CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 18, 2021 | 8:00 and 10:30 AM
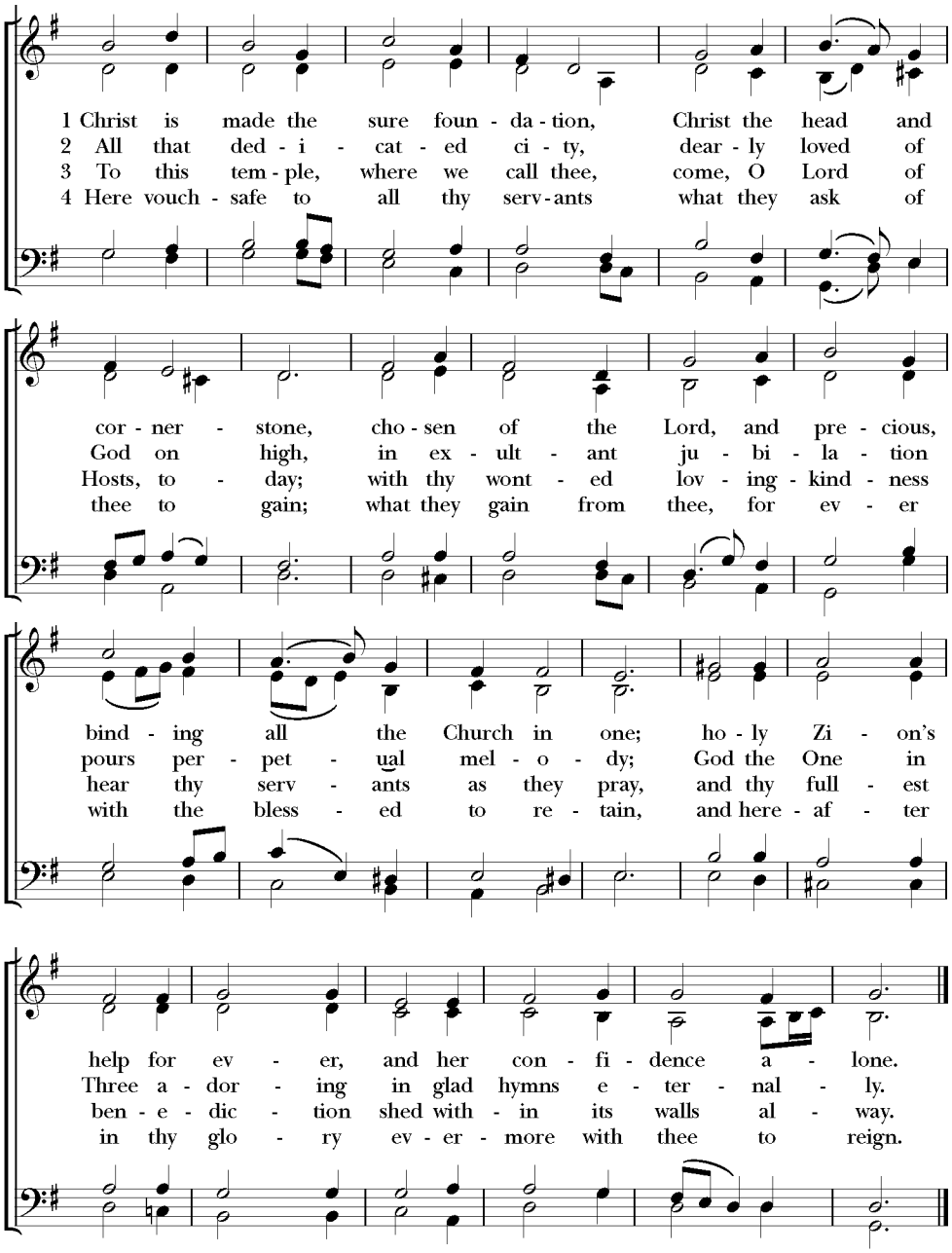
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At the 8:00 AM service, all music is omitted.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN *Westminster Abbey*



Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
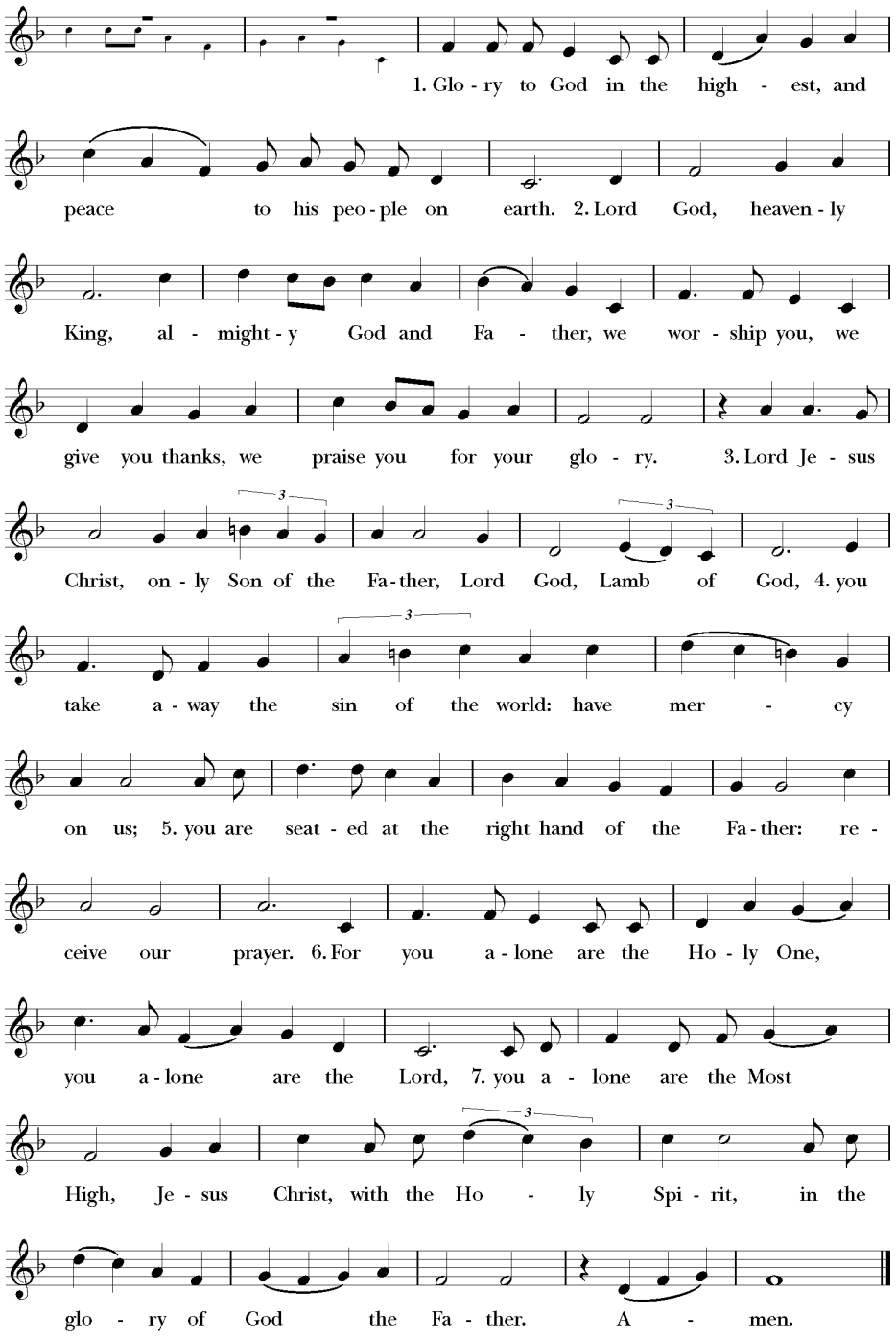
The Collect for Purity

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

Robert Powell (1932-)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 89:20-37 *Tunc locutus es*

I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.

No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.

I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.

I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven."

"If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;

If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;

I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;

But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.

I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
'I will not lie to David.

His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;

It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky.' "

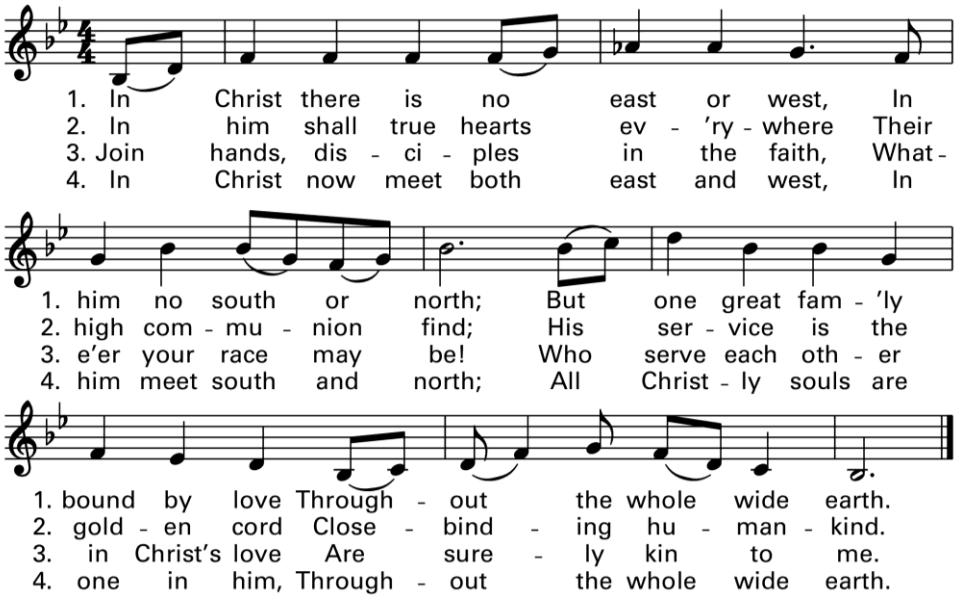
THE EPISTLE — Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN — *McKee*



THE GOSPEL — Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

SERMON — Rebecca Warlow

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

All:

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord God, in today's Psalm, we hear your promises to David, promises made so long ago, but which you have made, across all time, to all your people. That we here in Christ Church, Columbia may also know your promises, we pray together, ***be with us, Lord.***

The psalmist writes, "my hand will hold him fast, and my arm will make him strong."

