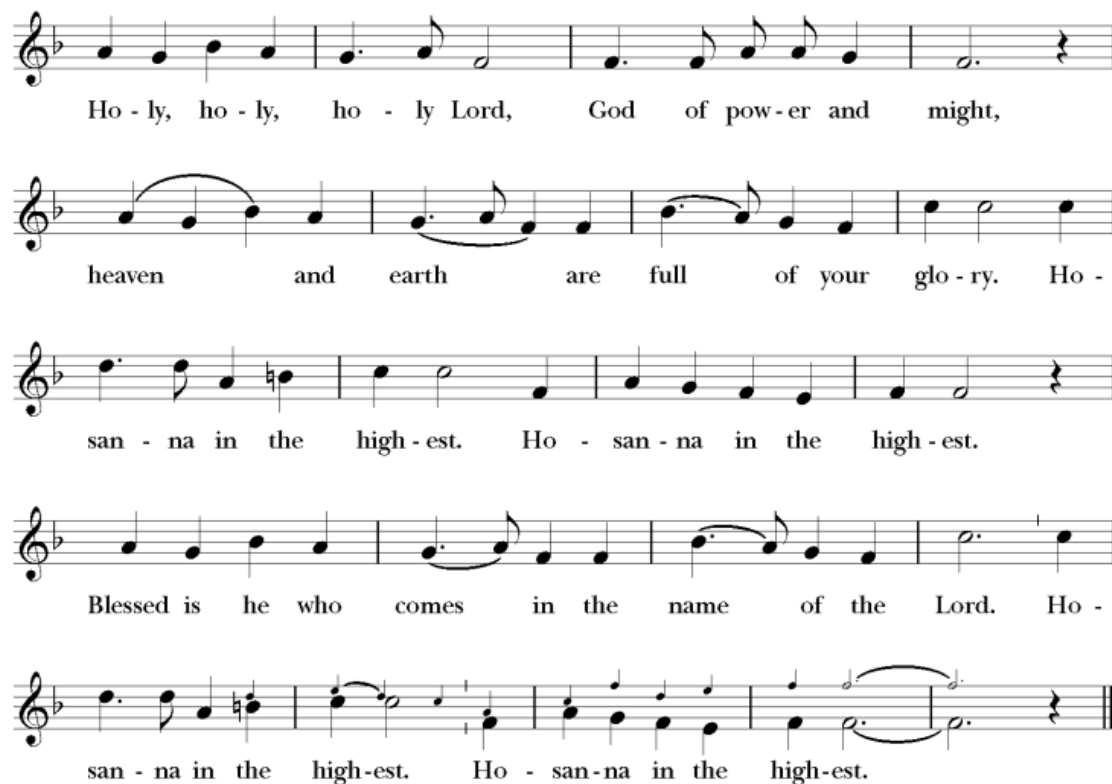
***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All:

**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

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 S 163 – Lamb of God

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.

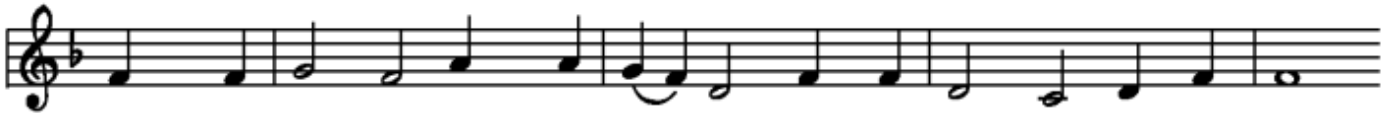
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN VF 96 – Healing River of the Spirit

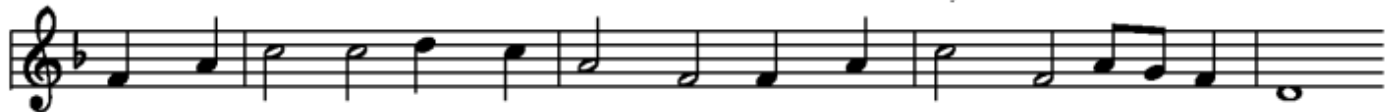
Beach Spring



1 Heal-ing riv - er of the Spi - rit, bathe the wounds that liv - ing brings.
2 Well-spring of the heal-ing Spi - rit, stream that flows to bring re - lease,
3 Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, make us chan - nels of your pow'r.



Plunge our pain, our sin, our sad-ness deep be - neath your sa - cred springs.
as we gain our selves, our sens-es, may our lives re - flect your peace.
All the world is torn by con-flict; wars are rag - ing at this hour.



