

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Easter Day

Festal Eucharist

Sunday, March 31, 2024

8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.



HE IS RISEN!

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude | This Is the Day

Brian Balmages

Praeludium on "Christ lag in Todesbanden" |

William Bradley Roberts

Opening Hymn 207 | Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn, arr. William Bradley Roberts

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity |

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

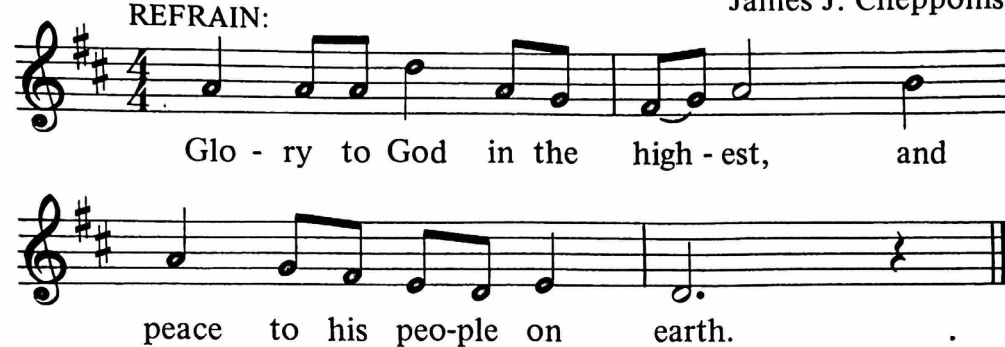
People: **Amen.**

Gloria In Excelsis Deo |

James Chepponis

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: all sing*

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain: all sing*

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: all sing*

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: all sing*

Opening Collect |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

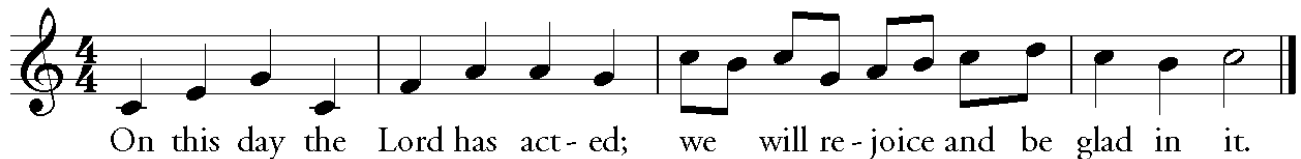
Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 | *Confitemini Domino*



Choir:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim, His mercy endures forever." ***Refrain***

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" ***Refrain***

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter." ***Refrain***

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. ***Refrain***

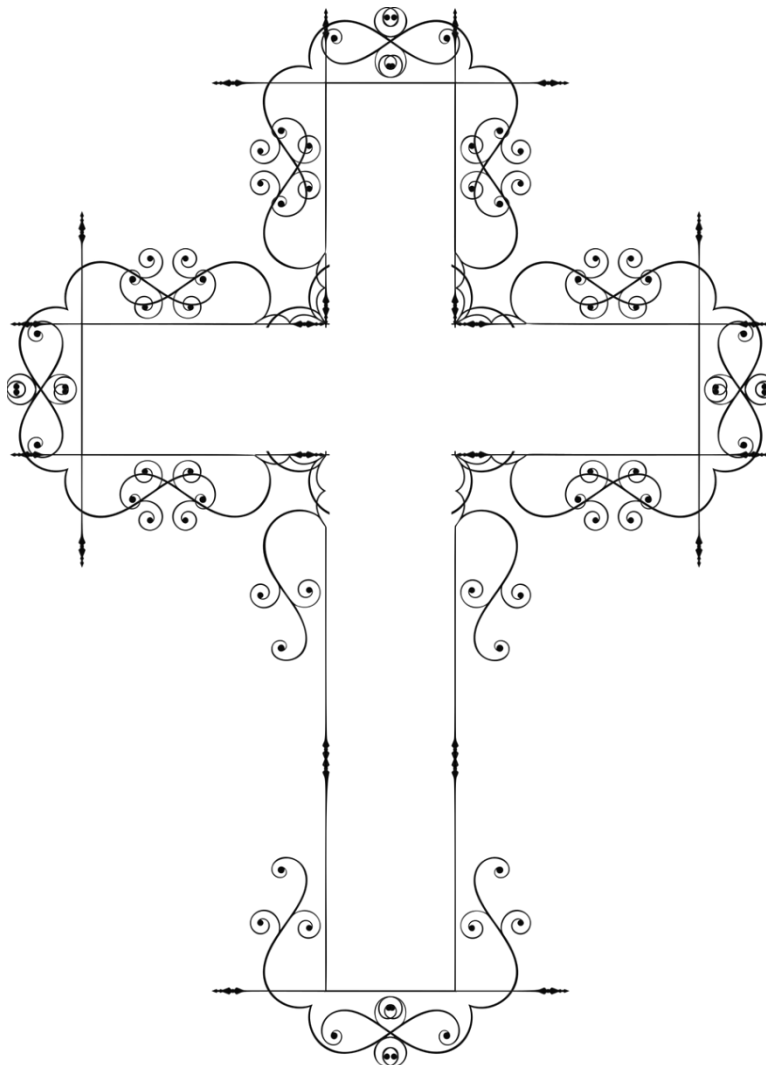
Reader: A reading from The First Epistle to the Corinthians.

