CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 1, 2021 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

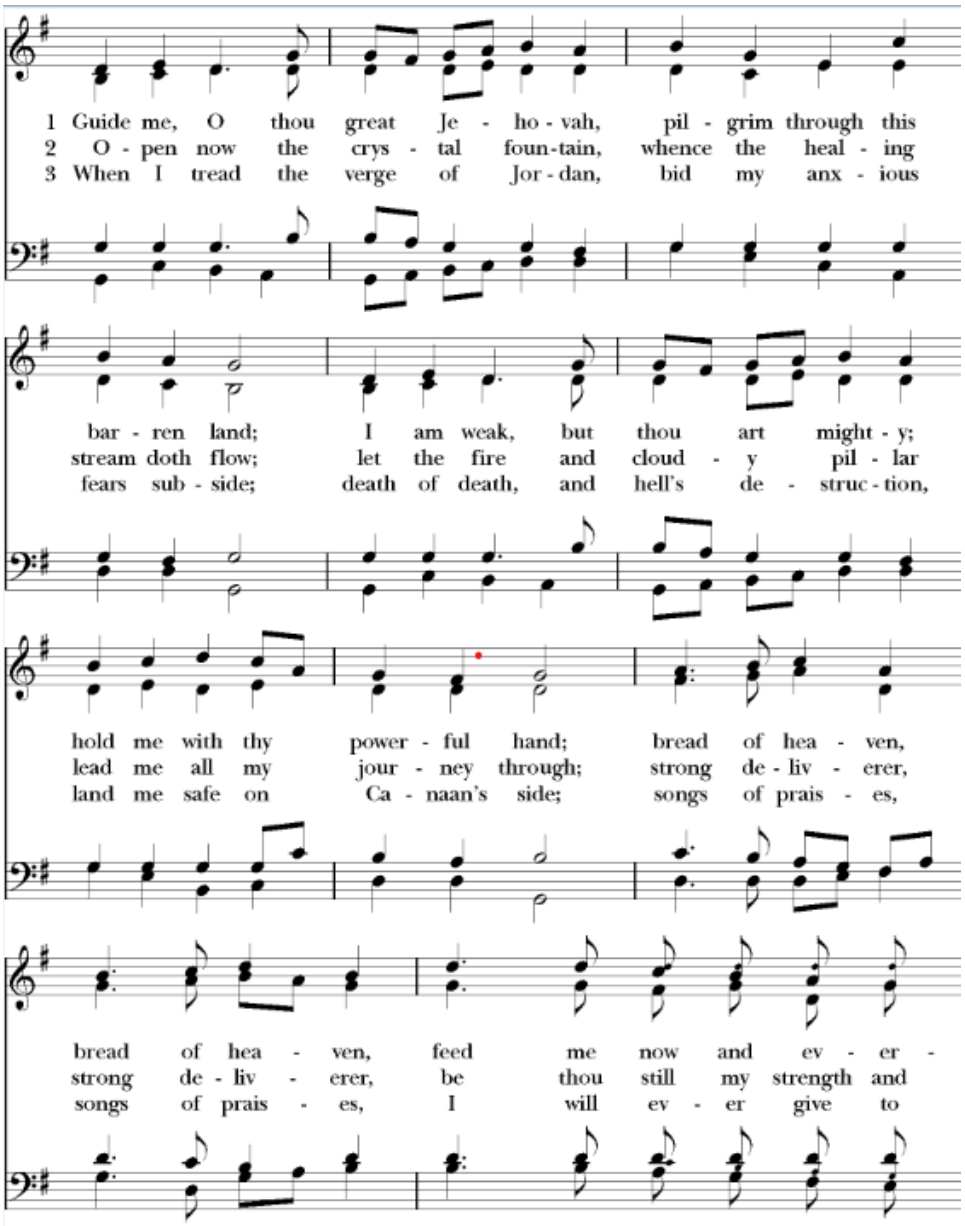
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At the 8:00 a.m. service, all music is omitted.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN *Cwm Rhonda*



