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**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 2, 2026**



## **Welcome Home!**

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church:

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This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

*Unison or harmony*

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray  
 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;  
 3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,  
 make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;  
 may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say  
 draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,  
 one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."  
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION |

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY |

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

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

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON | Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

*Reader: A reading from Exodus.*

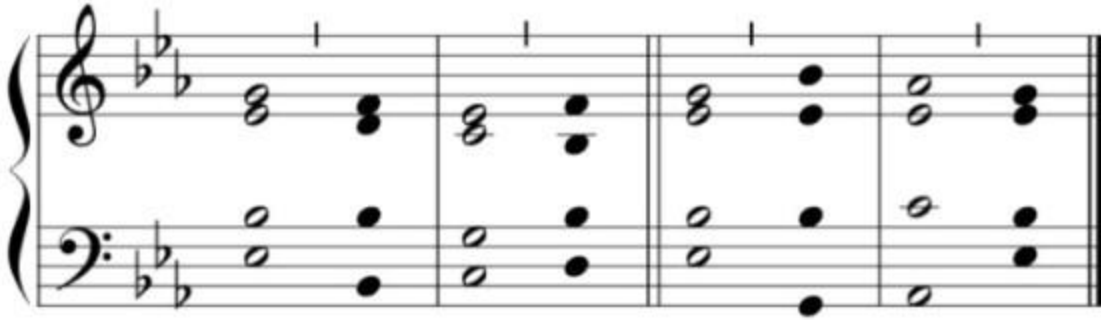
The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

## THE PSALM

116:1, 10-17 | Dilexi, quoniam



I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my suppli<sup>1</sup> cation |  
    **because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called up<sup>1</sup> on him. ||**  
The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took<sup>1</sup> hold of me; |  
    **I came to grief and<sup>1</sup> sorrow. ||**  
Then I called upon the Name of the<sup>1</sup> Lord; |  
    **“O Lord, I pray you, save my<sup>1</sup> life.” ||**  
How shall I repay the<sup>1</sup> Lord |  
    **for all the good things he has<sup>1</sup> done for me? ||**  
I will lift up the cup of sal<sup>1</sup> vation |  
    **and call upon the Name of the<sup>1</sup> Lord. ||**  
I will fulfill my vows to the<sup>1</sup> Lord; |  
    **in the presence of all his<sup>1</sup> people. ||**  
Precious in the sight of the<sup>1</sup> Lord; |  
    **is the death of his<sup>1</sup> servants. ||**  
O Lord, I am your<sup>1</sup> servant; |  
    **I am your servant, and the child of your handmaid;  
    you have freed me from my<sup>1</sup> bonds. ||**  
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks<sup>1</sup> giving |  
    **and will call upon the Name of the<sup>1</sup> Lord. ||**  
I will fulfil my vows to the<sup>1</sup> Lord, |  
    **In the presence of all his<sup>1</sup> people. ||**  
In the courts of the Lord’s<sup>1</sup> house, |  
    **in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. ||**

## THE EPISTLE | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reader:       *A reading from 1 Corinthians.*

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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

*The people stand as able.*

*Antiphon*

Where true char - i - ty and love dwell, God him - self is there.

1 Since the love of Christ has joined us in one bo - dy,  
 2 As we are all of one bo - dy, when we gath - er  
 3 Now we pray that with the bless - ed you grant us grace

let us all re - jice and be glad now and al - ways.  
 let no dis - cord or en - mi - ty break our one - ness.  
 to see your ex - alt - ed glo - ry, O Christ our God,

And as we hear and love our Lord, the liv - ing God,  
 May all our pet - ty jeal - ous - ies and ha - tred cease  
 our bound - less source of joy and truth, of peace and love,

so let us in sin - cer - i - ty love all peo - ple. [Ant.]  
 that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days. [Ant.]  
 for ev - er and for ev - er - more, world with - out end. [Ant.]