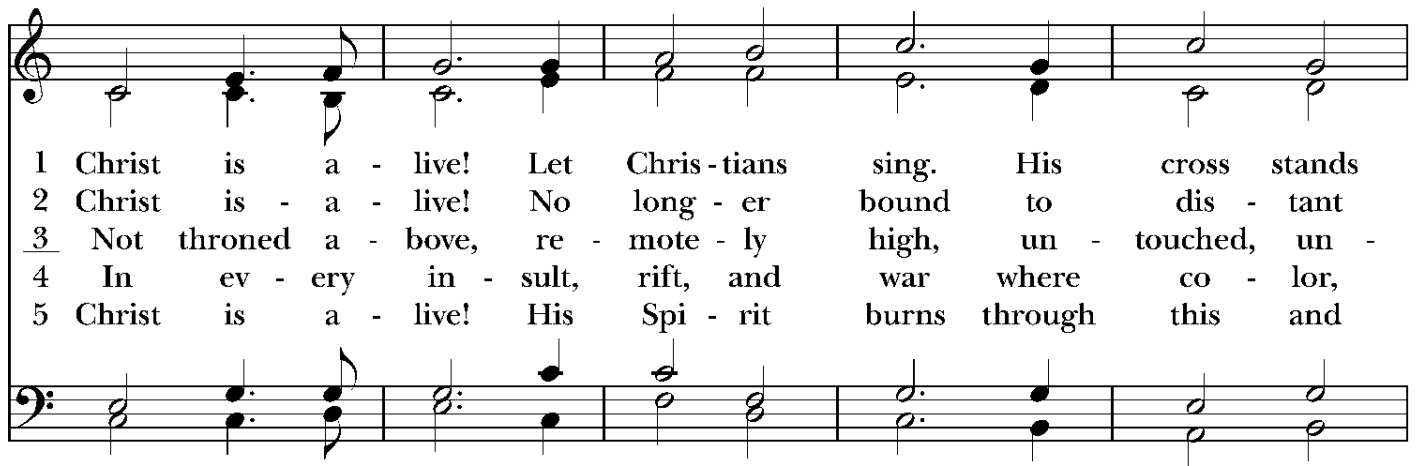
I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