Opening Acclamation

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

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

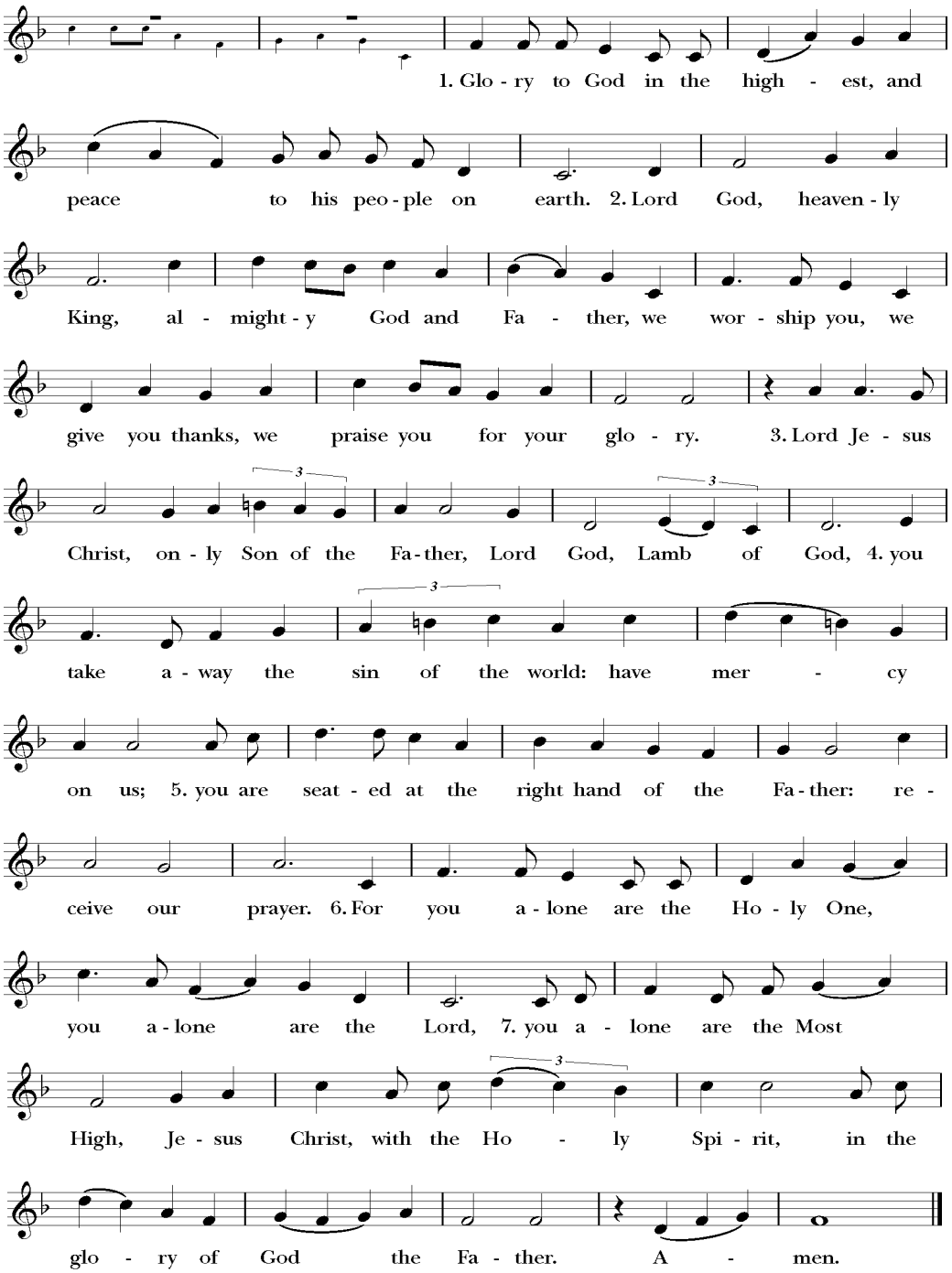
The Collect for Purity

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.

Let your continual mercy O Lord, cleanse an defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 51 ***Miserere mei, Deus***

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness *
in your great compassion blot out my offences.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned*
and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgement.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit with me.

Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 4:24-35

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

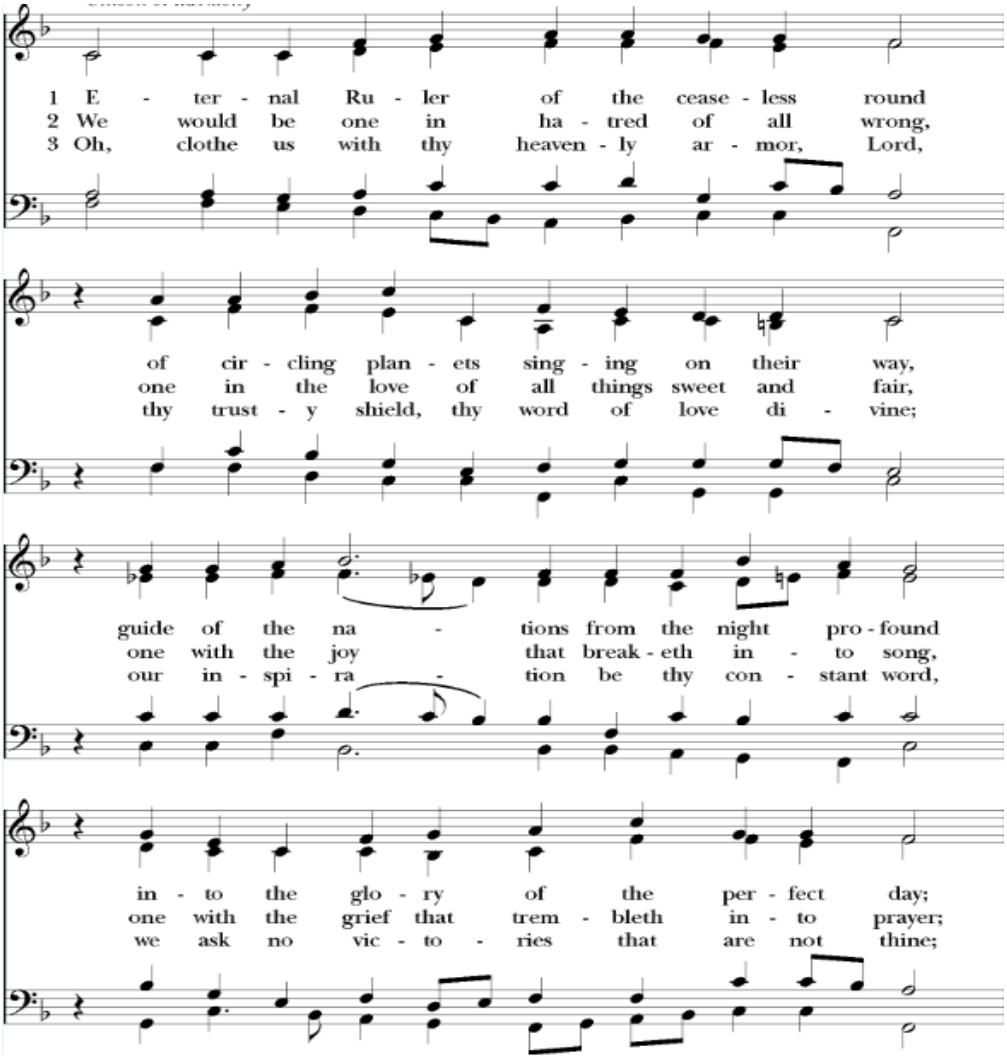
"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Song 1*