When we feel weak, we pray, ***be with us, Lord.***

When we are afraid or discouraged, we pray, ***be with us, Lord.***

When we cannot see a path forward, we pray. ***be with us, Lord.***

When we or those we love are sick, especially today Frantz, Tiffany, Cherryllynn, Tanis, Sam, Farris, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Ana, Theresa, Nell, Victoria, Jim, Roberta, Kathleen, Ashley, Ron & Jeanette, we pray, ***be with us, Lord.***

For those who we love who are died or who are near death, especially Cy Paumier, we pray, ***be with us, Lord.***

The psalmist writes, "my faithfulness and love shall be with him."

Guide us to work together in this congregation to do your will as a community, the people in the Baltimore churches of Holy Trinity, Memorial, and Messiah. Keep watch over the people in Eglise Anglicana du Rwanda as they bravely continue to strive to do your will in their land; we pray together, ***be with us, Lord.***

As we rejoice in the birthdays of those we love and in our Christ Church family, especially this week of Andrew, Alfred, Harrington, Diana, Elizabeth, Drake, & Bill, we pray, ***be with us, Lord.***

As students and teachers and educators and parents start turning their thoughts, both in hope and with concern, toward the coming school year, we pray, ***be with us, Lord.***

The psalmist assures us that even "if his children forsake my law…I will punish their transgressions…but I will not take my love from them".

For the surety of your love, for the hope and peace that can come only through You, for your constant presence with us in the darkest of times and in the best of times, we give you our grateful hearts. ***AMEN.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
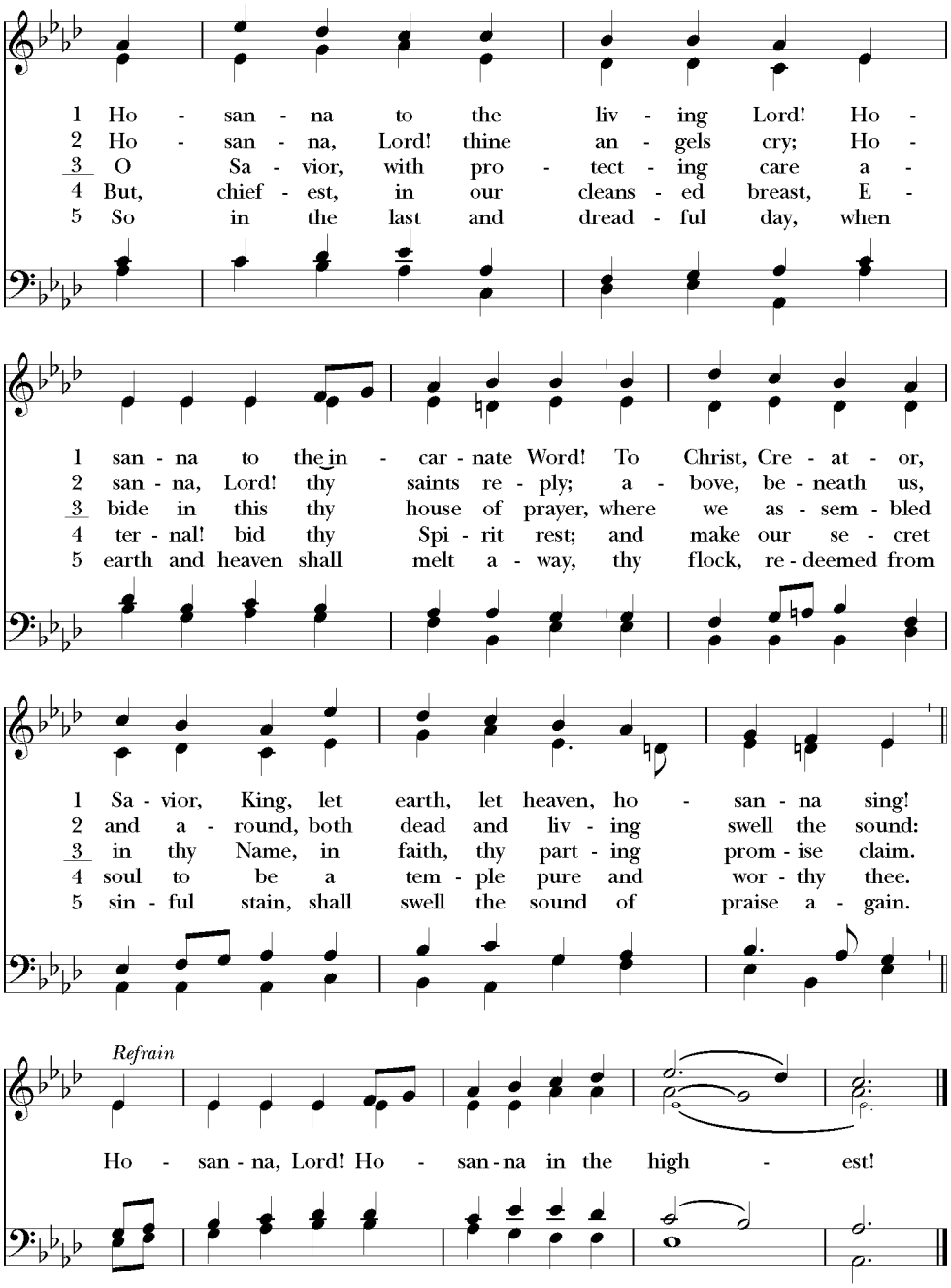
People: **And also with you.**

