CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 10, 2021 | 10:00 AM

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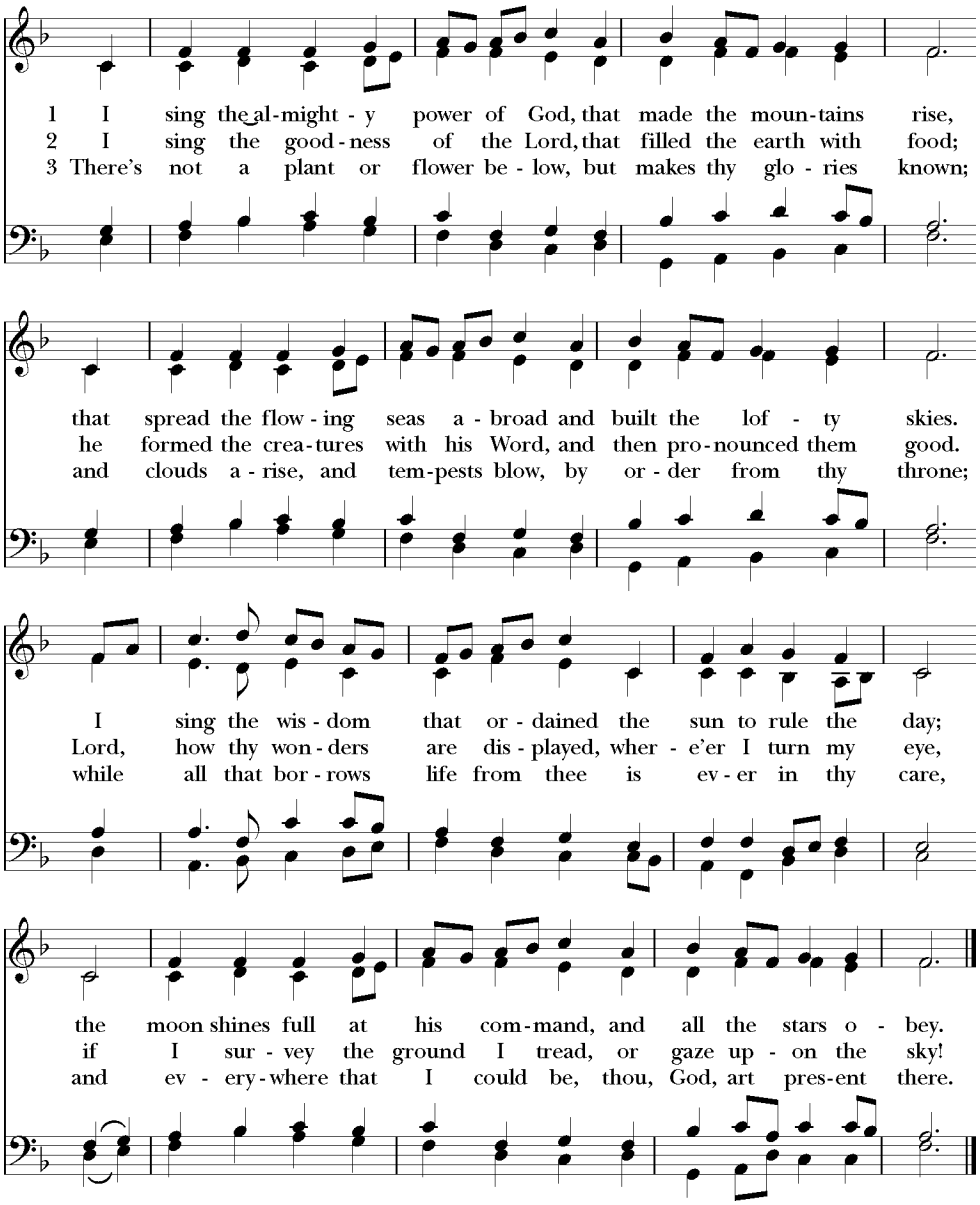
THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

The people stand as able.