Wea - ry from the rest - less search-ing that has lured us from your side,
Grate-ful for the flood that heals us, may your church en - act your grace.
Sav - ing Spi - rit, move a - mong us; guide our wind-ing hu - man course,



we dis-cov - er in your pres - ence peace that world can - not pro - vide.
As we meet both friend and strang-er, may we see our Sav-ior's face.
till we find our way to - geth - er, flow - ing home-ward to our source.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING

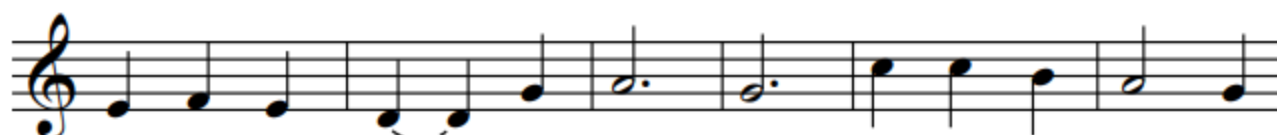
The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond Amen.



1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2. I want to see — the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3. I'm look-ing for — the com-ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run — with pa-tience the race, we



star of my life — is Je - sus. In him there is no
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy — of Je - sus.



dark-ness at all. The night and the day — are both a-like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE – Fantasia on *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

arr. John Behnke

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

Welcome our Afghan Family to Christ Church

Please join us this Sunday in welcoming our Afghan family! We are hosting a reception for them to meet and thank Christ Church parishioners and for us to meet them. Join us in the lower level of New Brick from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

To learn more about the family's progress and how you can help, [visit our website's Refugee Ministry page.](#)

Youth Formation: Sunday School

Every child is welcome to join us for Sunday School, with both sessions beginning at 9:15 a.m. You can receive the elementary-age Zoom link by emailing Jennifer Atkins at dandjatkings@verizon.net. The older youth session is run by our Youth Minister, Todd Domer, and meets in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Class

Christ Church offers Confirmation classes for all high school students and adults who may be interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. We meet on Zoom every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Then, 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.

Our Nursery Returns Soon

Beginning Sunday, June 5th, our Nursery will be open from 7:45 to 11:45 a.m. and available to care for and engage young children during our services in a playful and comforting environment. Safeguarding God's Children is an important requirement of all of our youth leaders and nursery attendants. We will provide more information in upcoming emails and newsletters.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer takes place every Monday at 7 p.m. and is a form of contemplation, a method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. We invite you to log in, 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 **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!** [You can also check out last week's Centering Prayer on YouTube.](#)

Choir Rehearsals

Adult Choir rehearses weekly, 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. Generally, Please email music@christchurchcolumbia.org to learn more.

Lectionary Bible Study - Wednesdays

Bible Study takes place on Zoom each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., discussing and reflecting on the readings for the coming Sunday. All readings are [at LectionaryPage.net](#) You do not have to know much about the Bible; join us and we'll all study and learn together. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **885 9287 2661** and the Password is **CECBible**.

CEC Book Club - Fridays

The CEC Book Club "meets" every Friday at 7:30 p.m. We have just begun a new book and always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering at any point in the discussion, so if you enjoy curling up with an insightful read and talking about it with others, log in for about an hour and learn more! The Zoom link is [here](#), the Meeting ID is **894 0227 6226**, the Password is **CECbooks**.

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

We hope you'll join us for refreshments and fellowship time between services each Sunday, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in New Brick. Additionally, if you'd like to help by providing light refreshments for a future Coffee Hour, **please sign up using this link** or scan the QR code that's on the Coffee Hour posters in the Narthex.

Help Us Beautify our Campus - May 29th

We'll host a Parish Beautification Day next Sunday, May 29th, and everyone's invited to take part! Whether it's for a few hours or all afternoon, your input will help make lighter work. From 12 noon to 5 p.m., we'll gather to get our buildings and grounds spruced up, so bring your work clothes, water bottle, and work gloves, and stick around after Sunday worship. Even if you only have a little time to spare, it will help. Refreshments will be available. **Contact Jan Deboissiere** if you have any questions or need more information.

Help Us Care For the Sanctuary... Join the Altar Guild

We are looking for a few volunteers to join the **Christ Church Altar Guild** this season. Altar Guild is a volunteer group whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Its members prepare the sanctuary for services, and tidy up afterward. During certain seasons, Altar Guild members also supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers. Any adult is welcome to take part in this essential ministry, and training is provided. Please speak with Jan DeBoissiere if you are interested - **jdeboissiere@gmail.com**

We're in Need of a Few More Tellers

Christ Church is in need of a few more tellers to assist with the counting of offerings, donations, and pledges. This process takes place after the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday, but each Teller is only needed about once a month or so. Please speak with Yetti Lipede on Sunday mornings, or email her at **ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org** if you might be interested.

New Committees at Christ Church

As mentioned during the Sunday Town Hall sessions, Father Manny shared two Committee plans that we will be working on that will help deepen and enrich our common life. If you are interested in serving on either the Worship or the Fellowship Committee, please reach out to Father Manny at **revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Reconfiguring the New Brick Sanctuary for the Summer

One of the beautiful gifts that New Brick offers us all is the flexibility of use throughout the space. Beginning on Sunday, June 5th, we will reconfigure the New Brick Sanctuary for the summer months. We then plan to revert back to its present look in September.