THE GOSPEL — John 6:24-35

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

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

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

SERMON — The Rev'd Emmanuel Mercer, *Rector*

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

"I am the bread of life," says Jesus in today's Gospel. In this bountiful summer season when fresh food is more readily available, we are reminded our spiritual food, provided through Christ, is more important. It's also readily available, free for the taking, as much as we want. Jesus says we only have to believe in Him, to "do the work of God." We pray for the strength, courage and spiritual nourishment to do the work of God. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for the students of the Sabina School in Uganda, for their families, their teachers, and all who support them. We especially pray for Ann Marie Davis and Maria White and their efforts to sustain and improve the school. We pray for the people of the Rakai District of Uganda, for their health and prosperity. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for families traveling this summer, especially those from Christ Church, that their journey is smooth and safe. We pray for the Olympians traveling to compete in Tokyo, that they are enriched by their experience and return home healthy and safe. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning, whether in New Brick or online, and thank you for your participation. We bless the altar guild, readers, ushers, musicians and all who support this service. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Eugene and Robert, our Bishops; for Father Manny and Deacon Denise; and for our Rectors Emeriti, James and Richard. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore; Church of the Resurrection, Baltimore; and The Slate Project, Baltimore. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for those hungry, thirsty and in need of shelter. We pray for all victims of racism, injustice and violence. We especially pray for our friends at the Leola Dorsey Center and the Grassroots Crisis Center. We bless those who support Bridges to Housing Stability, and all who work with them. We pray for all those ill in mind, body or spirit, and those who care for them. We pray especially for those suffering from COVID-19 here and around the world. We keep the residents and staff of Springfield Hospital in our prayers. We pray this week especially for Jeffrey, Errick, Sherry, Frantz, Tiffany, Cherryllynn, Tanis, Sam, Faris, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Ana, Theresa, Nell, Victoria, Jim, Roberta, Kathleen, Ashley, Beth, Ron & Jeanette, and those you now name. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We ask God Our Father to accept in his loving arms all those who have departed this life, especially Cy Paumier, Paul Ssempeebwa & Ben Dawson, and those you now name. We pray for all who mourn them that they may heal in the warmth of your love***. Lord, hear our prayer.***

We thank you, Lord, for the many occasions we have to celebrate. We rejoice with all those members of our church family who are celebrating birthdays especially Isabel, James, Harold, Aileen, Amanda, Virginia & Karen, and anniversaries of Audra & Westley Cox, Diana Hall & David Lanczynski and other milestones this week. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