OPENING HYMN

Forest Green



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. **Amen.**

Gloria

Prayed in unison

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

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.

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.

The Collect of the Day

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST READING — Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 29 — *Afferte Domino*

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

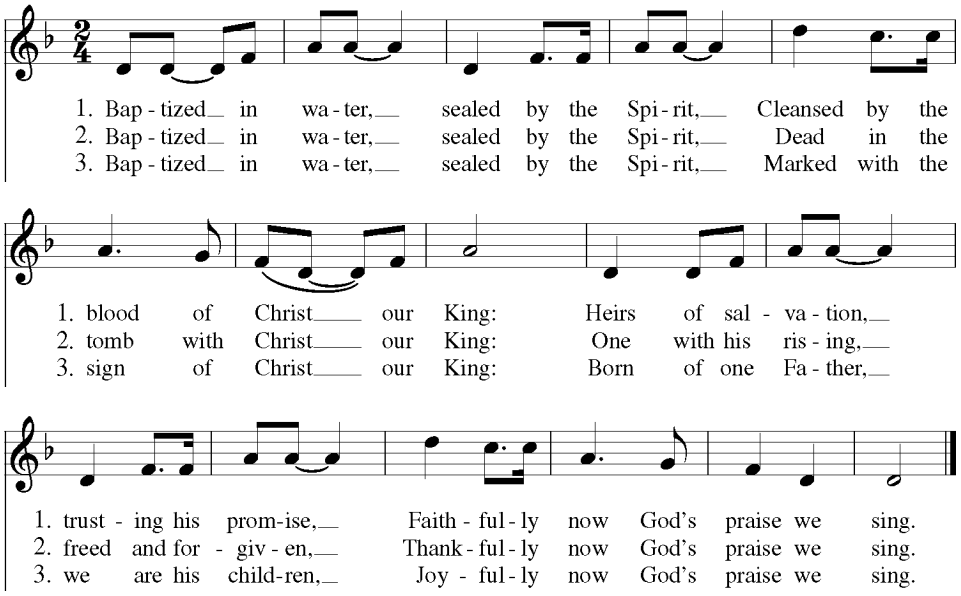
THE SECOND READING — Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN



THE GOSPEL — Mark 1:4-11

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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 Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

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

"Then God said, "let there be light', and there was light."

Almighty God, shine your light on us and on our world as we enter this New Year. Dispel our fears, uncertainties, anger and selfishness. Break into our hearts with your light and make our world new. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We hear the story of the magi, who, having seen a new star in the heavens, followed it to find the new king, the infant Jesus, not the kind of king they expected but an entirely different one, whose life and death would change the world. We each pray to see such a new star in the heavens of our lives and to follow your light, wherever You may lead us. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lord, we are tired as we greet this New Year: tired of worry, anxiety and divisions. Set your light before us. Help us see in it the pure light of hope. Help us each to be your light and your hope in the world, to those dear to us, to complete strangers, to people literally our neighbors and those we will never meet, and to your children in need. We pray especially for those who are ill: Angela, Nell, Alta, Pamela, Chad, Joan, Richard, Rebecca, Jean, Alfred, Stan, Nick, Ashley, Anthony, Jim, Patrick, Bill, Theresa, Barbara, Anne, Fred, Victoria, and those we now name; for those who have died, including Paul, and for those who grieve for them. May they have the sure hope of life eternal. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We see your light in the work of the scientists developing vaccines, in medical staffs of overfull hospitals, in the many people planning for distribution of the life-saving vaccines. Pour into them your strength for the hard work ahead. Help us to look to the future with optimism. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Your light shines in the joyous times of our lives, in the celebrations and thanksgivings. Today we give special thanks for the upcoming birthdays and wedding anniversaries in our congregation, for Greta, Monica, Hannah, John, J.B., Deepti, Diya, Vernon, Cheryl, Joseph, Ronald, Kent, Stuart, and Faith. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist speaking of Jesus, saying "I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Baptize us worshiping together today at Christ Church, across our diocese, and across the world, in the power of your Holy Spirit. We pray for our congregation, our clergy and lay leaders, our newcomers and visitors. We pray for the congregations of St. Anne's, Annapolis, of St. Luke's, Eastport, and of St. Margaret's, Annapolis. We pray for the congregations in the parishes of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, that they may be your light in their part of our world. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

