



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, May 10, 2026 | Sixth Sunday of Easter – MOTHER'S DAY



And I will ask the Father, and he will give  
you another Helper, to be with you forever

**JOHN 14:16**

### 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:  
[www.christchurchcolumbia.org](http://www.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.

OPENING HYMN 460 | Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*Hyfrydol*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of the  
 5 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - every

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

**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. **Amen**

**GLORIA | Melodic Gloria**

*James J. Chepponis*

REFRAIN:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo-ple on earth.

**Choir:** Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. *Refrain*

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

*Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: Receive our prayer. *Refrain*

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

*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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON | Acts 17:22-31

*Reader: A reading from Acts.*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

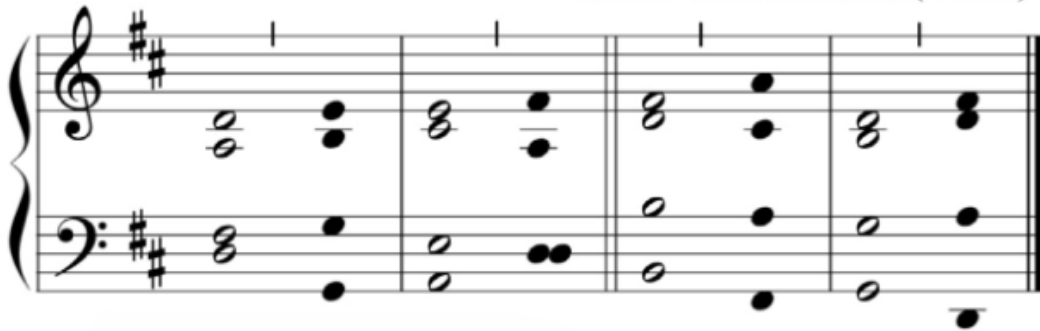
Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALM

Psalm 66:7-18 | *Jubilate Deo*



Bless our God, you<sup>1</sup> peoples; \* |  
make the voice of his praise to be<sup>1</sup> heard; ||

Who holds our souls in<sup>1</sup> life, \* |  
and will not allow our feet to<sup>1</sup> slip. ||

For you, O God, have <sup>1</sup> proved us; \* |  
**you have tried us just as silver is <sup>1</sup> tried. ||**

You brought us into the <sup>1</sup> snare; \* |  
**you laid heavy burdens upon our <sup>1</sup> backs. ||**

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and <sup>1</sup> water; \* |  
**but you brought us out into a place of re-<sup>1</sup> freshment. ||**

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my <sup>1</sup> vows, \* |  
**which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in <sup>1</sup> trouble. ||**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of <sup>1</sup> rams; \* |  
**I will give you oxen and <sup>1</sup> goats. ||**

Come and listen, all you who fear <sup>1</sup> God, \* |  
**and I will tell you what he has <sup>1</sup> done for me. ||**

I called out to him with my <sup>1</sup> mouth, \* |  
**and his praise was on my <sup>1</sup> tongue. ||**

If I had found evil in my <sup>1</sup> heart, \* |  
**the Lord would not have <sup>1</sup> heard me; ||**

But in truth God has <sup>1</sup> heard me; \* |  
**he has attended to the voice of my <sup>1</sup> prayer. ||**

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my <sup>1</sup> prayer, \* |  
**nor withheld his <sup>1</sup> love from me. ||**

## **THE EPISTLE** | 1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader: *A reading from 1st Peter.*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

SEQUENCE HYMN VF 143 | Love Astounding

*Holy Manna*

F(C) Dm(Am) Bb(F) F(C) Am(Em) Dm(Am) Bb(F) C(G) F(C)

1 Love a - stound-ing, Love con - found-ing lim-its fear - ful minds im - pose.  
2 Love re - cciv - ing, Love be - liev - ing, we re - joice with thanks and song,  
Love re - new-ing, Love pur - su - ing ev - ery heart un - til it knows  
faith re - gain-ing, hope pro - claim-ing; Love has taught us, we be - long  
Love's trans-form-ing, heal - ing good-ness, Love's a - bid - ing, gen - tle grace,  
safe with - in Love's tend-er keep-ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent call.  
Love's en - dur - ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing, strong em-brace.  
Love de - fend-ing, Love un - end - ing, Love of God en - fold - ing all.

