



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, July 6, 2025 | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE |

OPENING HYMN 8 | Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY |

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

GLORIA S 280 |

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY|

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | 2 Kings 5:1-14

Reader: *A reading from 2nd Kings.*

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

THE PSALM

Psalm 30 | *Exaltabo te, Domine*

I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper."
You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

THE EPISTLE | Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16

Reader: *A reading from Galatians.*

[My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 498 | Beneath the Cross of Jesus

St. Christopher

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, thy sha-dow for my a - bid - ing place;

the sha - dow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ve - ry dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no o - ther sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der-ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love, and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

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

13

mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

THE SERMON | Leah Chrest

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 worshipped 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 |

Our Lord nurtures and comforts us so that we may flourish. With this freedom to grow in strength and purpose, we can labor in our daily lives in those fields to which the Lord has called us. Let us lift our voices to the Lord, saying: **Help us to share the Spirit and work for the good of all.**

On this weekend of our Independence Day, we ask Your blessing upon our nation and pray that You may guide us and all our leaders in the path of Your Way and Your Truth. We pray for those who have no liberty, for victims of injustice, for those who lack shelter, food, education, health care, and are not treated with the dignity of one who is made in Your Image. Help us, O Lord, to see clearly and do Your work, as we pray: **Keep watch over all nations and let us not grow weary in doing what is right.**

Lord, we know that Your hand is with Your servants. Continue to be with us, guiding and supporting us in doing Your work in a hurting world. We pray for the Presiding Bishop, Sean; Diocesan Bishop, Carrie; Rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard, Marcia, and Rebecca; and Seminarian, Mike. We ask Your blessing on the parishes in the Diocese of Maryland, especially: Grace, Brunswick, St. James', Mount Airy and St. Paul's, Point of Rocks. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we remember- The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), as we pray: **Help us to share the Spirit and work for the good of all.**

We lift up all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit and their caregivers, especially Jeanne, Rachan, Sherry, Emmy & Danielle, and those you now name. Lord, be their comfort and their consolation as we pray: **You hold our souls in life and will not allow our feet to slip.**

We remember loved ones who have died and gone home to You, Lord, especially Denise Dorsey, Roberta Akillian, Virginia Rowan, Madrainne Johnson & Nicholas Hrinkevich and those you now name. Give them eternal rest and hold those who mourn close to You, that they may be comforted. We lift our voices, saying: **The Kingdom of God has come near and you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.**

There is much for which we give You thanks and praise, O Lord. We are grateful for the presence of those who are new or visiting with us today and ask Your blessing on them as we celebrate this Eucharist together. In our church family, we give thanks for the birthdays, wedding and baptismal anniversaries of Andrew, Frantz, Dennis, Jan, Donna, Patricia, Jo Emily, Donna & Pamela; Ed & Kathy Chrzanowski and David & Suzanne Ziobro, and Suzanne. During this weekend of celebration, strengthen our bonds with family, friends, and neighbors, and keep safe all who travel. Our hearts are full as we say: **We are joyful in You, O God, and lift our voices in praise.**

Father, we have been made a new creation through Your Son, Jesus. Help us to continue with a spirit of gentleness and determination, to share Your peace, and to bear one another's burdens. Strengthen us as a family of faith as we lift up our hearts, minds, and spirits saying: "We shall see, and our hearts shall rejoice, for the hand of the Lord is with His servants." **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION |

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.

THE PEACE |

Celebrant:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People:

And also with you.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |



THE HOLY COMMUNION



OFFERTORY HYMN LEVAS 201 | I've Got Peace Like a River

Traditional

Please scan to give.



1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1. riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
2. foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my
3. o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

1. soul; _____ I've got riv - er in my soul. _____
2. soul; _____ I've got foun - tain in my soul. _____
3. soul; _____ I've got o - cean in my soul. _____

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 A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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: 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.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

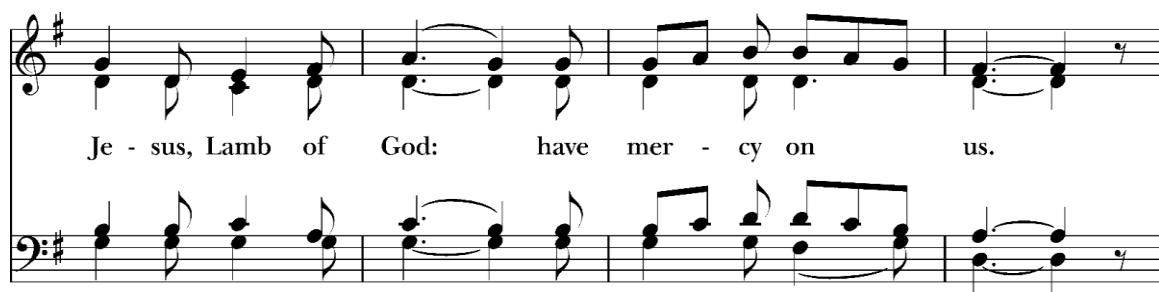
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.**