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

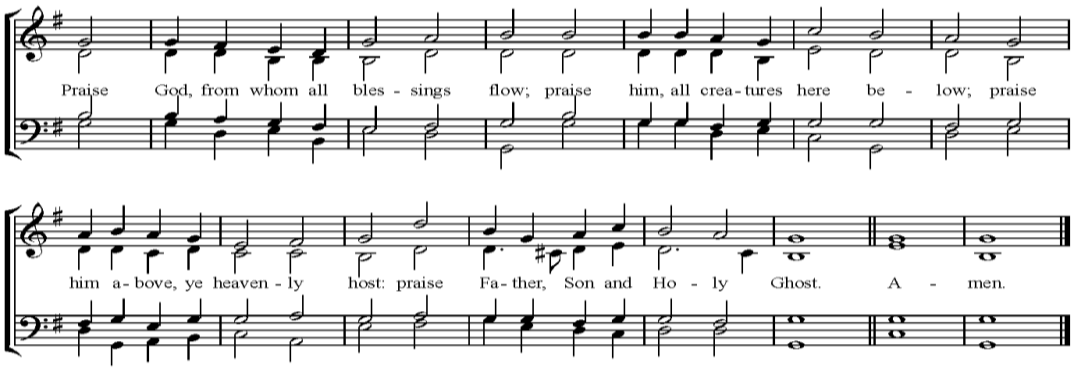
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hosanna



DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*



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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **Our Father,**
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

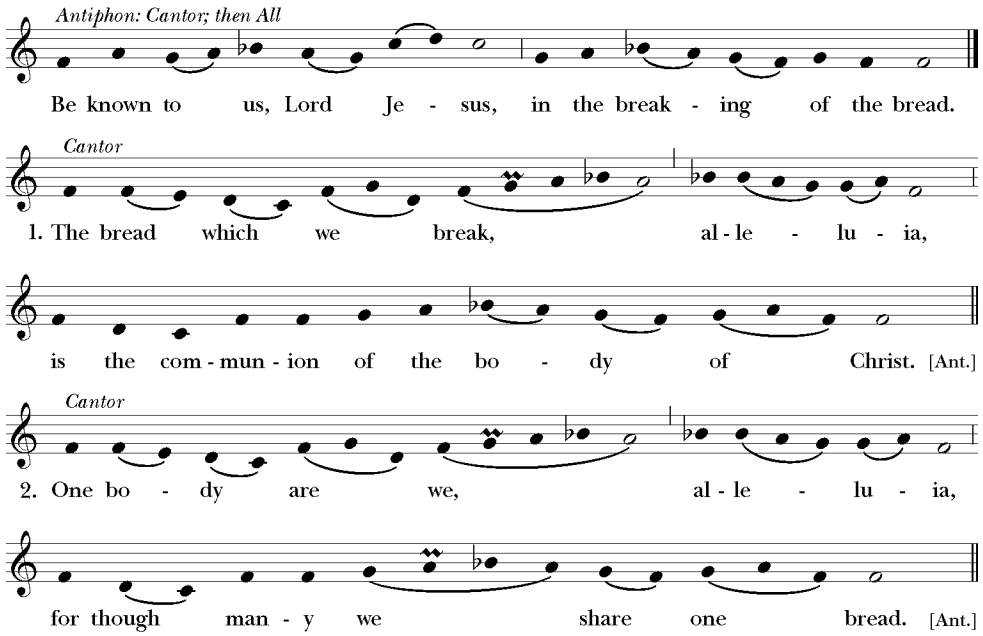
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
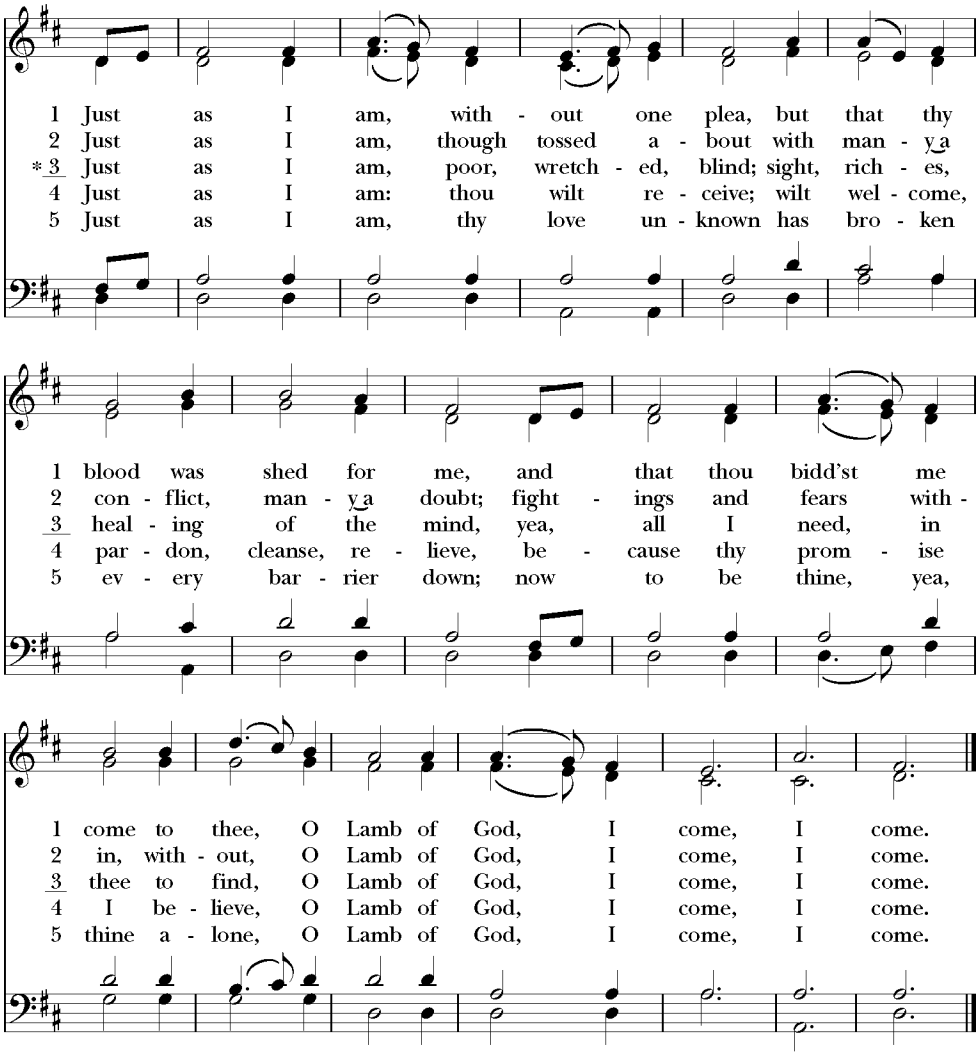
FRACTION ANTHEM

Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)



COMMUNION HYMN

Woodworth



6 Just as I am, of thy great love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

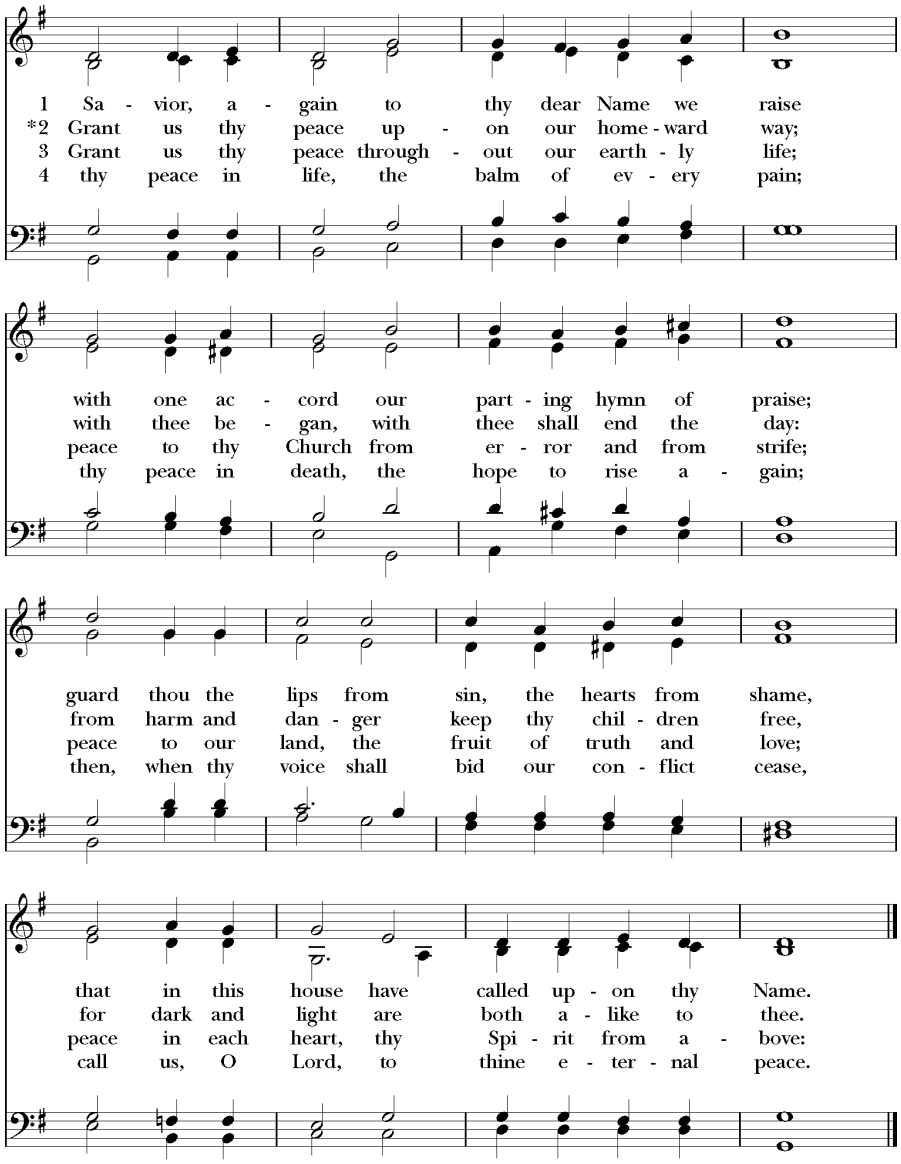
All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with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

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN

Ellers



DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The altar flowers are dedicated to the memory of Faith Aiyenugba by Toyin Fatogun

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pentecost VIII at Christ Church | Join us this Sunday morning, the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, as Holy Eucharist takes place at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. in New Brick. Father Manny and Mother Benita Keene Johnson will lead us in worship, and Rebecca Warlow is our preacher for this day. We'll livestream the 10:30 service on our Christ Church website, YouTube, and Facebook pages for those who are worshipping remotely. If you'd like to be there in person, just complete the brief attendance form on our website, and please wear your mask at all times while indoors. See you on Sunday!