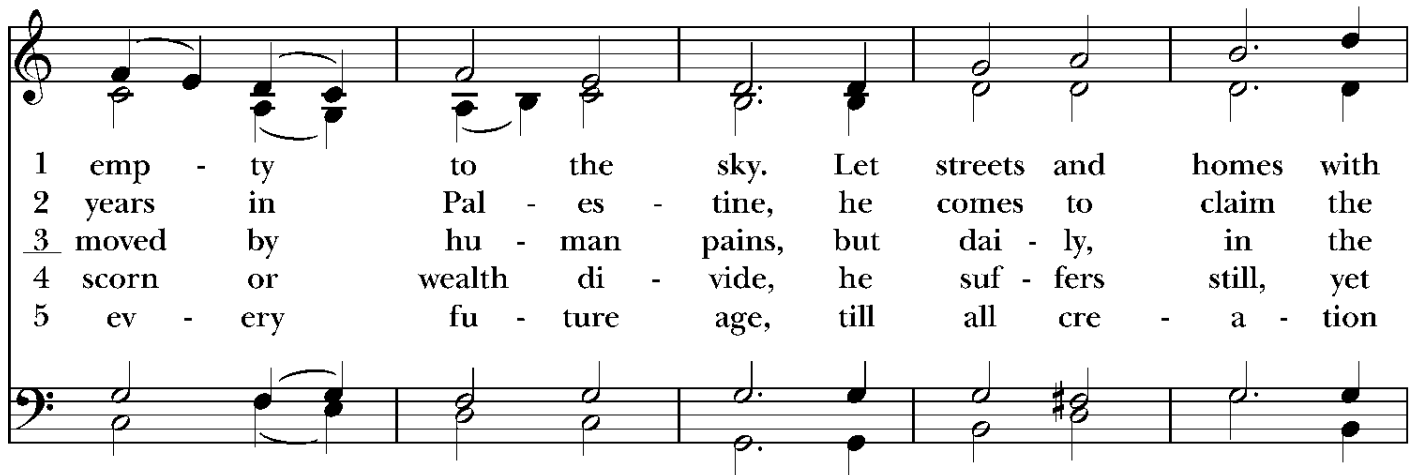
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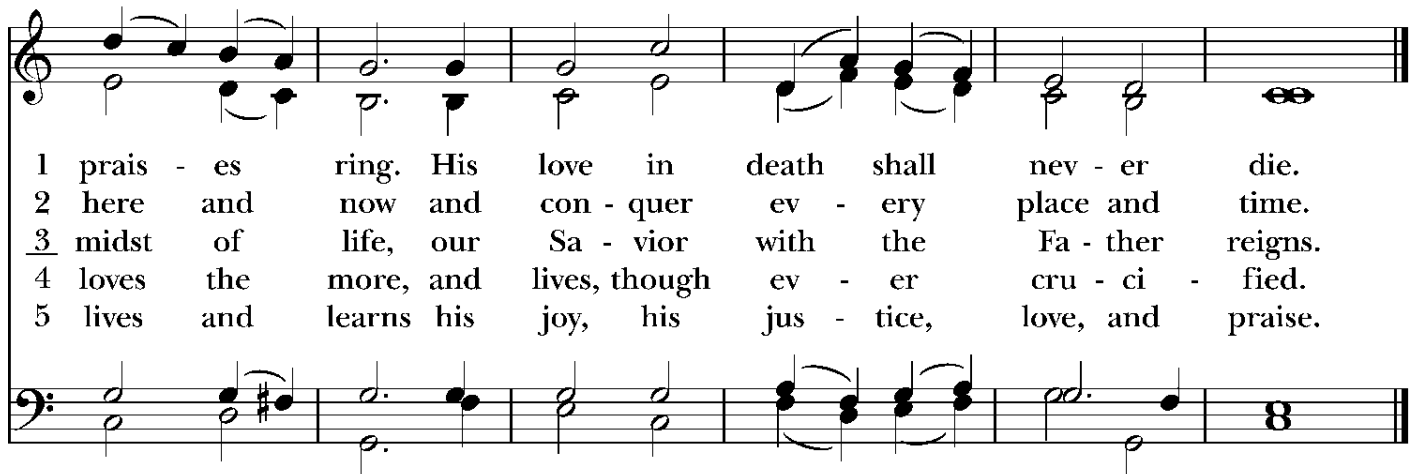




1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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

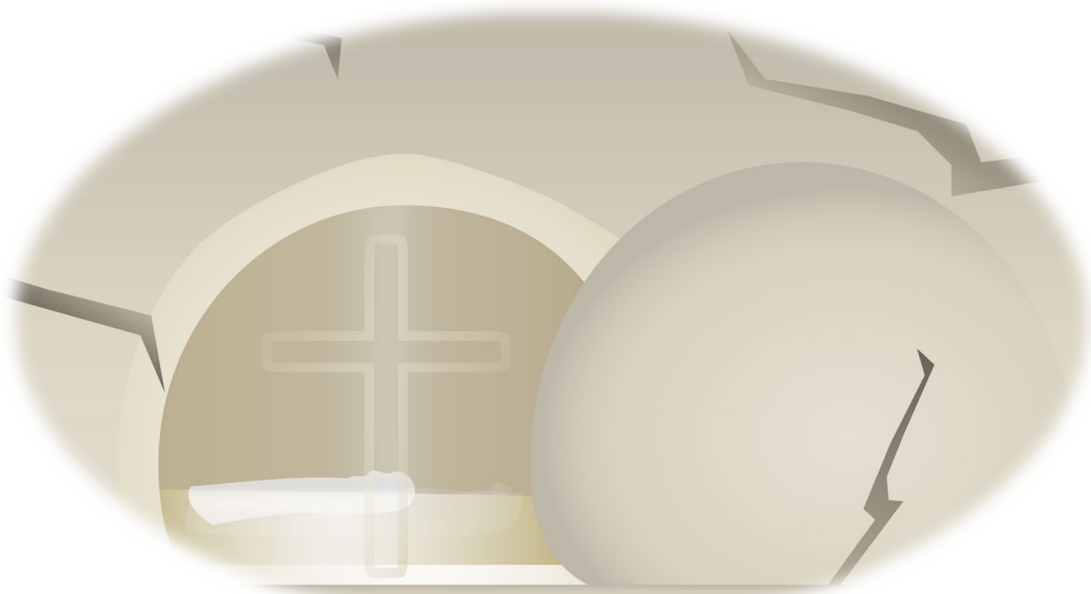
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,

Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

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

mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

The Prayers of the People |

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Risen Lord, hear the prayers of your people at Christ Church on this Easter Day. Risen Lord, Christ our King, we pray that You will so fill our hearts and inspire our minds on this resurrection day, to go out into our world and do the work You would have us do – to bind up wounds, to care for the forgotten and the stranger, to welcome the lost and the lonely, to stand up for mercy, to act justly. Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed!**