WOCC May Update

We had a great turnout with some food and fellowship at the WOCC Spring Tea last week! This High Tea luncheon at Sweet Simplici-Tea on May 12th was the first time in two years that we were able to be together for this special WOCC tradition, and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed being able to gather together again. Many thanks to Robin at Sweet Simplici-Tea for her delicious food and service!

Mark your calendars... Saturday, September 17th marks the return of the annual Christ Church Flea Market! This is our primary fundraiser for the year, and we are excited to be able to offer it again. We'll be sending out information for renting spaces soon, and will also be looking for lots of volunteers to help run the event. The rain date will be September 24th. Keep your eyes peeled for more details soon!

The next WOCC meeting takes place via Zoom on Monday, June 6th at 1 p.m. This will be our last meeting before we take our summer break. If you're a woman who's aged 18 or older, you're already a member of the WOCC, so join us and see what's happening!

Columbia Community Care Expands Request for Volunteers to Sort Pantry Supplies, Continues to Request Diapers, Personal Care Items

The all-volunteer organization, **Columbia Community Care** (CCC), is making progress in organizing its new pantry but needs more volunteer help to sort supplies. The pantry is in a county-owned building, the former home of the Columbia Flier, located at 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia.

In a recent plea for volunteers posted in the **CCC Facebook Group**, CCC had already asked for sorters on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. With its most recent post this week, CCC added slots after Memorial Day on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can pick your own shifts during those days and hours by going online to **sign up on a form** that has slots three days a week through next fall.

At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting CCC, whose mission goes beyond helping disadvantaged families in Howard County to finding ways to address root causes. CCC's founder, Erika Strauss-Chavarria, spoke during a recent event at River Hill High School. She was among the speakers at **"Adapting to a Changing World: TEDxRiverHillHS,"** an independently organized TED event held in April. For those who missed the event in person but would like to view her remarks, you can find **"The Journey to CCC and Beyond"** on YouTube. She is a Spanish teacher at Wilde Lake High School and a board member of racial justice organizations.

CCC also recently posted about a partnership with **Cedar Lane School** in an item of interest to parishioners who previously collected labels for **Box Tops for Education**, a rewards program that is now mostly online. The effort helped the school that serves special needs students in the Howard County Public School System.

These young people got a shout-out from Strauss-Chavarria. "They have been a huge help in organizing items for CCC," she wrote, going on to thank the school's Meghan Smallwood "for writing this description of the work the students have been doing, and for the amazing partnership!" Accompanied by photos of students engaged in their tasks, CCC posted the description in the **CCC Facebook Group**: "Many of the Cedar Lane High School students have assisted Columbia Community Care during their Career Skills classes this year. Students have helped to break down and measure bulk packages into smaller bags for donations with a variety of items, including diapers, baby wipes, sugar, flour, and rice. This has been a great task for the students and has allowed them to practice so many different skills while helping their community. Students have been able to increase their independence, and have looked forward to completing these jobs each week. Both staff and students are happy to be able to support Columbia Community Care with such a meaningful experience!"

For more information about Cedar Lane School, whose graduates include our own Kristin Cheong, you may contact Pamela Torgerson in the principal's office at **pamela_torgersen@hcpss.org**.

For CCC, please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put any of these in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday. The Christ Church point of contact is Violet Smith, who monitors the bins and delivers their contents for distribution at the three sites.

SAFE Offers Gluten-Free Food And Accepts Items for Distribution on May 21st

The **SAFE Food Pantry**, a nonprofit organization that helps people who require gluten-free and allergy-friendly groceries, will hold a distribution at its indoor location. The allergy-safe foods will be available to those in need at the NonProfit Collaborative, 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046.

The time frame is 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of each month. The availability is posted on the organization's **Events page**. If you have safe foods to donate, you can bring them during this period. In the future, the Christ Church Building and Grounds Commission is working with SAFE to establish a drop-off on church premises. That would make it more convenient for parishioners as well as other supporters.

If you or Howard County residents whom you know are in need of such items, please come to Patuxent Woods, which is on an RTA bus line.

Another way to obtain food from SAFE is through its partnership with the **Howard County Food Bank**. Clients of the food bank can receive pre-bagged, non-allergenic food items when they check in for their monthly visits. For more information, please call or text a SAFE volunteer at 443-741-1060.

FISH Continues its Request for Cookies, Crackers, and Snacks

Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** continue to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill shopping lists. They also say thanks to Christ Church for its response to their needs. The bin is on the breezeway near the door to the Parish Hall.

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Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank **YOU**. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church 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, and so as we celebrate the season of giving, we want to highly encourage all who have not fully completed their pledge for 2021 to remember their faithfulness. We also want to appeal to all who have not as yet returned their pledge for 2022 to remember their faithfulness.

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



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