**THE GOSPEL** | John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

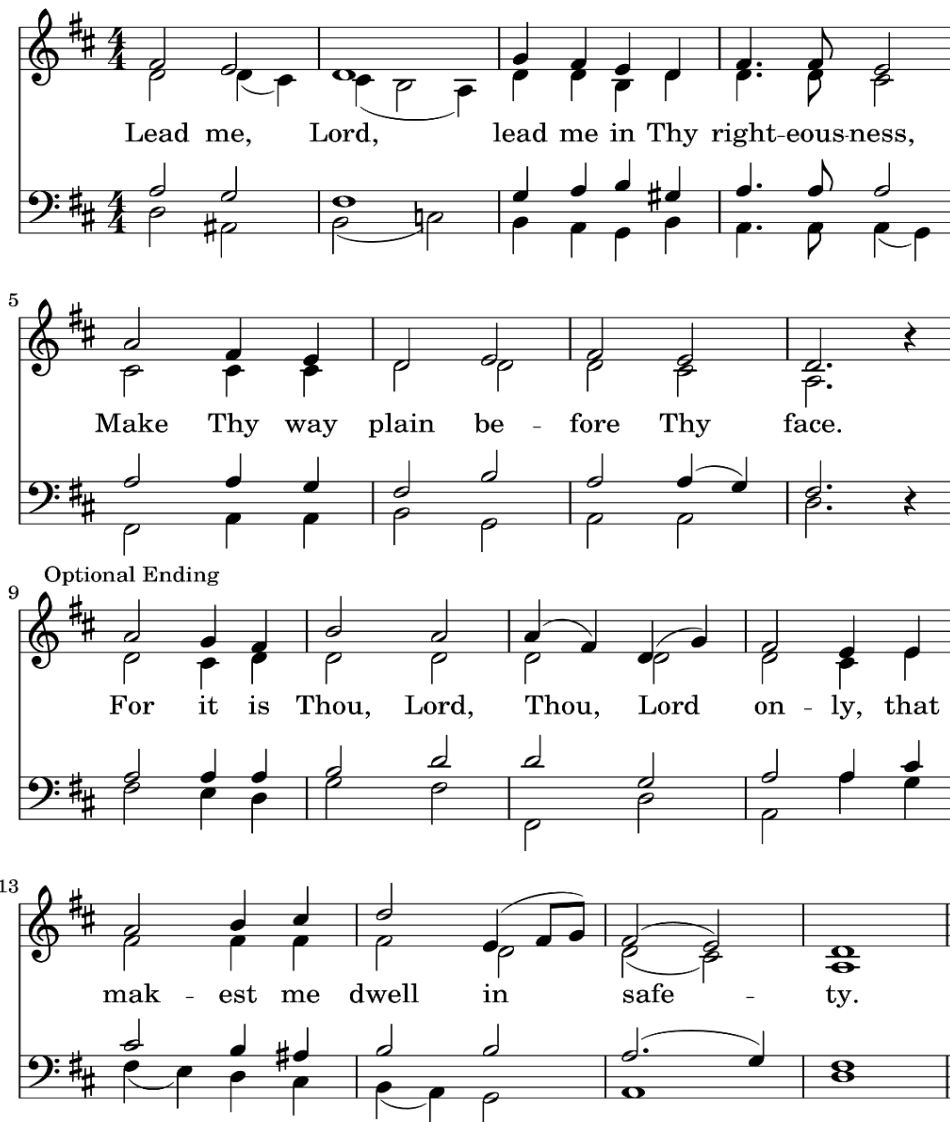
“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*



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

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

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

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

THE SERMON | The Rev. Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

*The people stand as able.*

*All are invited to come forward and participate in the washing of the feet.*



THE FOOT WASHING EOM2 149 | Ubi Caritas

*Jacques Berthier*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i <sup>3</sup> bi est.  
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

*The people stand as able.*

## THE MANDATUM |

*Celebrant:* The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

*People:* **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

*Celebrant:* I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

*People:* **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

*Celebrant:* By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

*Intervessor:* In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the savior of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service. Lord, hear us **and humble us.**

*Intervessor:* On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear us **and unite us.**

*Intervessor:* On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us **and renew our zeal.**

*Intervessor:* On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us **and fill us with your love.**

*Intervessor:* On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us **and give us your peace.**

*Intervessor:* On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ. Lord, hear us **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect to which the people respond **Amen.***

## THE PEACE |

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | Ave Verum Corpus

*Please scan to give.*

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



# THE HOLY COMMUNION



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A |

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

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.  
*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. The melody continues. The lyrics are: Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn. The melody continues. The lyrics are: - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn. The melody concludes. The lyrics are: in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.