Risen Lord, Almighty God, pour our Your spirit upon the people who worship You around the world, that we may discern Your will for us and then act in Your Name. In the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray today for the churches in the Province of the West Indies. In our diocese, we pray today for Immanuel, Glencoe; St. George's, Hampstead; and St. James, Monkton. Here in Christ Church, we pray for our clergy, staff, lay leaders, and congregation, for all visitors, and for all people whose lives we seek to help through our ministry in Your name. Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed!**

Risen Lord, Healer and Savior, we pray for those we love who are sick, who are in need of care, for the dying, for all who give care and love. We pray especially for Ernest, Erica, Marilyn, Dickson, Carolyn, Calvin, Pamela, Lexi, Kim, Tim, Karen, Jim, Doug, Mary Ann, Barbara, Sherry, Patricia, Cindy, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred and Nell, and those who we now name. May they know and feel Your presence holding them in these difficult days. We pray also for those who have passed into your eternal embrace, especially Liz Simms, Farris Forsythe, and those we now name. Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed!**

Risen Lord, source of joy and wonder, we thank you for all that gives us happiness. Today we remember the birthdays of Pam, Gina, Carliane, Isaac & Kelly, and the baptism anniversaries of Aston, Dominic, Mary, Joyce & Gavin. Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed!**

Risen Lord, Prince of Peace, we pray for the end of war, of famine and suffering, of hatred and violence, of the brutality of humans toward each other. Open the hearts and minds of leaders in every land, that they may lead their nations and their people in the ways of peace. We pray for people everywhere who are caught in the middle of violence, that they may somehow find Your peace, even in terrible circumstances. We pray for those who serve in the military, especially Conner Warlow and Kofi Abdallah. We pray for the peacemakers. Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed!**

Risen Lord, Everlasting Father, Mother, Creator of all, on this Easter Day as we celebrate the resurrection from death that brings life to the world, we, too, know the thanksgiving of the psalmist who exclaimed "I will give thanks to you for you answered me and have become my salvation." Alleluia, Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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 Anthem | With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

Please scan to give.



Presentation Hymn 400 (v. 7) |

Laast 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!**

Prayer of Offering |

Celebrant: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Eucharistic Prayer B |

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

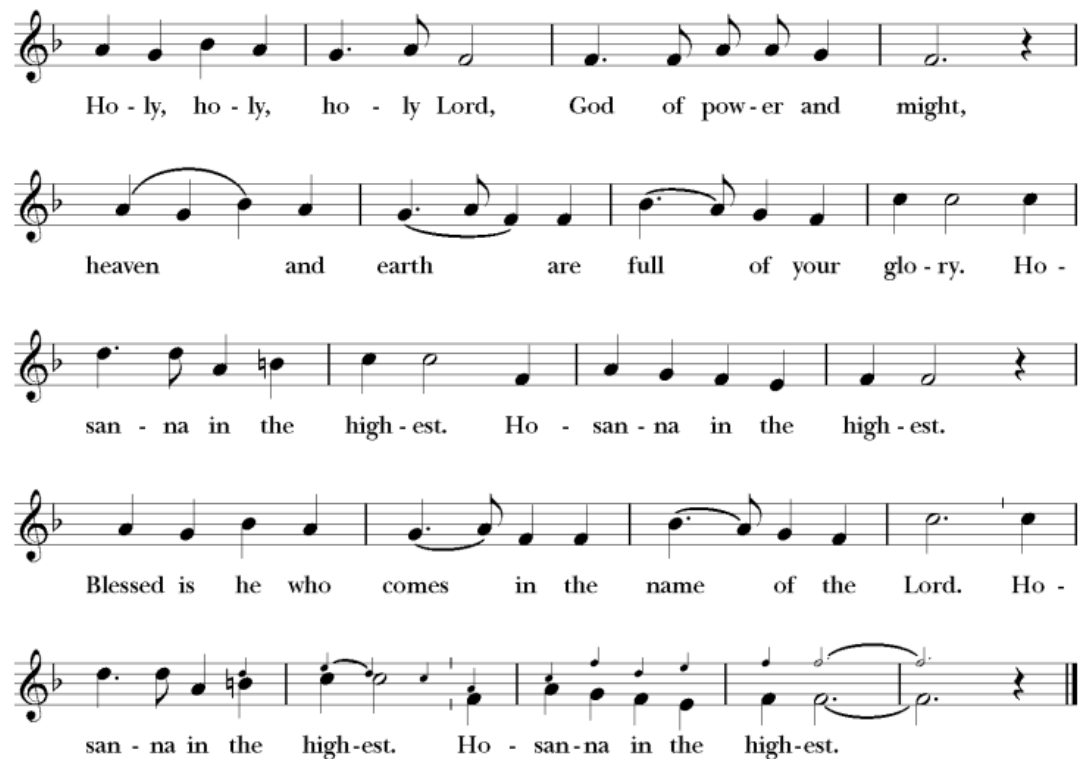
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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



Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

All: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

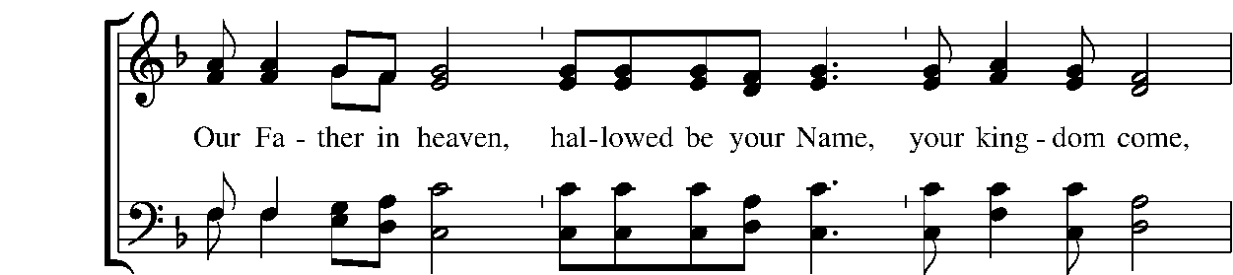
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen. (*sung*)

The Lord's Prayer |

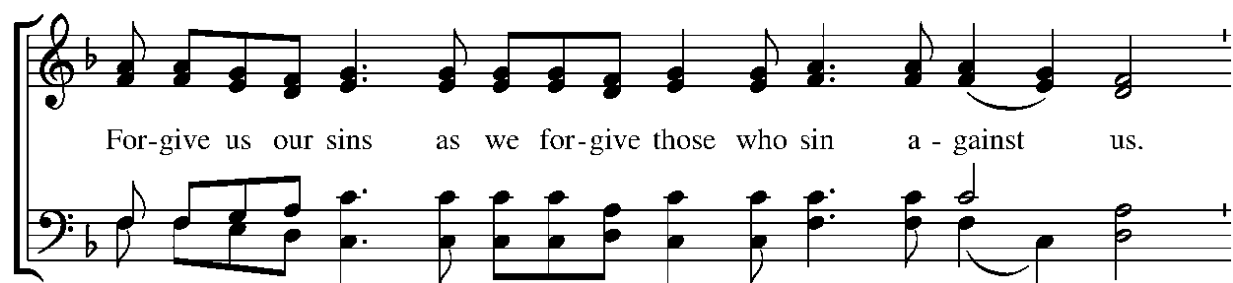
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,



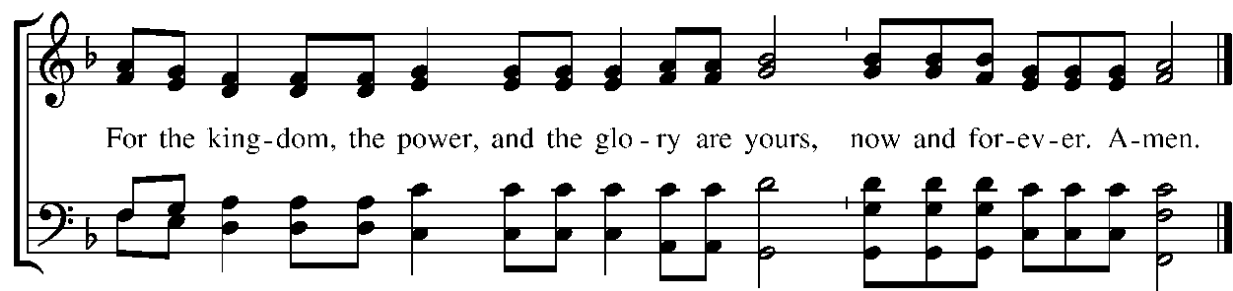
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