Altar Flowers and Gifts | If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can now find the details and sign-up sheet online at https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts.

Diocese of Maryland - July 14th Update | The Diocese of Maryland has provided a new update on their website, and you can read that here. We'll carry on with our dialogue with the appropriate organizations and will ease restrictions with care and consideration as conditions warrant. We also continue to welcome your feedback and thoughts via the brief, confidential questionnaire located here, and the latest information, links, and updates are on the Summer Re-Gathering page of our website.

Summer Coffee Hours Need Your Help | Sign-ups are open! We will try and have Coffee Hours each Sunday this summer. At this time, the Diocese has instructed parishes to provide pre-packaged, individual servings of foods and beverages in order to maintain a safe environment for all participants, and so we are interested in having a few volunteer parishioners help make these gatherings a regular occurrence. You can sign up to help host a Coffee Hour at https://tinyurl.com/CECcoffeesignup and can email the church office if you need refreshment suggestions or have any questions - office@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Morning and Evening Prayer – Weekdays | Christ Church leads morning prayer at 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and evening prayer is offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to worship live via Facebook or the main page of our website, and join in the centering and healing Anglican practice of observing daily offices. We are also looking for a few new faces to help with prayer livestreaming. It only takes 30 minutes of your time each week, so if you have a personal Facebook account and are interested in helping please email Deacon Denise at deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org. It's a straightforward process, and we'll be sure to set you up with the details that keep it that way!

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Vaccination Updates for July | We'd like to bring to your attention that the Clergy and Staff at Christ Church have been fully vaccinated, and our Howard County faith communities are hard at work to help end this COVID-19 pandemic. In June, 93% of new cases, 95% of hospitalizations, and 100% of deaths in Maryland were in unvaccinated persons (source: MSDH). Over 75 percent of Maryland adults have received at least one vaccine dose and 57 percent of all residents (including children) are fully vaccinated. There are vaccine clinics taking place throughout the county, and you can find that information here.

Buildings and Grounds Update | Mark your calendars! There's no Parish Clean-Up day this month, but we'll gather together on Saturday, August 21st from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to prepare the campus for our Parish Festival. Be sure to bring your work gloves, and we'll see you then!

The Annual Christ Church Auction Returns this Fall | Get ready.... the 32nd Annual Christ Church Auction is this year, with both a virtual and in-person component. Silent auction items are made available for bidding from 7:00 p.m. October 30th through 3:00 p.m. November 6th. And the in-person live auction is back for 2021, with doors opening in New Brick at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 6th. Also, there will be a 50/50 drawing available for both the online and in-person portions.

This is Christ Episcopal Church's major fundraiser for the year, and we hope you will all plan on participating. We also hope that you'll consider donating items in support of our Church. The CEC Auction's success depends entirely on each and every one of us! No item is too small, or too large to donate. Information to register a donation online will be provided soon, with more details provided in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

Fall Adult Formation | Help Wanted! Would you like to meet people and have conversations? Do you want to be more involved in the life of your church? Have you ever lead or taught a class... or want to try? Prayerfully consider a leadership opportunity. The Adult Formation Committee is currently seeking volunteer facilitators for classes during the fall of 2021. If you are interested in occasionally leading an adult class on Sundays between worship services, please contact Jenn Todd Lavanish at jltlavanish@gmail.com or call 706-570-5425 for information. We have an exciting year planned to grow and learn together.

Join Us for the CEC Fall Retreat - This October | The Spiritual Life Commission is pleased to announce that the Christ Church Fall Retreat is back for 2021! Once again, we'll gather at the A. Felix duPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach. We've reserved the weekend of October 1-3 for us, so if you're interested please speak with Ellen Hoke or Donna Campagna so they can answer your questions or reserve a space for you. The details are on our website and you can email Ellen at efboudreau1@gmail.com or Donna at donnacam100@gmail.com for more information. The CEC Fall Retreat is a unique and enriching parish gathering, and a great opportunity to get acquainted with one another and deepen our faith.

WOCC News | The Women of Christ Church will hold its next meeting in September, and more information will be made available later this summer. Remember, every woman at Christ Church over the age of 18 is already a member of the WOCC, so join us any time. If you have any questions, please contact the WOCC officers by emailing wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org: Gail Braatelien, President; Rhonda Tomlinson, Vice President; Cathy Gold, Financial Secretary; Joan Harvey, Secretary; and Pamela Brown, Chaplain.

Prayer Shawl Ministry | Christ Church has created a Prayer Shawl Ministry, so grab your knitting needles and yarn, and join us. Don't have time to knit a whole shawl? Think about knitting some Prayer Squares, with each measuring 5" x 5". These are easily and quickly made and will be appreciated by those who are ill or grieving. If you are interested in making shawls or squares, contact Rosemary Hubbard at rhubbard553@gmail.com or 410-730-2985.