*Celebrant:* 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."

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

Therefore 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 forever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER |

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

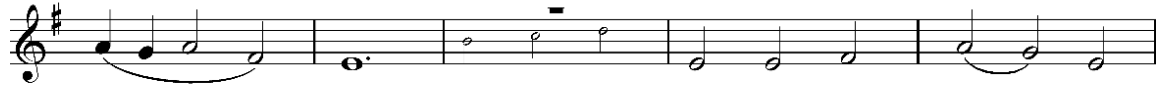
*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People:* **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -



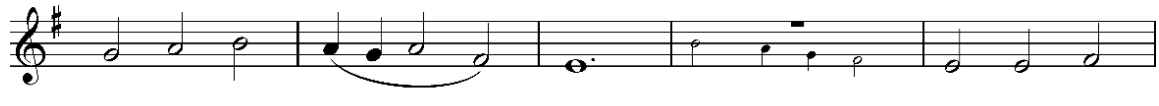
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



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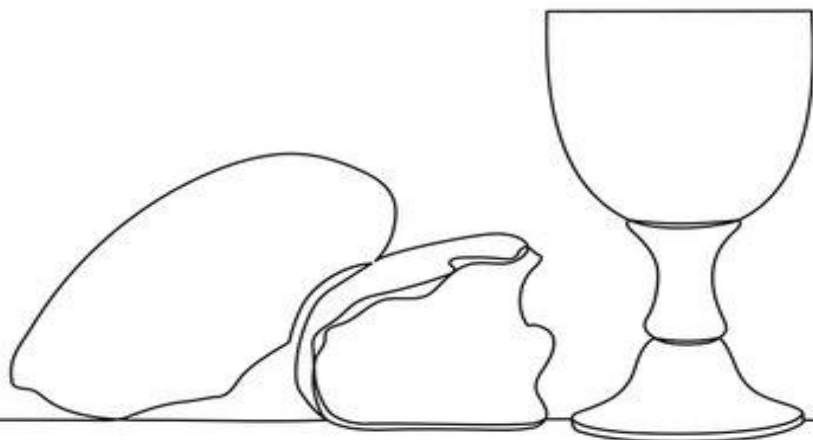
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of



God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, grant us thy peace.



1. In re - mem - brance of me,  
2. (In re - ) mem - brance of me,

1. eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re -  
2. heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re -

1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is  
2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

1. done. In re -  
2. in, Let him in.

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber

too. That this in my bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for

you, — shed for you. — In re - mem - brance of me

search for truth. — In re - mem - brance of me al - ways love. — In re -

mem - brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in — your heart —

— look for God. — Do this in re - mem - brance of me. —

**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.

**PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE |**

*The sacrament is taken and reserved in the chapel.*

*The communion received on Good Friday will be taken from this reserved sacrament, in keeping with ancient tradition that the sacraments are not celebrated on Good Friday.*

Stay with me, re-main here with me, watch and pray,— watch and pray.——

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR |

*The altar is then stripped of its appointments in preparation for tomorrow’s observance of Good Friday.  
As this ancient ritual takes place, the choir chants the following Psalm.*

PSALM 22 | *Deus, Deus meus*

My God, my God, why have you for-<sup>1</sup> saken me, |  
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my com<sup>1</sup> plaint? ||

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not<sup>1</sup> hear; |  
in the night season also, but I find no<sup>1</sup> rest. ||

But you remain<sup>1</sup> holy, |  
enthroned upon the praises of<sup>1</sup> Israel. ||

Our fathers hoped in<sup>1</sup> you; |  
they trusted in you, and you de-<sup>1</sup> livered them. ||

They called upon you, and were de-<sup>1</sup> livered; |  
they put their trust in you, and were not con-<sup>1</sup> founded. ||

But as for me, I am a worm, and no<sup>1</sup> man, |  
scorned by all, and the outcast of the<sup>1</sup> people. ||