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

Mason Martens

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



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



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



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



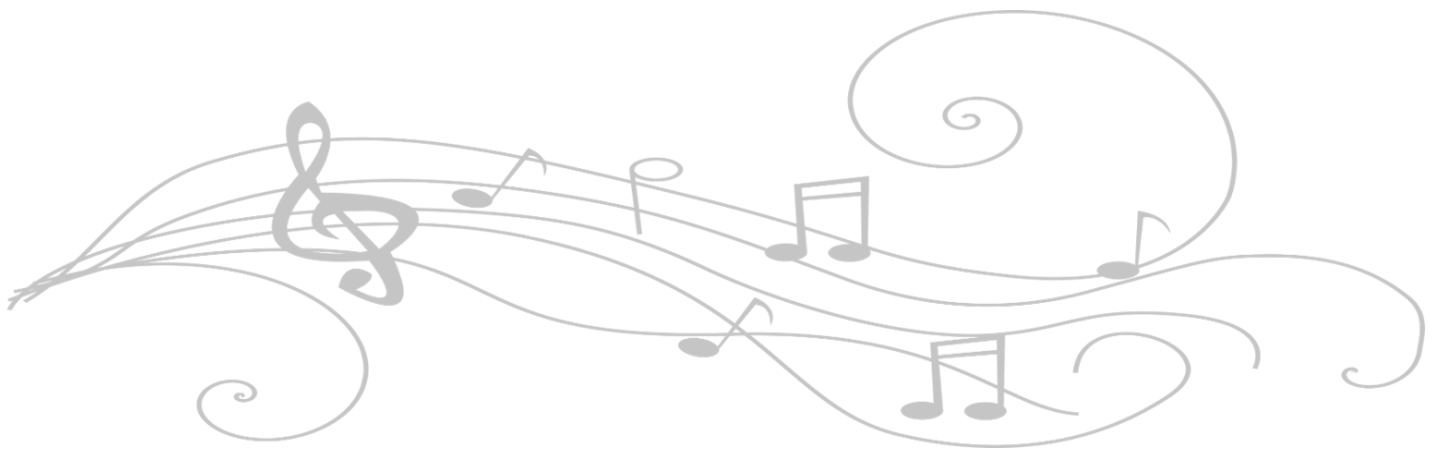
2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



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

Instrumental Interlude | Sonata in F Major

Jean Baptiste Loeillet



Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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.**

Easter Blessing |

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People: **Amen.**



1 The day of re-sur-rec-tion! Earth, tell it out a-broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e-vil, that we may see a-right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy-ful, let earth her song be-gin,

the Pass-o-ver of glad-ness, the Pass-o-ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e-ter-nal of re-sur-rec-tion light;
 the round world keep high tri-umph, and all that is there-in;

From death to life e-ter-nal, from earth un-to the sky,
 and, lis-tening to his ac-cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un-seen their notes to-geth-er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o-ver with hymns of vic-to-ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear-ing, may raise the vic-tor strain.
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The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Musicians

Jeff Lewandowski, trumpet
Preston Haining, trumpet
Kaci Lewandowski, horn
Anthony Colella, trombone
Matthew Dupree, timpani

Choir

Soprano
Jan Deboissiere
Catherine Hinton
Kim Mosier
Cathy Whittaker

Alto

Emily Aubin
Caitlin Gompf
Sara Kirkpatrick
Dorothy Lee
Nancy Schempp
Shahra Toth

Tenor

Bill Kirkpatrick
Ola Oladipupo
Louis Spencer

Bass

Phil Bray
Michael Brisentine
Jim Schempp
George Toth

EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC



Jane Adams, *in memory of Sherrill Adams, and in thanksgiving for Myles T. McDonald.*

Ivy Amponsah, *in memory of Willhelmina Ashie.*

Jay & Carol Abbott, *in honor of the baptism of Brian Charles Bucacink.*

Angela Braham, *in thanksgiving for God's Grace, Mercy and Love.*

Ellen Boudreau, *in memory of Charles Hoke and in thanksgiving for my family's love.*

Chester & Sydneya Dacres, *in memory of our parents.*

Judith Daffer, *in thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren.*

Pam Foreman, *in memory of loved ones in heaven and in thanksgiving for family, friends and God's blessings.*

Mareli Garber, *in thanksgiving for our parish.*

Cathy Gold, *in memory of my father, Allen Bruggints and in Thanksgiving for my mother, Joan Bruggints.*

Joan & Lee Harvey, *in memory of Terry Sweene.*

Dr. and Mrs. David James, *in memory of Mr. Robert Russell.*

Theodore & Virginia Jarrett, *in memory of Frank Jarrett.*

Nathaniel & Jo Emily Knox, *in memory of John & Mildred West.*

Cara Ocampo, *in thanksgiving for The Eagle Scouts.*

The Peart Family, *in thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings.*

Jill Robinson, *in thanksgiving for my family.*

Barbara Scott-Johnson, *in memory of Brady Johnson and Alice Steele.*

In memory of Jennifer Silverwood.

The Solomon Family, in memory of Adam Solomon.

Ralph & Linda Stewart, in thanksgiving for family.

Margaret Thompson, in memory of loved ones.

Roger & Mary Vail, in dedication to our parents.

Fran & David Ward, in memory of Agnes & James Davis and Alice Ward.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Dione Mahoney

Ushers: Michon Semon

Chalicer: Joan Harvey

9:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Greg Schuckman

Ushers: Yetti Lipede

Acolytes and Chalicer: Mikailu Sheriff, Anya Sheriff

11:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Steve Alpern

Ushers: Jane Adams

Acolytes and Chalicer: Ainsley Couch, Luke Aribiah, Nevaeh Wilmot

Chalicer: Steve Alpern, Ivy Amponsah

Altar Guild

Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett

PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH 31 TO APRIL 6

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

8:00 am	Easter Eucharist – Old Brick
9:00 am	Easter Family Service – New Brick, upper level
11:00 am	Easter Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, April 1 – Easter Monday – Church Office Closed

6:30 am	WOCC Dinner Meeting – Corner Stable, Columbia
7:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Home School – New Brick, lower level
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 – 9:00 pm	MS Support Group – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	300 yr. Race & Slavery Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 – 11:00 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, April 4

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, April 5

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, April 6

11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Farris Forsythe – New Brick, upper level
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting – Old Brick
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Farris Forsythe Repast – New Brick, lower level
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level



ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
email to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.
For a digital copy of this service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website.