**THE GOSPEL** | John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN** | Lead Me, Lord

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*



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

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

9 Optional Ending  
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

*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 |

We should give our reason for the heartfelt hope that we carry within us and to convey it to others with gentleness and reverence. We are God's people summoned out of darkness into light, with a calling to faith and forgiveness. We pray that we may continue the path of faithfulness to truly be a holy people, saying: "**Lord, lead us and guide us.**"

On this Mother's Day, we celebrate all mothers everywhere and all the women in our lives, past and present, who like a mother, have nurtured, healed, loved, and lifted our spirits. With grateful hearts we pray: "**Lord, make your face to shine upon Your servants.**"

We ask that the Holy Spirit guide the hearts and minds of our nation's leaders and of those who govern throughout Your world, that they may walk in Your ways for the good of all Your children. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Pakistan (United). We also ask our Lord's blessing on St. John's, Kingsville, St. Mary's, Abingdon and St. Thomas', Owings Mills in the Diocese of Maryland. We lift in prayer our Church Leaders: our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard & Marcia, and Seminarian, Yehinuel. We pray: "**Lord, lead them and guide them.**"

We pray that You may be a tower of strength and refuge for all who struggle every day throughout our world. We pray for those serving in the military especially Kofi Abdallah, and those in harm's way. We lift in prayer our brothers and sisters who suffer from illness of body, mind, or spirit, and their families and caregivers, especially Lisa, Rita, Robin, Steve, Jim, Kaci, Kristin, Carol, MaryAnn, Alta, Mark, Clarence, Diane, Mildred, Kayode, Rachan & Sherry, and those you now name. We pray: "**Lord, make Your face to shine upon Your servants.**"

With the firm conviction that those whose loss we mourn now dwell in their heavenly Father's house, we remember Shirley Kumar, Barbara Frith & Thomas Day, and those you now name. We pray: **“Lord, be our comfort as into Your hands we commend the spirits of our loved ones.”**

We welcome and give thanks for all who are new or visiting with us today and pray that you may find blessing and nourishment at the Lord's table with us. We rejoice and are grateful for the many occasions for celebrations in our Church family. This week, we remember the birthdays of Thomas, Saah, Fred & Carolann, wedding anniversary of Janelee & Lowell Sunderland, baptismal anniversaries of Alta, Bill & Mary, and other milestones. We lift our hearts, saying: **“Lord, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness and for each other.” 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 |

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | If Ye Love Me

*Thomas Tallis*

*Please scan to give.*



PRESENTATION HYMN 400 vs 7 |

*Lasst uns Erfreuen*

**Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**



# THE HOLY COMMUNION



## 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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,

*Celebrant and People:*     **We remember his death,  
                                  We proclaim his resurrection,  
                                  We await his coming in glory.**

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 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. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER |

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



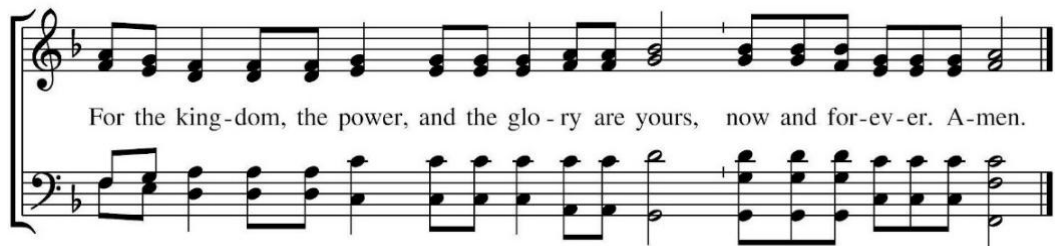
Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |**