All those who see me laugh me to<sup>1</sup> scorn; |  
they curl their lips, and shake their heads,<sup>1</sup> saying, ||

“He trusted in God, that he would de-<sup>l</sup>iver him; |  
**let him deliver him, if he will<sup>l</sup> have him.”** ||

But you are he that took me out of my mother’s<sup>l</sup> womb; |  
**you were my hope, when I was yet upon my mother’s<sup>l</sup> breasts.** ||

I have been cast upon you ever since I was<sup>l</sup> born; |  
**you are my God, even from my mother’s<sup>l</sup> womb.** ||

O go not far from me, for trouble is near at<sup>l</sup> hand, |  
**and there is none to<sup>l</sup> help me.** ||

Many young bulls en-<sup>l</sup>circle me, |  
**strong bulls of Bashan sur-<sup>l</sup>round me** ||

They open wide their jaws at<sup>l</sup> me; |  
**like a ravening and a roaring<sup>l</sup> lion.** ||

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of<sup>l</sup> joint, |  
**my heart within my breast is melting<sup>l</sup> wax.** ||

My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
**my tongue sticks to the roof of my<sup>l</sup> mouth; |**  
**and you have laid me in the dust of the<sup>l</sup> grave.** ||

Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle a-<sup>l</sup>round me; |  
**they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my<sup>l</sup> bones.** ||

They stare and gloat over<sup>l</sup> me, |  
**they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my<sup>l</sup> clothing.** ||

Be not far away, O<sup>l</sup> Lord; |  
**you are my strength; hasten to<sup>l</sup> help me,** ||

Save me from the<sup>l</sup> sword; |  
**my life from the power of the<sup>l</sup> dog.** ||

Save me from the lion’s<sup>l</sup> mouth, |  
**my wretched body from the horns of wild<sup>l</sup> bulls.** ||

I will declare your Name to my<sup>l</sup> brethren; |  
**in the midst of the congregation I will<sup>l</sup> praise you.** ||

Praise the Lord, you that<sup>l</sup> fear him, |  
**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;**  
**all you of Jacob’s line, give<sup>l</sup> glory.** ||

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
**neither does he hide his face from<sup>l</sup> them; |**  
**but when they cry to him he hears<sup>l</sup> them.** ||

My praise is of him in the great as-<sup>1</sup>sembly, |

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who<sup>1</sup> worship him. ||**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall<sup>1</sup> praise him; |

**“May your heart live for-<sup>1</sup> ever!” ||**

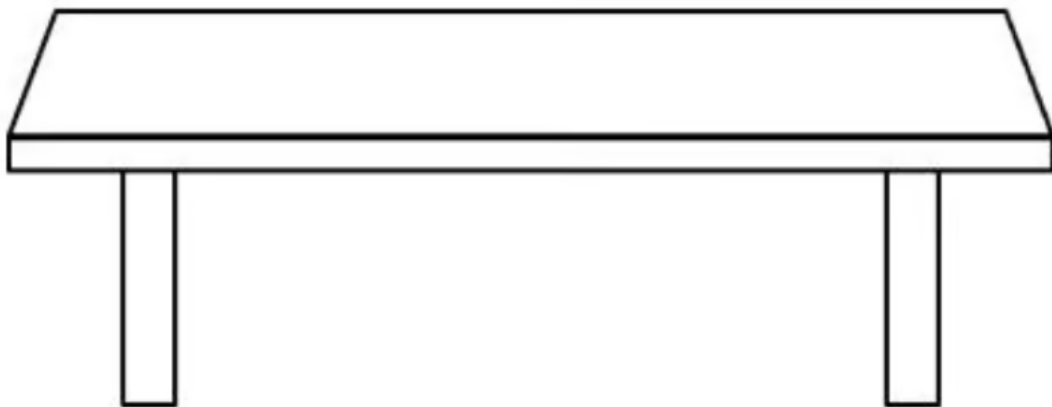
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the<sup>1</sup> Lord; |  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow be-<sup>1</sup> fore him. ||**

For kingship belongs to the<sup>1</sup> Lord, |  
**he rules over the<sup>1</sup> nations. ||**