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.**

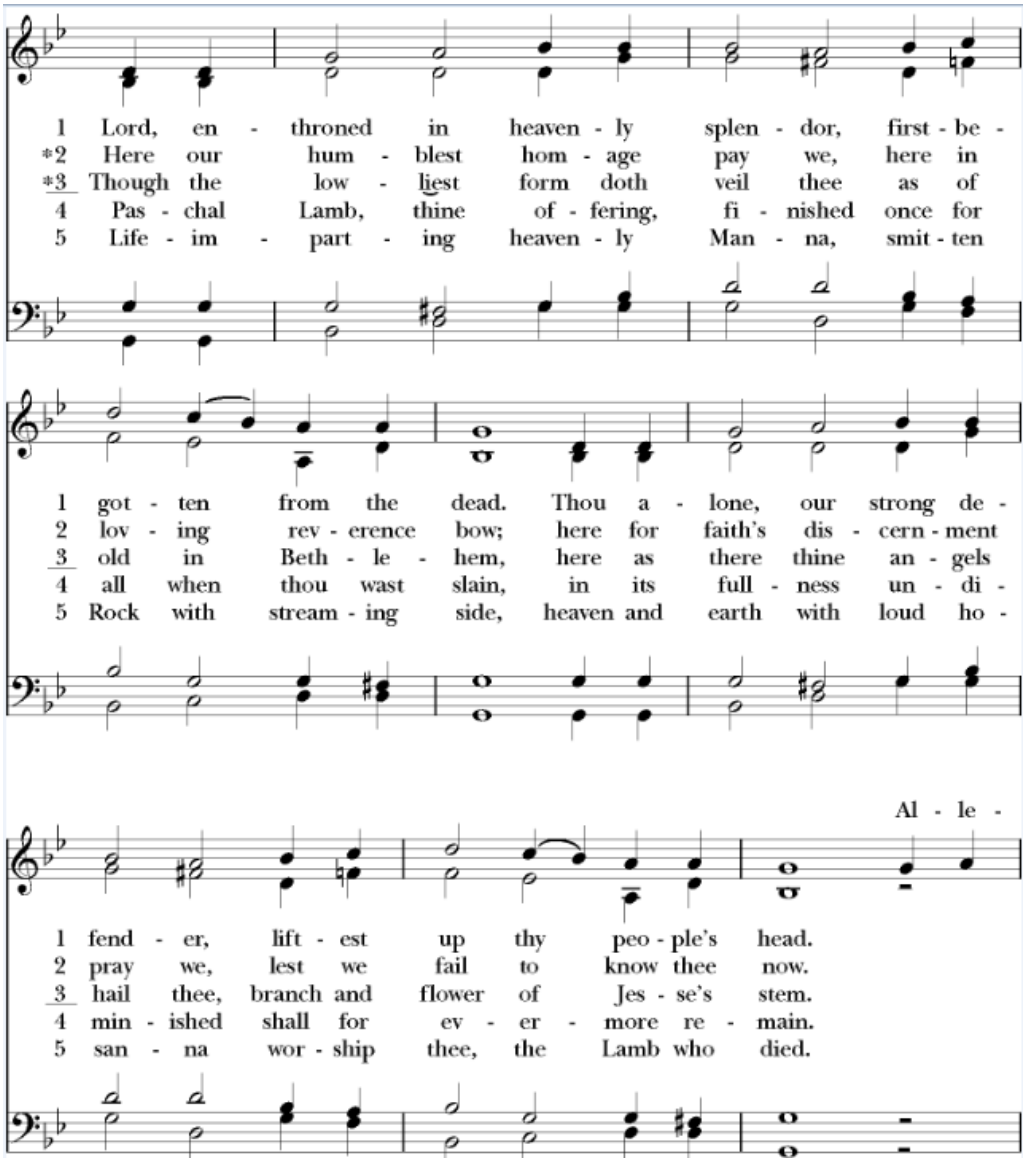
The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

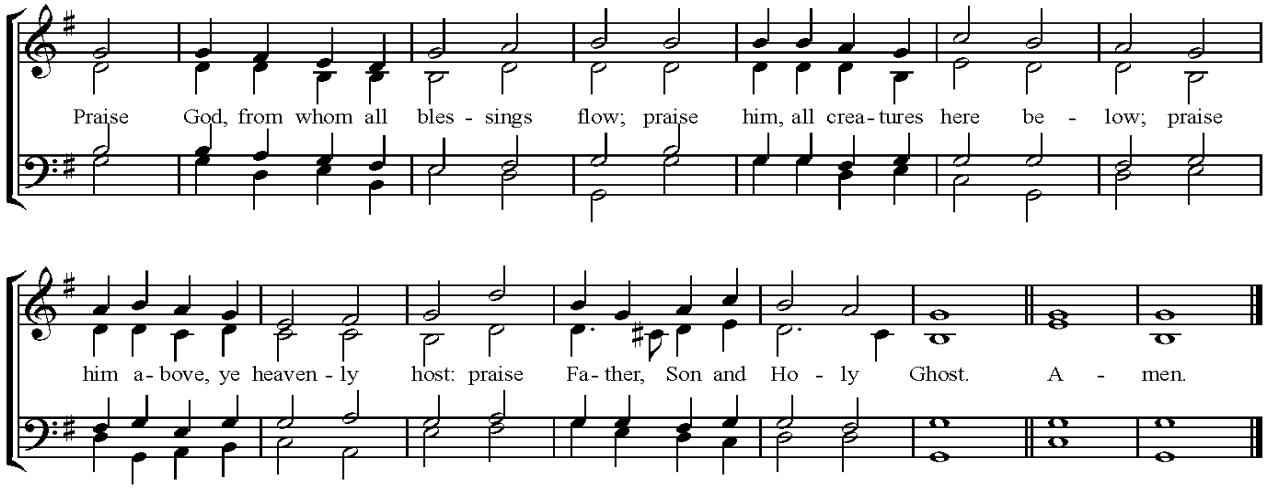
Offertory Hymn

Bryn Calfaria



Doxology

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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.