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Sunday School - Recap and News | We will be taking a break from classes this summer. It is our plan to have in-person Sunday School classes beginning on September 12th. Classes for preschool–5th grade will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of New Brick (breakfast will be served from 9:15 to 9:30) We'll continue using *Weaving God's Promises* as our curriculum. Children can then attend church services with their families after Sunday School. Since this is a new model for our church, we will evaluate its success in December of this year, and make changes as needed.

In order for our program to be successful, we *really* need adult volunteers to assist and teach. If you are called to this very rewarding ministry, please contact Jennifer Atkins by emailing dandjatkins@verizon.net. The curriculum is very easy to follow and we teach in teams, so no one has to do all of the work.

Vestry Candidates… Are You One of Them? | Ever felt that you would like to make a significant impact on the direction and aspirations of our beloved Christ Church? Well, it is that time of year again! Time to decide on a slate of candidates to submit their names for election to the Vestry. Vestry service is rewarding and makes a difference. If you are a voting member of Christ Church (see eligibility qualifications below), you are eligible to submit your name for election to the Vestry. If you meet the qualification, please consider making a contribution of your gift and talent by serving in a leadership position. Vestry service consists of attending a Tuesday evening once each month. Preparation for these meetings require the reading and familiarization with meeting documentation that includes minutes, financial reports and other reports from different officers and ministries. Other obligations may be an assignment as a liaison to one of our many ministries, where you can track and report back to the Vestry when scheduled to do so. These are the minimum requirements, but just to be sure, there are many other opportunities to become involved.

As with normal years there are four Vestry positions opening up due to the regular three year Vestry terms ending for four current members. With four positions opening up, the Vestry nominations committee has a goal of fielding 6 to 8 candidates for the Vestry election at the Annual Meeting in October. If you submit your name to run, we will take your picture to be posted on our website and in the Narthex, and we will ask you to write a biography about your story, how you came to Christ Church or the Episcopal Church in general, what involvement you have had in our church, and why you want to run for Vestry. If you put yourself out there, you need to campaign a bit. The biography is basically your opportunity to do that.

We invite all eligible members to please consider the calling you may feel in your heart to offer your gifts and talents to serve Christ Church. You may please notify the church office at: office@christchurchcolumbia.org or Fr. Manny: revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org

Here are the qualifications for Vestry service:

Voting Members. Every person who:

1. is sixteen (16) years of age or older: and
2. has been a Member of Christ Church and has been regular in worship fòr at least three months preceding the day when he or she may wish to vote; and
3. is a giver of record, or, if under the age of twenty-one (2 1), is a member of a household which is a giver of record; and
4. has been baptized, confirmed or received at Christ Church or has transferred his or her baptismal records to Christ Church shall be a Voting Member thereof, with the right to vote in the election of Vestry Members and upon all other matters having to do with the affairs of Christ Church.

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Save the Dates: Grassroots Meal Drop-Offs on Monday, July 19th & Aug. 16th | Once again, parishioners and volunteers who join their efforts are looking ahead to the monthly meal that we provide at Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center. Save the dates: July 19th and Aug. 16th, arriving between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. at the parking lot outside Old Brick. Plan to bring a side dish, a dessert, or items for their pantry to be enjoyed round-the-clock by the 50 residents of the live-in facility on Freetown Rd.

To sign up, use our electronic registry no later than noon on the Sunday prior to the meal on Monday. Click on the Christ Church Grassroots Meal link on SignUpGenius to view requested items and to tell coordinators what you'll bring.

As usual, co-coordinator Nancy Winchester acquires fried chicken at Weis and meets the other volunteers. Nancy then transports the hot or cold foods to Freetown Road for handoff to the staff of Grassroots.

Christ Church continues to support Grassroots' Day Resource Center (DRC) at the Dorsey Center. The DRC has not yet resumed the hot meals that Christ Church had helped serve prior to the pandemic, but it fulfills other needs of our homeless friends.

Grassroots lists some other needs for curbside distribution at the DRC or for the pantry at the Freetown Road facility. Look for its attached file at our sign-up link. For any questions contact Nancy or co-coordinator Shahra Toth or email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

To further help our neighbors in need, some parishioners take it upon themselves to provide the evening meal for the 50 adults and children at Freetown Road. It's your choice to provide an entree and side dishes, or just the entree. Cook in your own kitchen, or order out. Or purchase 12 rotisserie chickens to make a meal. Grassroots continues to discourage lasagna or other pasta dishes. Here is a link to the sign-up list that has openings through Aug. 31st.

Spread the Word: Pet Food Giveaway by Howard County Animal Control | When household budgets are tight, Rover and Fluff might be left wanting. If you or a pet owner whom you know is experiencing hard times, here's good news. The Howard County Animal Control & Adoption Center is planning to distribute free items to the less fortunate during a Drive-Thru Pet Food Pantry (*see photo above*). It will be held on Tuesday, July 20th, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., or while supplies last, at Howard County Animal Control, 8675 Davis Rd., Columbia, Md. 21045.