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

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

**FRACTION ANTHEM S171 | Mode 6 melody;**

*adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)*

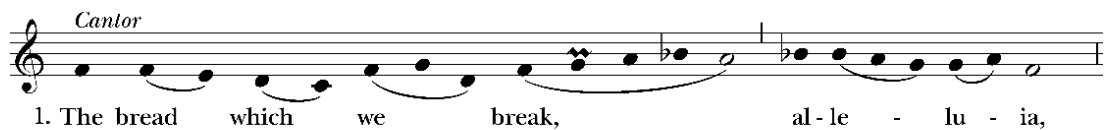
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*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*

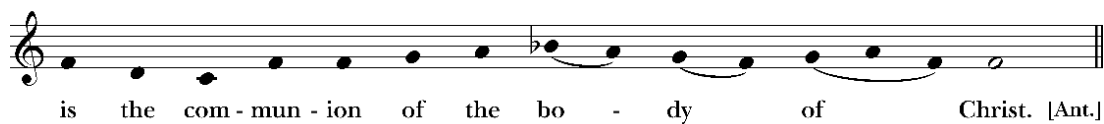


Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —  
 2. How sweet to hold — a new-born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —  
 3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -

1. — heal, and for - give; — He lived and died — to buy my  
 2. — and joy he gives; — But great - er still — the calm as -  
 3. - nal war with pain; — And then as death — gives way to

1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —  
 2. sur-ance, — This child can face un-cer-tain days be-cause He lives. —  
 3. vic-t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He lives. —

Be-cause He lives — I can face to - mor-row; — Be-cause He lives —

— all fear is gone; — Be - cause I know — He holds the

fu - ture, — And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives. —

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.

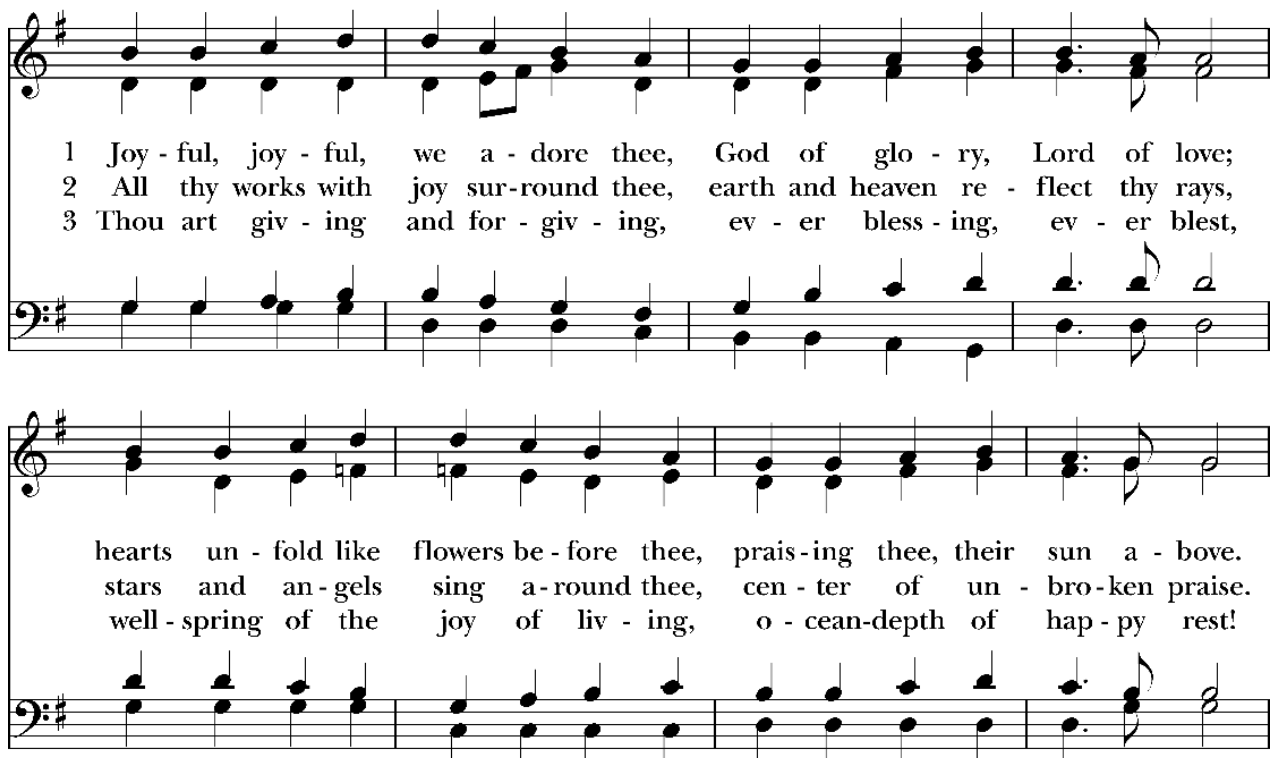
*People:* We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING |

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

CLOSING HYMN 376 | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Hymn to Joy*



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

**THE DISMISSAL |**

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

**POSTLUDE |**

*Please stay after church for a few minutes,  
 as we take our annual Mother's Day group photo in front of the altar.*

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## Assisting in Worship Today

### Altar Guild

Cheryl Lucente, Leigh Smith, Pamela Foreman

#### **8:00 a.m. Service**

Chalicer:

Lector/Reader: Ronald Baran

Usher: Michon Semon, Nancy Winchester

#### **10:30 a.m. Service**

Chalicer: Theo Jones-Quartey

Lector/Reader: Theo Jones-Quartey

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

#### **Tellers**

Amanda Kirkpatrick, Andy DeLong

# PARISH CALENDAR

## MAY 10 – 16, 2026

### Sunday, May 10

All Day Mother's Day  
8:00 – 9:00 am Holy Eucharist – Old Brick  
9:00 – 9:30 am Family Worship – New Brick, UL  
9:30 – 10:30 am Sunday School, Sunday Circle  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL  
11:00 – 11:30 am Coffee Hour - Zoom  
12:30 – 5:30 pm Tabernacle of David – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL  
1:00 – 5:00 pm Education for Ministry (EfM) – Parish Hall, CR & Zoom  
4:30 – 7:30 pm Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL

### Monday, May 11

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
12:45 – 1:00 pm Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off – Parish Hall, LL  
1:00 – 4:00 pm Meal for Rt. 1 – Parish Hall, parking lot  
3:15 – 3:30 pm Grassroots Drop-off – Parish Hall, LL  
6:00 – 8:30 pm Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, LL  
7:00 – 8:00 pm Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom  
7:30 – 9:00 pm Outreach Meeting – Zoom  
7:30 – 10:00 pm Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, LL

### Tuesday, May 12

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
11:00 am– 12:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting  
12:00 – 1:00 pm Coffee Hour - Zoom  
7:30 – 9:00 pm CEC Book Club – Zoom

### Wednesday, May 13

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
5:30 – 6:30 pm Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom  
5:45 – 7:30 pm Peabody Preparatory Recital – New Brick, UL

### Thursday, May 14

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
12:00 – 1:00 pm Healing Eucharist – Old Brick  
12:00 – 1:00 pm Coffee Hour – Zoom  
6:30 – 9:00 pm Choir Practice – New Brick, UL  
6:30 – 9:00 pm Education for Ministry (EfM): Fast Track – Zoom  
7:30 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL

### Friday, May 15

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
5:45 – 7:30 pm Peabody Preparatory Recital – New Brick, UL  
7:00 pm Evening Prayer Livestream

### Saturday, May 16

9:00 – 10:00 am Outreach Spring Food Drive Prep – New Brick, LL  
9:30 – 11:30 am MOCC Breakfast – Silver Diner, Elkridge  
2:00 pm AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL  
3:00 – 6:00 pm Vestry Social  
3:30 – 4:30 pm Altar Guild prep



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you have an announcement to share with the church,  
Please send to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org) by Tuesday evening.

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## Mother's Day Group Photo taken after each service this Sunday

Please gather with us for a few minutes after each of the three services this Sunday, as we take our group photo by the altar area. Thank you!