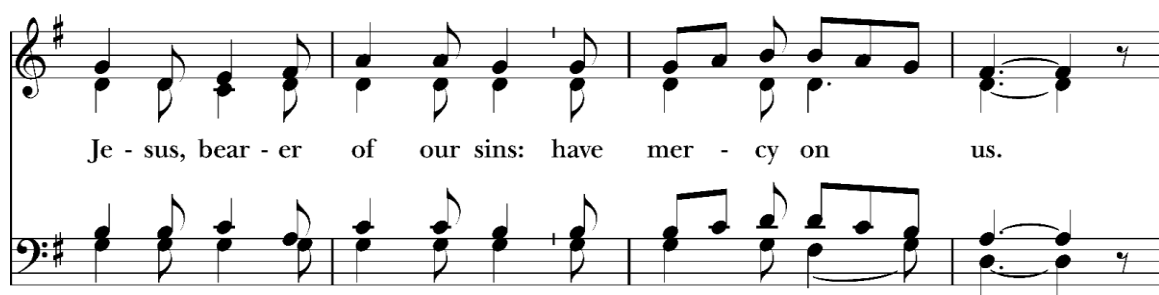
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

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

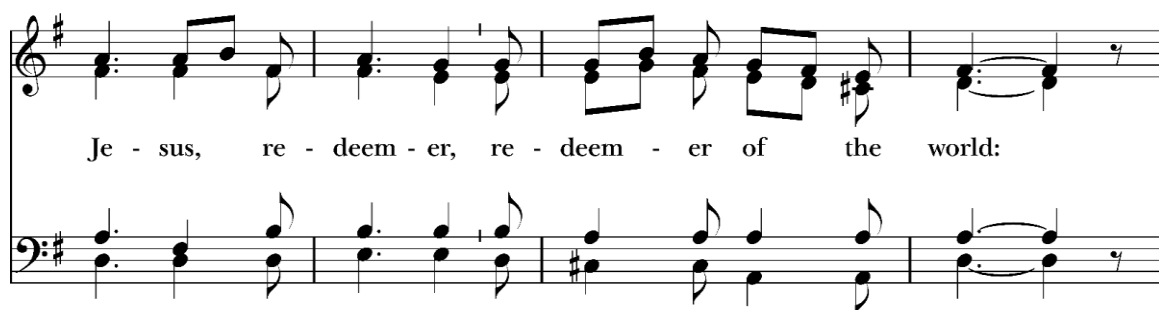
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty. } With the Spir - it's
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8 & 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.***

CLOSING HYMN 718 | God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

THE DISMISSAL |

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

POSTLUDE |

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Assisting in Worship Today

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Kayode Fatodu

Chalicerist: Sonni Aribiah

Ushers: Onyx & Kayode Williams

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Kathy Lyon

Chalicerist: Kathy Lyon

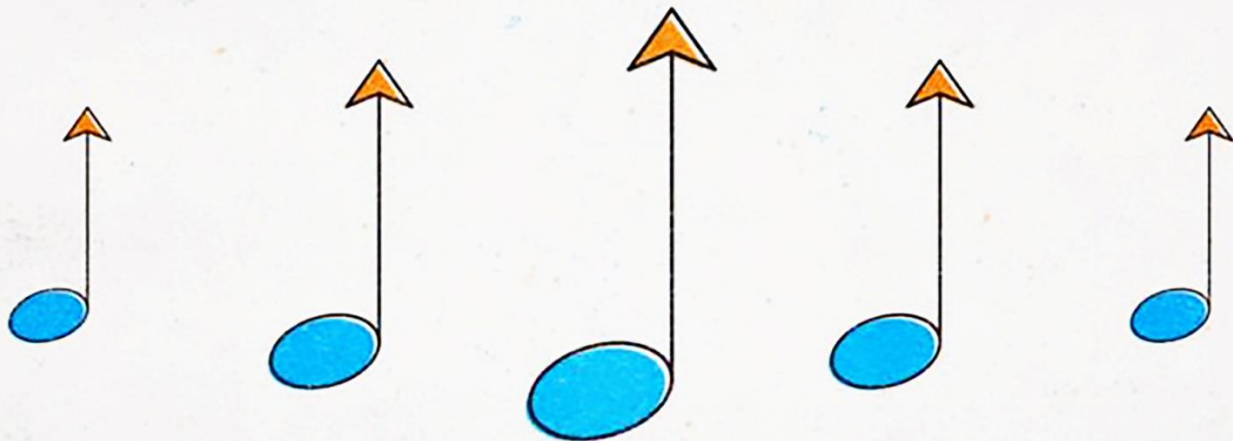
Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams,
Cherry Williams, Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah

Altar Guild

Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah, Kathy Simms, Jai Fatodu

Tellers

Brian Farnandis, Cherry Williams



sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!