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in<sup>1</sup> worship; |  
**all who go down to the dust fall be-<sup>1</sup> fore him, ||**

My soul shall live for him;  
**my descendants shall<sup>1</sup> serve him; |**  
**they shall be known as the Lord’s for-<sup>1</sup> ever. ||**

They shall come and make known to a people yet un-<sup>1</sup> born; |  
**the saving deeds that he has<sup>1</sup> done. ||**



*the altar*

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
 \*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 \*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

THE DISMISSAL |

*On this day, the ministers and people depart in silence.*

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# ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

## Altar Guild:

Volunteers

## Choir:

Denis Karp (flute)

## Lector/Reader:

Kayode Fatodu, Greg Schuckman

## Ushers:

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

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## PARISH CALENDAR

### APRIL 2 – 4, 2026

#### Thursday, April 2

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Seder Dinner – New Brick, LL
6:30 – 9:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM): Fast Track – Zoom
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service – New Brick, UL
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL

#### Friday, April 3

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Good Friday Service – New Brick, UL
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Good Friday Service – New Brick, UL
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream

#### Saturday, April 4

10:30 – 12:30 pm	Winter Exercise Group – New Brick, LL
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild prep
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) Service – New Brick, UL

#### Sunday, April 5

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Family Worship – New Brick, UL
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) – Zoom & Parish Hall, CR
4:30 – 7:30 pm	Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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

### **Easter Altar Flowers, Music, and Offerings**

Easter Sunday is a special time when we honor, remember, or give thanks for someone or a blessing in our lives by donating flowers or requesting hymns to adorn our worship spaces as we celebrate our risen Lord.

You can present gifts to support our Easter flowers and music here; be sure to place the dedication name(s) in the *MEMO* line. If you wish to give a general Easter Offering, you can do so here. For those wishing to submit a check, you can drop your donation in the plate on Sunday or at the Church Office during the week; please include the same dedication information on the memo line of your check. Whichever way you choose, we thank you for helping support the beautiful Easter services at Christ Church.

### **Good Friday - April 3 at 12 noon and 7 p.m. in New Brick**

Christians throughout the world recall Good Friday as the day upon which Jesus died. As it remembers the great sinfulness of man, it also points to the glory and love of God. It is most somber in its offering, and includes the Veneration of the Cross, another ancient custom of the Church. A plain wooden cross is carried into the church and is held before us. The congregation is then invited to come forward in reverence of the cross - by touching the wood, a simple bow, a genuflection, or the act of kissing the wood of the cross.

The noonday service lasts one hour and draws our attention to the extraordinary love that God has for each of us in giving His son to die on the cross. The evening service is slightly longer, as we also receive communion from the Sacrament Reserved. Church tradition prohibits the celebration of the Eucharist on this day. Both services are in New Brick.

### **Holy Saturday - April 4 at 7 p.m. in New Brick**

As the church awaits the glory of the resurrection, Holy Saturday is a day of preparation. As the sun sets, bringing with it the end of the Lenten season, one of the most beautiful services of the entire church year is held. We begin in utter darkness, signifying Christ in the tomb, and then a new fire is lit & blessed, and with it the Paschal Candle symbolizing Christ. As the Paschal Candle is carried into the church, the light is passed to parishioners, who each hold a candle. As the church is illuminated by candlelight alone, the ancient hymn 'The Exsultet' is sung. Then, within that light, lessons are read which remind us of God's desire for man's salvation. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism takes central focus on the priesthood of all believers, and then we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. The darkness is now full light!

### **Easter Sunday - April 5**

We have now reached Easter Day – a day of joy, celebration, and the gift of life to God's people. There are three services this morning, and you are welcome to be with us at 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. At the 9:00 and 11:00 services, a full choir and procession, along with all the rituals appointed for the day, help us celebrate and express our joy. The Easter sermon is given; the choir anthems are spectacular, and the glory of the day radiates from our worship into the community.

Celebrations on this day include the annual Easter Egg Hunt and the Flowering of the Cross. These are beloved celebrations for the youngest among us, and the rest of us ensure a safe and fun time for all. Please be sure to bring your basket or bag for the egg hunt! Flowers will be provided.



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