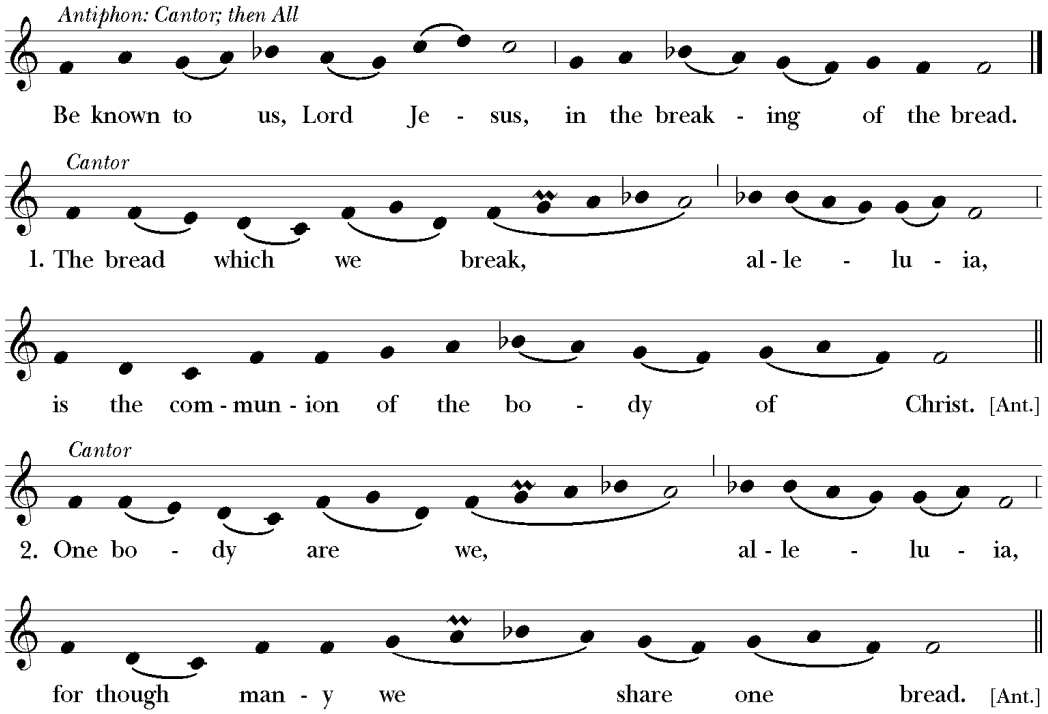
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