Psalm 66:2

PARISH CALENDAR

JULY 6 – 12, 2025

Sunday, July 6

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – New Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – New Brick
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Monday, July 7

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	WOCC Meeting – New Brick, lower level & Zoom

Tuesday, July 8

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Christ Church Yoga Summer Camp – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:30 pm	Building and Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, July 9

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

Thursday, July 10

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Christ Church Yoga Summer Camp – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, July 11

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Movie Screening “Same Kind of Different as Me” – Parish Hall, lower level

Saturday, July 12

8:30 am– 12:30 pm	Center for Spiritual Nourishment – New Brick
9:00 – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
9:00 – 11:00 am	Movie Screening “Bonhoeffer” – New Brick, lower level
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Small Delusions Concert – New Brick, upper level
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild prep – Old Brick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to share with the church,
Please send to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & LINKS

Join the Christ Church Vestry

The nomination of candidates from our flock to stand for election to the Christ Church Vestry has begun. This year, four (4) slots are open, and if you are a baptized Christian who is 16 years or older and a giving member of record at Christ Episcopal Church, you are qualified to become a candidate. We need your unique gifts to help us, so we hope you'll consider submitting your name.

The election will be held at our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th. To offer to stand for election, contact our Vestry Nomination Committee by emailing nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org, and they will let you know what's needed for this process. Thank you for your consideration.

Confirmation 2025

This year, the Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland, Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, will visit Christ Church on Sunday, November 30th, and she will confirm all the Christ Church candidates who have completed the confirmation process. The Confirmation Classes will be hybrid (in person and online) and begin on Sunday, August 3rd at 12:00 noon. Speak with Father Manny if you are interested.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God, a gathering that takes place every Monday. 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.

Yoga Camp - Tuesdays and Thursdays

This summer, Jane Adams will host Yoga Camp at Christ Church for all parishioners and members of the public. Jane is a yoga expert with decades of teaching experience and leads every session. We gather every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m., and each session is one hour long. Yoga Camp is open to those already involved in yoga and those interested in trying it for the first time. You can sign up for each date using our online form at cecevents.org/YogaCamp.

Summer Screenings – Friday and Saturday

You can learn more about the Friday, July 11th viewing of *Same Kind of Different As Me* [here](#), and meet up in the lower level of the Parish Building at 7:00 p.m. for the screening and discussion. Then, learn about the film *Bonhoeffer* [here](#), and join us in the New Brick Piano Room on Saturday, July 12th at 9:00 a.m. for the viewing and discussion.

Center for Spiritual Nourishment – Saturday Morning

Join seekers of a deeper relationship with the Divine at the 2nd Saturday Center for Spiritual Nourishment, experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit by offering safe spaces to explore many opportunities for spiritual growth.

This month's CSN includes free group sessions for Spiritual Direction, Yoga, Contemplative Meditation, Drawn to God: Praying Through Art, Community Bike Ride, and Self and Spirit: Holding onto Hope discussion. We will also be showing the movie *Bonhoeffer*. The morning concludes with a short Reflection Circle Service.

Small Delusions Performance – Next Saturday Afternoon

It's summertime – which means it's time for the annual return of our favorite band, Small Delusions! Gather with us in the New Brick sanctuary on Saturday, July 12 at 1:30 p.m. as Small Delusions performs many favorites from the last few decades. And this year, Jan, Shannon, and JB welcome a special guest – Meghan Pruitt will accompany the group for this excellent performance. So, come in from the hot summer sun, bring a snack or refreshment to share, and enjoy a few hours of spirited song!

Parish Beautification Day – Next Sunday

Please stay following the 10:30 service on Sunday, July 13th, as we'll freshen things up around the campus from 12 noon to about 3 p.m. Many hands make lighter work (it's really true!), and so rain or shine, we'll begin by fueling up with a quick lunch in the lower level of New Brick and then split into groups to handle different projects. Even if you only have an hour or two to spare, we can certainly use that help as well.

All ages are encouraged to join us - no experience required! Just bring work gloves and a water bottle, and we'll provide the rest of what's needed to make our beloved parish buildings and grounds look their best! Can't help that weekend? Please let us know if you're willing to lend a hand at other times. Email us at buildingsandgrounds@christchurchcolumbia.org, and we'll find a place for you.

A Message from Deacon Rebecca

"I want to inform you that Bishop Carrie Scofield-Broadbent has appointed me to serve as the Deacon of Sherwood Episcopal Church in Cockeysville, Maryland beginning on Sunday, September 7. My final Sunday with you all here at Christ Church will be on August 17.

While I am excited to see where the Holy Spirit calls me in this new ministry with the people of Sherwood, I will miss all of you deeply."

Parish Festival and Ministry Fair – Sunday, August 24

The Christ Church Parish Festival & Ministry Fair, an annual tradition, is back! There's only one worship service that day, August 24th, so join us in the New Brick sanctuary at 10:00 a.m., followed by a fantastic festival of faith, food, fellowship, and FUN! We'll have BBQ goodies, fun for all ages, and an opportunity to learn about the many ministries that make Christ Church a very special place.

Ministry leaders, this is your opportunity to speak with every parishioner about your beloved ministry and get them to join and assist your group in the coming year. If you have had a ministry trifold or flyer in the past, please prepare any new information to send to Chris by August 2nd so that he can get you an updated document in time for the Fair. And if your ministry would like a flyer or trifold but hasn't had one before, please email him at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org so he can arrange a time to discuss it with you.

**PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S
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