Look Right... Look Left... Search High and Low!

After the 9 a.m. Easter worship, the younger members of our parish family can gather downstairs in the Great Hall for the Christ Church Easter Egg Hunt, a fun-filled activity where everyone ends up with treasure! Don't miss it!

Formation Classes Return Next Week

There are no Adult or Youth Formation classes on Easter Sunday, but they will resume on April 7th.

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed Monday, April 1st (Easter Monday). It will reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd.

WOCC Upcoming Events

Don't forget - the April WOCC meeting will be on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at The Corner Stable, 8630 Guilford Road, Columbia.

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

Centering Prayer is a weekly evening prayer gathering that helps us be present and open to God. The daily practice of this prayer could lead to a more intimate union with God and a more powerful experience of God's presence in our lives. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. Join us in Old Brick at 7:00 p.m. this Monday.

Bible Study and Lunch - Wednesday Mornings

Christ Church's Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning in the Conference Room of the Parish House, explore the Lectionary readings for that Sunday, and then have lunch together at a local restaurant. Wednesday Bible Study begins at 10:00 a.m. and is led by the Christ Church clergy and/or postulants.

Healing Eucharist - Thursdays

On Thursdays, join us for midday Healing Eucharist in Old Brick, with readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to reflect, pray, and participate in a service in our beautiful, historic chapel - the oldest building of worship still in regular use in Howard County.

Christ Church Choirs - No Rehearsal this Week

The choir will rehearse on Thursday evenings in New Brick beginning again on April 11th and everyone is welcome to take part. No matter if you're a novice singer or a seasoned musician, there's a place for you in our Vocal or Handbell Choirs. If you're interested, please email Larissa at music@christchurchcolumbia.org

CEC Book Club - Friday Evenings

The CECBC returns with a new book next Friday, April 5th. We are always welcoming new people into our group, so if reading and exchanging perspectives sounds enjoyable to you, log in and join us! Email Ellen Hoke at bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



and Choir Camp

JUNE 24-30

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VBS and Music - a Great Match!

This summer, Christ Church is hosting a special program - Vacation Bible School AND Choir Camp! This series takes place from June 24 to 28th and gathers daily from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. At VBS&CC, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and friends! Snacks, lunch, and refreshments are served daily, and after the 10:30 a.m. June 30th service, we'll have a wonderful celebration with ice cream and snacks for all participants. The cost for VBS&CC is \$30 per child or \$75 per family, and **you can process payment here or on our website's VBS page.** Volunteers are needed, so come and have fun with us! **Email us** if you want to help us with the program, or if you have any questions. Visit **www.christchurchcolumbia.org/vbs** for more details, and we'll see you this summer!

CEC Spiritual Life Retreat in Rehoboth Beach - May 3-5

Our Spiritual Life Commission just concluded producing our Wednesday Evening Lenten Supper Series, and now presents a spring retreat gathering in Rehoboth Beach - an event we've held for over a decade. The first weekend in May, we'll head to The DuPont Memorial House, and Mother Marcia Davenport will lead us in further discussions and exploration of our year's Spiritual Life Theme, *Be a Joyful Gift to Others*. This is a wonderfully restorative weekend of prayer, discussion, meditation, leisure activities, and worship, and you can find more information on our website - **www.christchurchcolumbia.org/post/rehoboth2024**

CEC Health Ministry is Seeking Youth Participation!

We appreciate the youth's ability to communicate with all generations inside and outside the church. Your ideas about health topics that may interest you and your age group are welcome, so please join us! We can provide a written statement about your work, which can be included in your portfolio of accomplishments. Please address inquiries to **health@christchurchcolumbia.org** or speak with Diane Phillips-LaGuerre at church.

CEC Center for Spiritual Nourishment

We are excited to announce the launch of our Center for Spiritual Nourishment to provide opportunities for spiritual growth for our members and the larger community. A group of parishioners has been working on creating a center that includes multiple sessions covering an array of spiritually nourishing activities. Look for more details in the coming weeks, and email **csn@christchurchcolumbia.org** if you are interested or have any questions.

Communion to You

To connect more directly with those of you who are local and worship virtually, Christ Church offers *Communion to You*, an opportunity to have altar gifts delivered to you or made available for pickup at the Church Office. If you want more information, please visit tinyurl.com/CommunionToYou or [email](#) the Church Office.