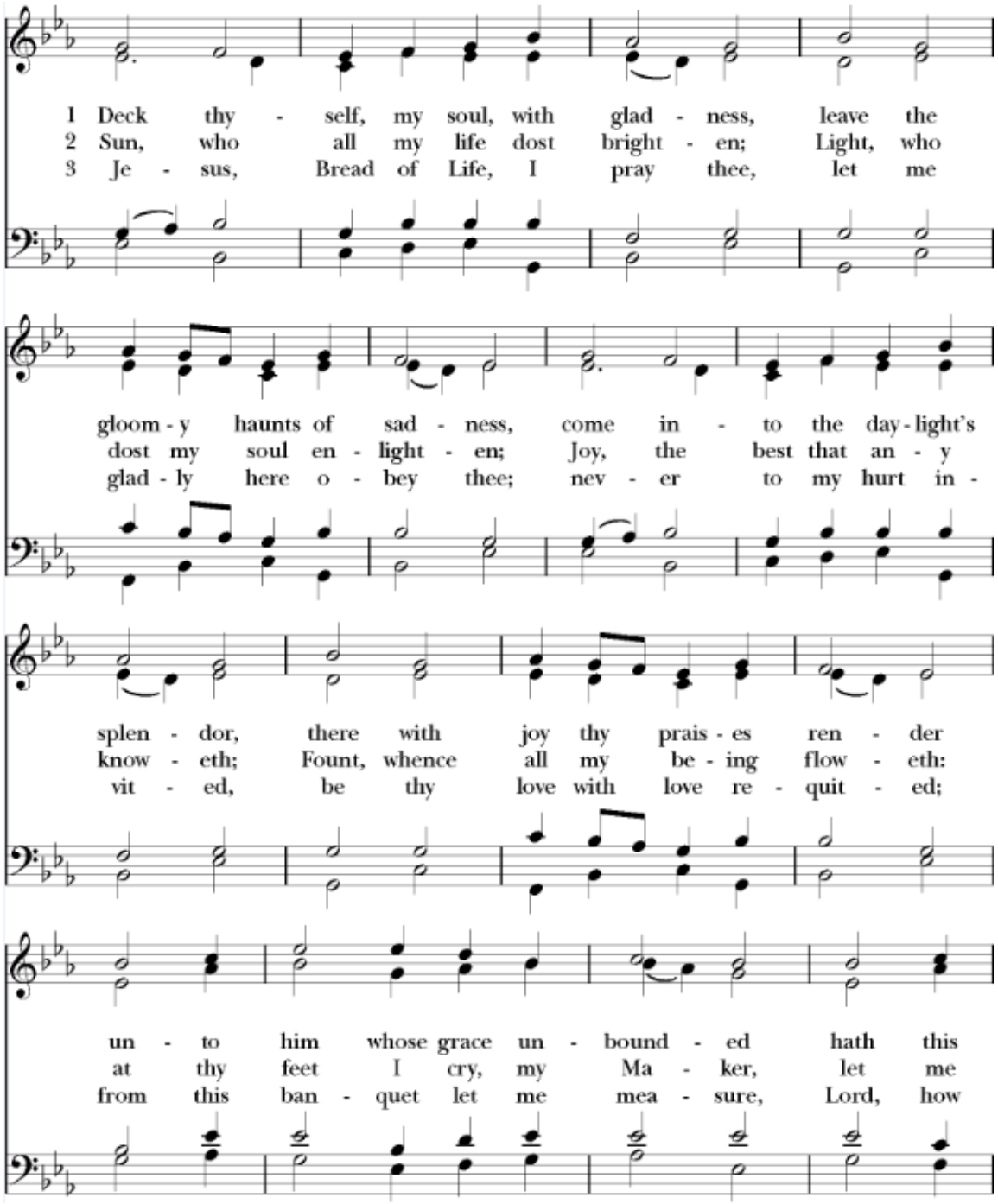
FRACTION ANTHEM

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COMMUNION HYMN

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

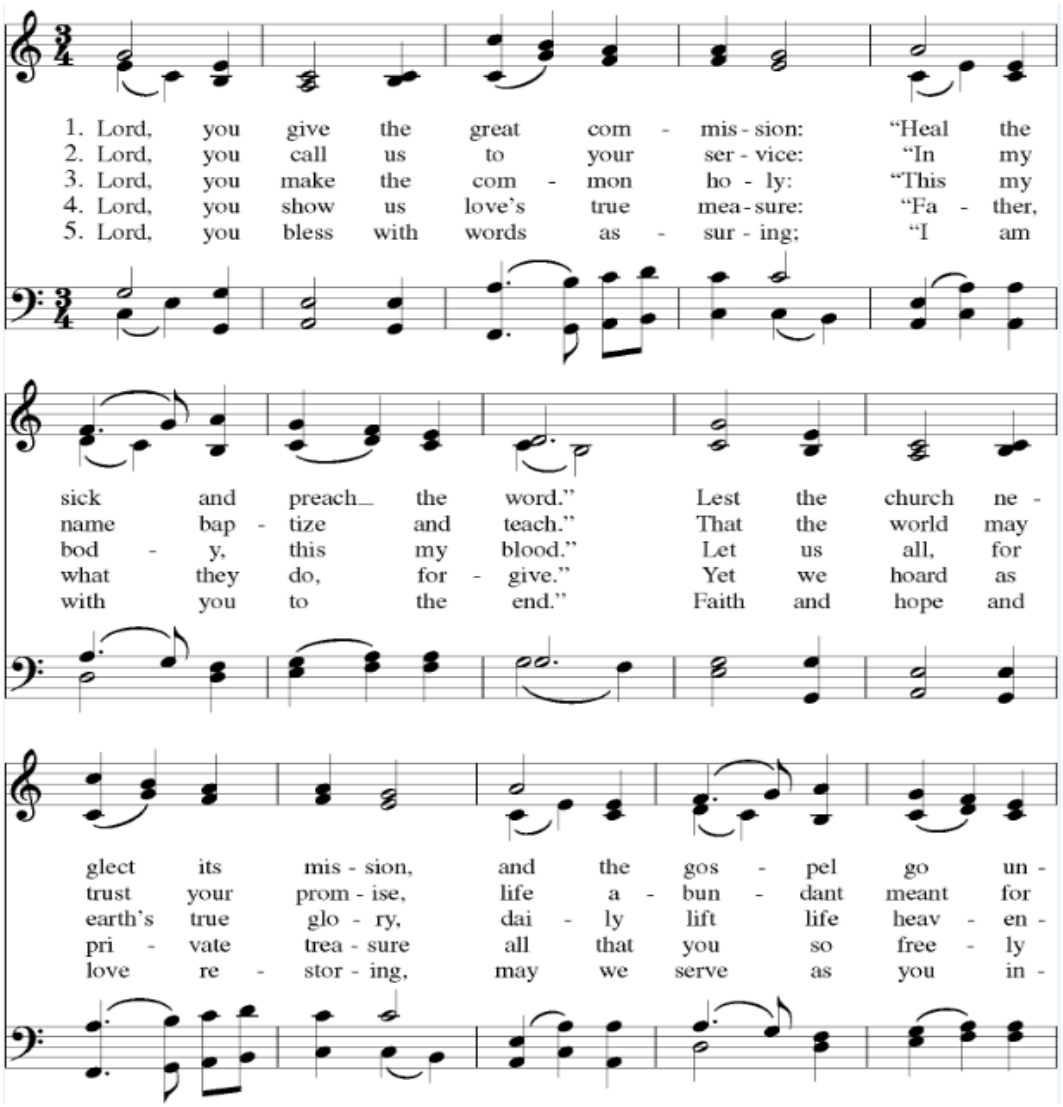
All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with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