## Coffee Hour is Back!

We are looking for people and ministries to occasionally help host the Coffee Hour that follows our 10:30 New Brick worship. This takes place in the Elevator Room of the Narthex right after worship concludes, is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun, and is a fantastic way to get to know your fellow parishioners. We simply gather for a few minutes to refresh ourselves before heading out to our weekend's other obligations. You can sign up at [cecevents.org/Coffee](http://cecevents.org/Coffee). You can provide Coffee Hour by yourself, as a family, or with other parishioners, but we are ideally looking for three individuals, one family, or one CEC ministry to provide Coffee Hour each Sunday, as this will help lighten the load. In fact, if we get just half of our parishioners volunteering, we should each only need to do this about once a year, so many hands make light work (and this is flavorful, as work goes!). All you need to do is provide snacks (homemade or store-bought), brew the coffee (we provide the machinery), and help clean up afterward. Training can be provided, and we'll give you a list of snack ideas if you wish. Questions? Please contact the church office at [office@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:office@christchurchcolumbia.org), or call 410.381.9365. **Thank you!**

## Noonday Healing Eucharist - Thursdays

Throughout the year, Christ Church offers a midday Healing Eucharist on Thursdays in Old Brick. A member of our clergy leads this service of readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Parishioners and community members are all welcome to join in a prayerful time in the presence of God, and to share in the wonderful mystery of God's love whilst we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones. Please come in to reflect, pray, and participate in a service held in our beautiful, historic chapel.

## **MOCC Breakfast - May 16**

Join us for French toast and fellowship - the MOCC breakfast is a monthly tradition, and in May, it will take place on Saturday, May 16. Set your GPS to Silver Diner at 8250 Gateway Overlook Drive in Columbia. We'll meet up at 9:30 a.m., and all ages are welcome. You can also set a calendar reminder on your phone for every third Saturday of a month, for that's when we always meet up for this tasty start to the weekend.

## **Youth Sunday at Christ Church – Next Sunday, May 17**

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday at Christ Church, one of the days of the year that we look forward to the most. Our incredible youth lead us in worship by serving as ushers, readers, and acolytes. They also deliver a special sermon and provide beautiful music unique to the day.

## **PenteFeast - Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m.**

On Sunday, May 24, gather with us in the New Brick sanctuary for just one service - at 10:00 a.m. - as the choir processes through the aisles while we all sing "We Are the Church" in full voice. Be sure to wear some red to celebrate the Day of Pentecost (red is the liturgical color of that day), and everyone is invited to wear clothing that reflects their heritage and culture, as well. In an expression of this beautiful "melting pot" we have at Christ Church, we'll gather together after worship to enjoy PenteFeast, a culinary celebration! Prepare and bring a dish to share with others, one that reflects your family's tradition. Make it something extraordinary in your life - perhaps a recipe that has been passed down for generations, or a dish that proudly displays your culture or upbringing. We'll provide salads and refreshments; you provide the main course or dessert. Let's celebrate the start of Pentecost together in this special way!

## **Spring Family BBQ & Picnic - June 14**

The Men of Christ Church have rescheduled this weekend's Spring Family BBQ & Picnic for a later (and likely warmer) day and date - Sunday, June 14. This no-charge event is a new MOCC fellowship gathering that connects generations and celebrates our church family. All ages are welcome - there will be a moon bounce for the children, and fun, food, and drink for everyone. Their raffle drawing has also been moved, which means you still have time to get in on it! Tickets are \$10 each, and three for \$20. That's right - if you buy two tickets, you get one free, which sounds like a pretty good deal. Proceeds are split 50/50 between the winner and supporting MOCC Outreach programs and events. Speak with Duane, Ed, Sonni, or any MOCC member, or email [MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org). The MOCC are providing all the grillables, but are asking for a little side support to make this event the best possible community gathering of the year. **Please sign up to contribute items for the event.** If snacks or condiments are not your preference, you can also sign up to help with setup or cleanup on the day of the event. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