Columbia Community Care Recruits Volunteers to Make Deliveries | The Outreach Commission and our Racially Aware Group of Episcopalians (R.A.G.E) ask parishioners to support Columbia Community Care (CCC). One way is to heed a current plea for additional volunteers who "shop" at the CCC pantry to fulfill a family's order of groceries and then deliver to the recipient's home. Please sign up under "I can help" on the CCC website or in the CCC Group on Facebook.

Because too few volunteers have chosen this option, there is a waiting list of families needing food. They lack transportation or otherwise can't make it to CCC's regular sites. Instead, a volunteer fulfils the shopping list at the CCC pantry within New Hope Adventist Church, 12350 Hall Shop Rd., Fulton, MD, 12350. Directions to the recipients' home are sent by text message. One Christ Church parishioner who volunteers for this task prefers to "shop" for two families and make back-to-back deliveries. Volunteers have a wide timeframe to perform the duty, mostly dictated by the pantry hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 12:30 to 6 p.m.

Another opportunity to support CCC is to continue collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items as well as adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin marked "CCC" inside the Parish Hall door. You can drop off items on weekdays until 2 p.m., but please call the church office (410) 381-9365 ahead of time.

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Donate Toiletries, Cleaning Supplies for FISH in its Yellow Bin | Organizers for FISH of Howard County request household cleaning supplies such as liquid dish soap, bleach, and cleanser. Also the families who call on FISH during times of crisis could use personal items such as deodorant, shampoo and bath soaps. At the present time, the pantry has an adequate supply of groceries.

Reminder: Restaurant Donation Day is July 29th to Help Bridges End Homelessness | Supporters of Bridges to Housing Stability can dine in at one restaurant or choose to dine in or take out at its sister venue in the Merriweather District in Downtown Columbia on July 29th. Cured Table & Tap and 18th & 21st will each donate 10 percent of your receipt during Bridges' Restaurant Donation Day. Both restaurants share the same address: 10980 Grantchester Way, #110, Columbia, MD 20144. For more information about the event or about Bridges and its support by our parishioners, read the Christ Church Outreach Blog Post of July 10th.

Lake Elkhorn Middle School Supplies Update | We are excited to report that we have exceeded our goal of $5,000 for school supplies for the students at LEMS. We are very grateful to the generous parishioners of Christ Church for their responsiveness to the needs of families in our local community. Because of your open hearts, Christ Church will be able to provide school supplies for at least 125 children for the upcoming school year. We will be ordering the supplies shortly and hope to fill the bags on a morning between July 25th and 30th. We will choose a more specific date once we know all the supplies have arrived. If you would like to help us bag the supplies, please contact Onyx Williams at ow6062@gmail.com or Cathy Whittaker at catharinewhittaker@gmail.com.

Are YOU the Next DreamBuilders Webmaster? | DreamBuilders is seeking a webmaster to join our Leadership team in September of 2021. The website is a key information source for our volunteers to learn about and sign up for local building opportunities and mission trips. The site also serves a vital communication role for construction partners, suppliers, supporters, and potential donors to understand the amazing work DreamBuilders does locally and on mission trips. You'll be responsible for managing DreamBuilders' web presence, ensuring our site is user-friendly and current. You should be knowledgeable in web hosting/ server management, online security, web design, and content management on the WordPress platform (no coding is necessary). You'll participate in monthly leadership meetings to be well-informed of DreamBuilders' plans, projects, and events. This volunteer position requires a commitment of 4-8 hours a month, although the hours vary depending on DreamBuilders' activity level. Your personal involvement and donation of web skills will have a direct impact on improving the lives of so many people! And of course, you'll have ample opportunity to put your creative talents to good use. For more information, contact john.mcbeth@verizon.net The deadline to express interest is August 1st.

SEAFARER'S Donation Requests | We could use your help in gathering the following items. Delivery is made and the date announced when the number of collections gets reasonably accumulated. Contact Carolann Sawyer with any questions.

- Bible in modern English (or Tagalog, Russian, or Chinese)
- Times/Newsweek/etc. up to 3 months old
- Sports Ill/People/etc. up to 6 months
- Cars/Computers/Consumers up to 1 year
- National Geographics post-2000
- Action/adventure DVD's. Recent popular CDs.
- Religious books (in easy English), DVDs, CDs; rosaries.
- Clothing - men's jeans, other sturdy pants (no bigger than XL) or shorts, T-shirts, warm outerwear, and non-skid shoes/boots (in good condition only), and gloves, hats, scarves, and warm socks.

In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.

Please Consider a Contribution to Christ Church

Recent world events have been challenging for us all. It has also affected how we are able to continue to help others. Our Stewardship Committee would like to thank you all for your wonderful and generous support to our beloved Christ Church. Your generosity sustains life and ministry. In as much as we give thanks for your pledges - especially during these difficult times - we also want you to know that we are still quite far from our targeted goal for 2021. We, therefore, appeal to all who have not as yet turned in their pledges to kindly consider submitting a pledge online. We are still carrying out an amazing ministry for a moderate-sized church - even through this very challenging time - but it does require everyone's assistance. Each contribution helps greatly.

Text Giving

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

Online Giving

You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing 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

Our 2021 Pledge Form is Online

The 2021 Pledge Form is on our website, for your convenience. You can complete the form by clicking here or use the Realm form located here, and if you have any questions, please email stewardship@christchurchcolumbia.org



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