THE BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN

Abbot's Leight



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

The Organist for today's 10:30 worship is Frank Rittermann
Zack Johnson - Trumpet

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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/CEChaltargifts.

Diocese of Maryland Update | The Diocese of Maryland has provided a new update on their website, and you can read that here. All municipalities are in the Yellow Phase at this time. 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 Hour receptions 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.

Want to Try Leading a Morning or Evening Prayer? | We are 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!

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. Whether you join us live or pray using the recording later, 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.

Young Adults, We Want Your Thoughts! | Attention high school and college-age(ish) parishioners! Would you like to praise Jesus with music? We are planning our first-ever ecumenical praise music service at Christ Church, and we want YOUR input. Please meet us after the 10:30 service this Sunday, between Old Brick and the Parish Hall, to tell us what you want. We can't wait to hear your ideas! You can also email Lynn Foor at platypusblooms@yahoo.com.

Buildings and Grounds Clean-Up Day - August 21st | Mark your calendars! 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!

Sunday School Update | Sunday school will be taking a break from classes this summer. It is our plan to have in person Sunday School classes beginning on September 12. 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 – 9:30 a.m.) We will continue using "Weaving God's Promises" as our curriculum. Children can 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 and make changes as needed.

In order for our program to be successful, we *really* need adult volunteers to teach. If you are called to this very rewarding ministry, please contact Jennifer Atkins at 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.

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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.

Register Your Items for the Christ Church Auction! | Now is your chance to participate in the 32nd Annual Christ Church Auction, by rummaging through your basement shelves or attic looking for pristine treasures, or by offering a basket filled with surprises of your choice. You can also donate vacations, dinners, day trips, a bottle of wine, handmade artworks... endless possibilities!!! If you donated Auction items last year, you should have already received an email from the 2021 CEC Auction Team. If you donated and did not already receive a message, please contact Suzanne Ziobro directly at dziobro2@gmail.com. New Auction donors are asked to use the following link (one form per item): https://christepiscopalchurch.schoolauction.net/auction2021/donate_items/new. The CEC 2021 Auction Team will decide which items should appear in the Silent Auction that's taking place from 7:00 p.m. on October 30th through 3:00 p.m. on November 6th. We'll also decide which items will appear in the Live Auction that takes place in New Brick at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 6th. There will also 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. The Auction's success depends entirely on each and every one of us! No item is too small, or too large to donate - please start searching your home now! And then log in to the site and donate. Thank you!

Columbia Community Care Plans Gift-Bag Distribution to Help Kids Enjoy Summer | For a mid-summer celebration, Columbia Community Care (CCC) has made plans to bring cheer to children in Howard County on Saturday, Aug. 7. Its volunteers are adding a table to each of CCC's three distribution sites that will offer gift bags and other new items for kids. Please obtain medium-size gift bags and fill them with toys and other delights for children ages 3 to 10 years old. Ideas include gender-neutral gifts and small toys such as jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, sunglasses, foam visors, bubble soap, slime, play dough, stickers, art supplies, markers, and watercolors. Also consider adding individual snacks, juice boxes, granola bars, and fruit snacks. CCC will also accept single/loose, larger items such as playground balls, soccer balls, and paperback books. New items only. Please, no toy weapons of any kind.

Sue Sharff Castonguay, a member of the CCC group on Facebook, organized the giveaway and is coordinating the additional volunteers to hand out the items through her posts on CCC's Facebook group. Volunteer hours are 9:30 a.m. to noon or until CCC runs out of bags and gifts.

Parishioners can bring their bags to the yellow bin marked "CCC" located inside the entrance to the Parish Hall. To make sure the items get to the organizer's preferred sites on time, a member of Christ Church will coordinate with CCC. The Christ Church deadline for dropoff is Friday, Aug. 6 by 4 p.m. Or, if you prefer, you can bring the gift bags or larger items directly to the CCC sites on Saturday, Aug. 7, from 9 to 10 a.m. The sites are: Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct., and Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Rd., all in Columbia.

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At Christ Church, our Racially Aware Group of Episcopalians (R.A.G.E) and the Outreach Commission join in asking parishioners to continue supporting CCC in various ways. We have been gathering diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. There should be enough room in the yellow bins for the summer gift bags and the usual donations. You can drop off items on weekdays until 2 p.m., but we ask that you call the church office (410) 381-9365 ahead of time.