Healing Stations

Christ Church now has healing stations during the 10:30 Eucharist at the back of the sanctuary. If you need prayer, we invite you to visit the healing station after receiving Communion. We also welcome those of you who wish to help, so if you are interested in joining a group of parishioners who offer healing prayer, email Rebecca Warlow at healingministry@christchurchcolumbia.org

FISH Invites Parishioners to Attend Its Potluck Dinner on Sunday, April 7th at Christ Church

Come one, come all. Or, at least, plan to accept an invitation from FISH of Howard County if you are among those who routinely shop for extra grocery items to feed the less fortunate. You'll have a great chance to learn how the items we put into the altar basket, or into the bin on the breezeway, make their way to those in need.

The event is a potluck dinner to be held on Sunday, April 7, at 5 p.m. here at Christ Church in the Great Hall of New Brick. As an all-volunteer organization, **FISH** is bringing together its volunteers to share camaraderie and a tasty meal.

Here's how FISH organizers described the gathering in its invitation: "ALL are welcome –phone volunteers, delivery volunteers, other volunteers, potential volunteers, plus spouses and friends....It's a nice opportunity for new volunteers to meet the friends whose voices you hear on the phone and for everyone to get together, enjoy good food and have a great time."

FISH is a neighbor-to-neighbor nonprofit organization with a long history. Since its founding in 1976, FISH has helped county residents who have legitimate crisis needs by providing emergency food, referral information and limited financial assistance for such things as eviction and utility turnoff prevention and medicine.

Food aid is typically a 7-to-10 day supply that is delivered to the home. In 2023, that amounted to 3,000 meals. It also offers hygiene, paper, and laundry supplies.

Christ Church, acting through the Outreach Commission, has supported FISH for many years. Most recently, Christ Church youth held a "Souper Bowl of Caring" drive that culminated on Feb. 11. Their huge collection of canned goods went to FISH.

Parishioner Andy DeLong, who volunteers as the treasurer of FISH, is expected to participate in the potluck dinner event. Plan to attend and say hello. Here's how to RSVP by contacting two other FISH volunteers. Please tell one of the women who are organizing the dinner how many are coming and what you will bring. Email Kathy Raab, who can be reached at raab@umbc.edu or Nula Lu Roberts, nuala4ney@aol.com.

Whether you will be able to attend, or not, keep collecting items. Put non-perishable foods and toiletries in the basket at the altar or in a marked yellow bin on the breezeway between the Parish Hall and Old Brick. FISH provides committed support to select families in need. The neighbors you help give thanks for all you do in their support.



Maryland Diocese Posts a Prayer For All Affected by Collapse of the Key Bridge

The **Episcopal Diocese of Maryland** has posted **a prayer** for all those affected by the tragic collapse early Tuesday of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, which was struck by a container ship. Debris from the catastrophe closed shipping channels indefinitely, stranding mariners at the Port of Baltimore.

The **Baltimore International Seafarers' Center** (BISC), is among the ministries in the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** of the Diocese. The **Women of Christ Church recently collected hats, scarves and gloves** as part of its ongoing support for the Seafarers. To raise funds for the center, several parishioners participated in a fundraising harbor cruise last April, when Sharha Toth took this image of the now-fallen bridge (see photo).

BISC provides spiritual care and hospitality to members of ships' crews, who are working far from their homes and loved ones around the world.

Columbia Community Care Takes a Break on Easter Weekend

To observe the Easter holiday, **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) will close its three distribution sites on Saturday, March 30. These will reopen on Saturday, April 6. The CCC pantry is expected to be open for home deliveries both weekends.

Those who need groceries and other necessities can find information by going online to the **"I Need Help"** portion of CCC's website. Or learn how to volunteer at the pantry or in other ways by visiting the **"I Can Help" portion of its website.**

Please continue to collect diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers for CCC. Put them in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sundays. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bin and delivers its contents.

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.



UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

APRIL

April 28: Youth Sunday!

April 19-21: New Beginnings (Diocesan Retreat; 6th-12th grade)

MAY

May 4: Mothers' Day Annuals/Flower Pot Sale

May 11: Making Mothers' Day Flower Arrangements & Sale

May 18: Hersheypark (tentative date)

May 25: Graduates' Dinner (tentative date)

JUNE

June 16-22: DreamBuilders Blitz-Building Mission Trip to KY.

Two of our confirmands & Chaplain Kiona are registered to go.

Your prayers and financial support are appreciated!



Stewardship

at Christ Church

TIME TALENT TREASURE

WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables our parish to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness.

Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving.

THANK YOU.

Stewardship 2024

We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church. You may pick up a pledge card in the Narthex to complete, or you can complete one electronically on our website - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge

Text Giving

You can give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply send a text with the word 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 toward 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 <mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org>



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