## **Get Ready for Another Summer of VBS!**

Christ Church's Vacation Bible School and Choir Camp takes place this summer from Monday, June 22, to Friday, June 26, and gathers daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Then, after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service on June 28, we'll have a wonderful ice cream celebration for all VBS&CC participants! At VBS&CC, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and making new friends and seeing old ones! Snacks, lunch, and refreshments are served daily, and the program is staffed by our wonderful Christ Church parishioners, many of whom have been a part of VBS and our Choir for years. **The registration form for VBS&CC can be completed here.** If you have multiple children to register, please complete a separate form for each child. The tuition is \$30/child or \$75/family, and **you can process your tuition payment here.** Volunteers are also needed, so join us and have fun! **Please email us** if you'd like to assist with the program or have any questions.

## **Centering Prayer - Mondays**

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God. This active

presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. Be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church or by emailing [centering@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:centering@christchurchcolumbia.org).

### **Christ Church Book Club - Tuesdays**

This might be a perfect time to join the CEC Book Club, as we are starting a new book. The Christ Church Book Club is an informal online conversation that selects a book and discusses it as a group, offering diverse perspectives and experiences. Email [bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org) and let us know that you're interested, or just log on later this month - everyone is welcome to take part, and we always welcome a few more participants!

### **Christ Church Choir - Thursday Evenings**

The Christ Church Choirs rehearse in New Brick on Thursday evenings, and anyone can join us. Handbell Choir meets from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., and Adult Choir meets from 7:30 to 9:00 on the same night. You don't need to know how to read music, so whether you have previous experience or are ready to commit long-term or not, there's a place for you in our choirs. Why not give it a try? If you're interested, speak with our Director of Music, Larissa, on Sundays, email her at [music@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:music@christchurchcolumbia.org), or simply stop by a rehearsal and see if it's something you might enjoy being a part of.

### **We Need More Help at Christ Church!**

There is no doubt that Christ Church is growing, and we are thrilled to have so many people gathering with us! But as we grow, so do our needs for assistance, and there are many roles in the church that most people don't think of regularly – or at all. However, the truth is that it requires a great deal of work by many people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish that it is. You can help your church by volunteering to be a Reader, Chaliceist, Teller, the Inreach Ministry, or by assisting the Christ Church Altar Guild. None of these requires weekly assistance - both only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. For those specifically interested in the Altar Guild, please email [altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org) or speak with Pam Foreman or any other Altar Guild member setting up on Sunday mornings. If you want to know more about the Inreach Ministry, please speak with Michon Semon at church, complete the brief form at [cecevents.org/Inreach](http://cecevents.org/Inreach), or email us at [inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org), and we will get you started. For those interested in assisting as a Reader, Chaliceist, or Teller, please call the Church Office at [office@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:office@christchurchcolumbia.org) or speak with Yetti.

### **A Streamlined Plan For Volunteers at Our Spring Food Drive on Saturday, May 16, 10 AM to 2 PM, at River Hill Giant to Help Two Food Pantries**

You can be a part of one of the most rewarding ways to help feed the hungry. Please sign up for a shift during the Spring Food Drive on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at River Hill Giant Food, 6050 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville, Md., 21029. It's a hands-on, family-friendly activity that occurs twice a year, in spring and fall. Look for a signup sheet in the Narthex or in Old Brick, starting on Sunday. Please volunteer for a one-hour shift. To learn more, email [outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org).

Walk-in volunteers will be encouraged to do their part by taking a shopping list and purchasing some of the pantries' requested items. Groceries collected at the supermarket will go to two food pantries. One is the Howard County Food Bank, which is operated by the **Community Action Council of Howard County** (CAC). The other is **SAFE**, its partner pantry that provides free gluten-free and allergy-safe foods to low-income families and individuals. At our Fall Food Drive held at a Giant supermarket in Dorsey's Search, we collected 1,776 pounds for the food bank and 307 pounds for SAFE. That combined total of 2,083 pounds amounts to more than a ton of food and staples! During the drives, the experience provides hands-on service not only to our volunteers but also to shoppers we approach with a list of requested items. Most importantly, access to food and necessities is a lifeline for people struggling to make ends meet in Howard County.



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