Invitation to Take a Virtual Trip to Uganda as Leaders of Friends of Sabina. Join the Sunday, Aug. 1st Zoom Coffee Hour/Adult Forum | Plan to see and hear the latest on how leaders of Friends of Sabina (FOS) are making progress at Sabina Primary School in rural Uganda. At noon on Sunday, Aug. 1, Father Manny and the Outreach Commission will host Ann Marie Davis, who recently returned from Uganda, and Maria White, the two leaders of FOS. The FOS Adult Forum will flow seamlessly from our regular coffee hour. Here's how to participate: Join our Zoom gathering HERE. The meeting ID is 830 0557 1585, and the password is SundayVCH.

We've already gotten a positive update on the performance of Sabina's students within the Ugandan system of education. The school educates children as early as 3-6 years of age in pre-primary. Primary students in grades P1 through P7 study English, Math, Science, and Social Studies (consisting of History, Geography, and Religious Studies). At Sabina, the curriculum also includes Permaculture/Agriculture. At the end, students take the national Primary Leaving Exams (PLE). These rigorous exams affect placement in secondary school and whether some students must repeat P7.

On Tuesday, July 20th, the FOS leaders shared the news that Sabina ranked 13 out of about 400 schools in the Kyotera District: "We received the P7 results, and all of the Sabina students passed with a score of 1 or 2. One being the highest!"

"Everyone in the community is so excited as Sabina is back on the map with their improved commitment to superior academics. Thank you for believing in us," said White in an email.

More than a decade ago, Christ Church began supporting Sabina Primary School and its library through the organization, Children of Uganda (COU). Parishioners collected shipments of books for the library, which evolved into the Ssanje Community Resource center, playing a vital role for residents of the surrounding area.

In late 2019, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese that owns Sabina Primary School entered into a management agreement with FOS, then a newly-formed organization that is co-managed by the two former members of the COU Board of Directors. FOS embarked on an improvement program that includes replacing infrastructure such as the obsolete kitchen complex. "By stepping out on faith, we built the foundation of our vision to renew and support the Sabina School," said the FOS leaders.

Outreach continues to support Sabina through FOS. For example, Christ Church pays the librarian's salary and covers the costs of upgraded internet service, using $2,000 in Vestry-approved funds in 2021. Thanks to Christ Church parishioners for making that possible! You, too, can take pride in the accomplishment of the high-performing P7 students.

Beginning in 2020, Outreach also encouraged parishioners to sponsor Sabina students whose families otherwise cannot afford fees and tuition. (They are among Sabina students pictured here.) Christ Church members stepped forward to sponsor eight children, who then ranged in age from 8 to 15. Parishioners and the first names of the students are: Steve and Linda Alpern (Sharon); Tim and Sherry Beaty, (Herbert); Ellen and Charles Hoke, (Josephine); Patricia Fanning, (Patricia); Diane Phillips Laguerre (Jackson); Paula and Chuck Rees (Sandra); Catherine Whittaker (Brian); and Melanie and Nick Yaksich (Marvin).

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We're expecting many of the sponsors to join the Zoom gathering to hear more about these students' experiences in what has turned out to be a year of pandemic challenges.

The FOS leaders last met with Christ Church in May of 2020 during a virtual coffee hour on Zoom. This time the images will be like traveling to Uganda's Central Region, which is west of Lake Victoria and north of the border with Tanzania. And for some members of Christ Church, the video visit will remind them of their own travels to Uganda and long-standing involvement with Sabina Primary School including the Hokes, the Alperns, and Teddy and Sonni Aribiah and their sons, Jonah and Luke.

Lake Elkhorn Middle School Supplies - THANK YOU! | 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. We have ordered the supplies and will fill the bags on Wednesday, August 11th at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If anyone in your family would like to help us bag the supplies, please contact Onyx Williams at ow6062@gmail.com or Cathy Whittaker at catharinewhittaker@gmail.com.

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 10.

Collection Drive Continues to Provide Diapers, Personal Care Items for CCC | At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to support Columbia Community Care (CCC) by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Please put any of these items in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. You can drop off items on weekdays until 2 p.m., but we ask that you call the church office (410) 381-9365 ahead of time.

Donate Personal Care and Cleaning Supplies for FISH in Bin on our Breezeway | Organizers for FISH of Howard County request household cleaning supplies such as liquid dish soap, bleach, and cleanser as well as personal items such as deodorant, shampoo, and bath soaps. At present, its pantry has an adequate supply of groceries. The bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall.

Are YOU the Next DreamBuilders Webmaster? Deadline is Sunday | 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 this Sunday, August 1st.

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SEAFARER'S Donation Requests | We could use your help in gathering the following items. Delivery is made and the date is 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
- Reader's Digest up to a couple of years
- National Geographics post-2000
- Books (except for Bibles) are less often requested, but some seafarers do appreciate action novels, as well as picture books about Baltimore or the U.S.
- 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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