"And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness." Jesus, our Bright Morning Star, light our way as we step from the darkness of 2020 into the hope of this New Year. ***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 Rev'd Emmanuel Mercer, *Rector*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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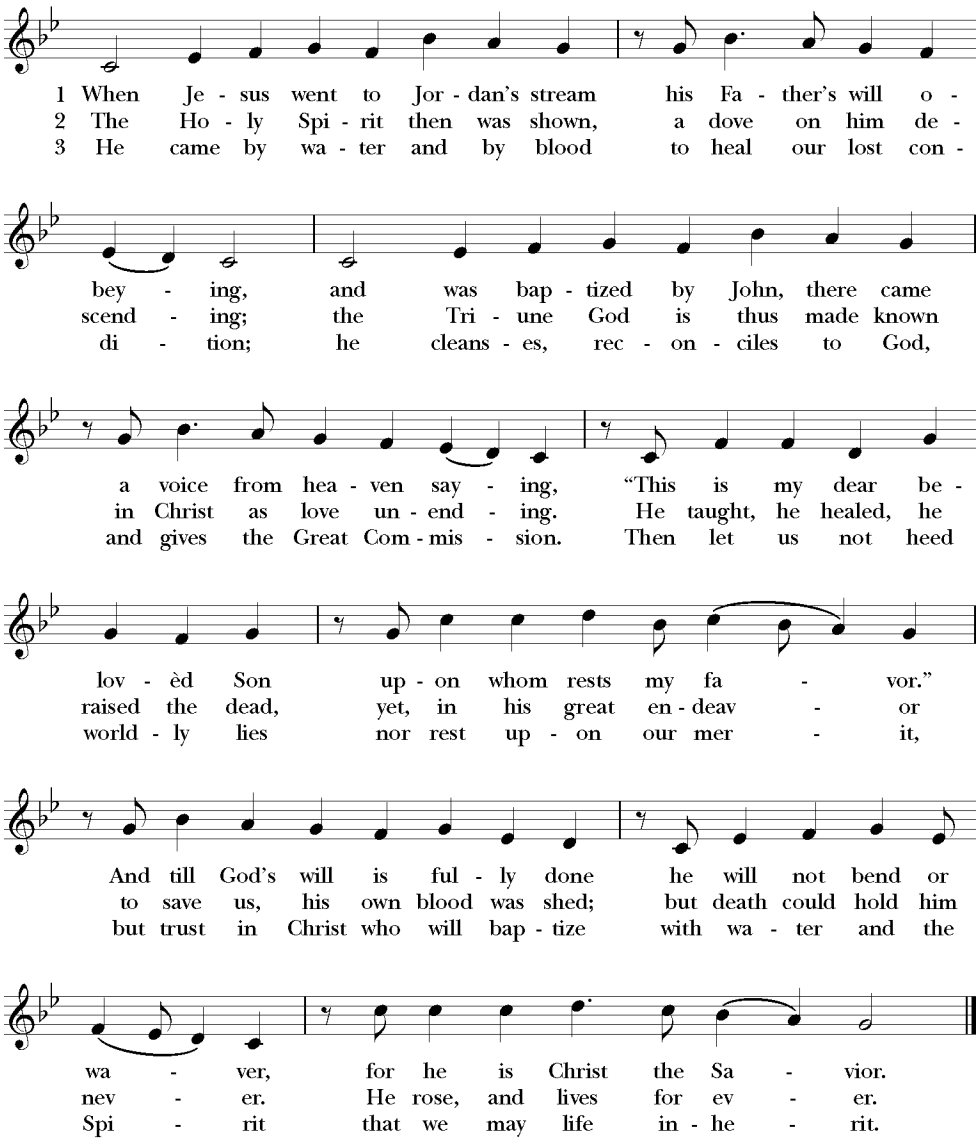
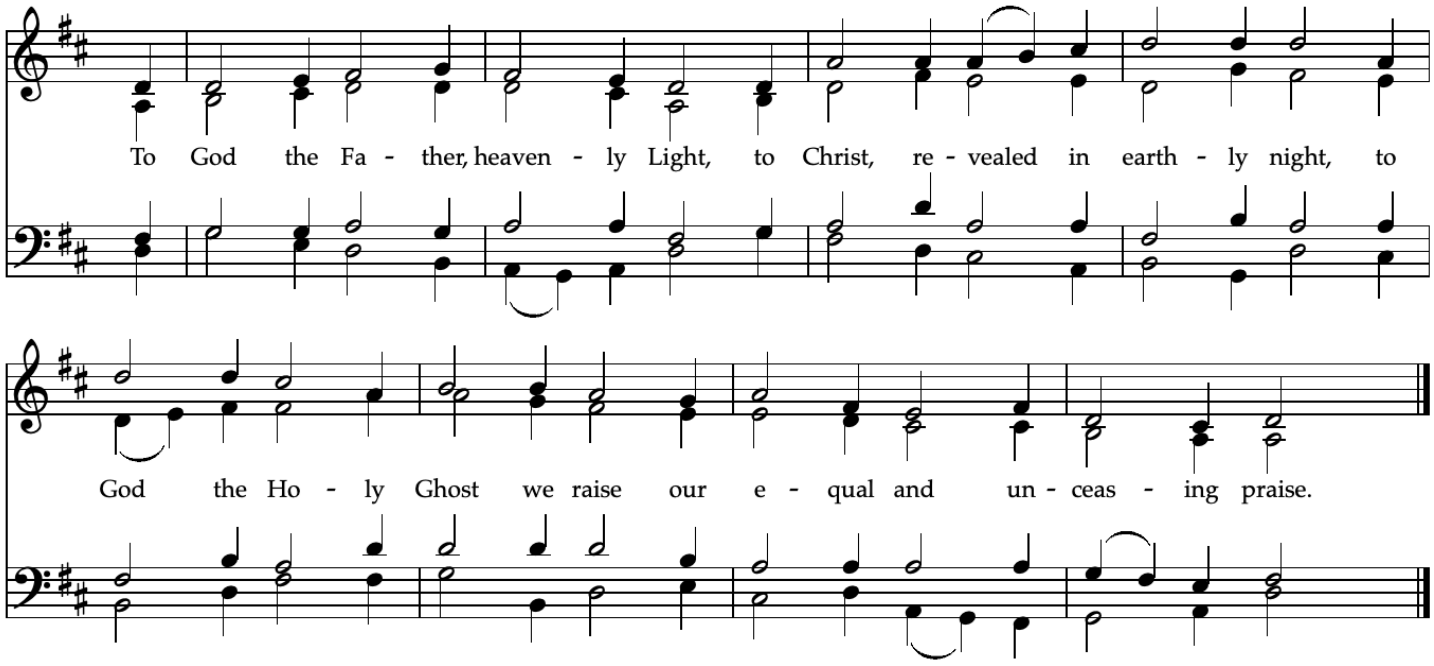


The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support Christ Church's work of showing God's love.

DOXOLOGY HYMN *Puer nobis*



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who 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: 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.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: **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 for ever.

People: **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.**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)

All: **In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving.
I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection;
I await your coming in glory.
And since I cannot receive you today
in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,
and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me,
in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN, stanzas 1-4

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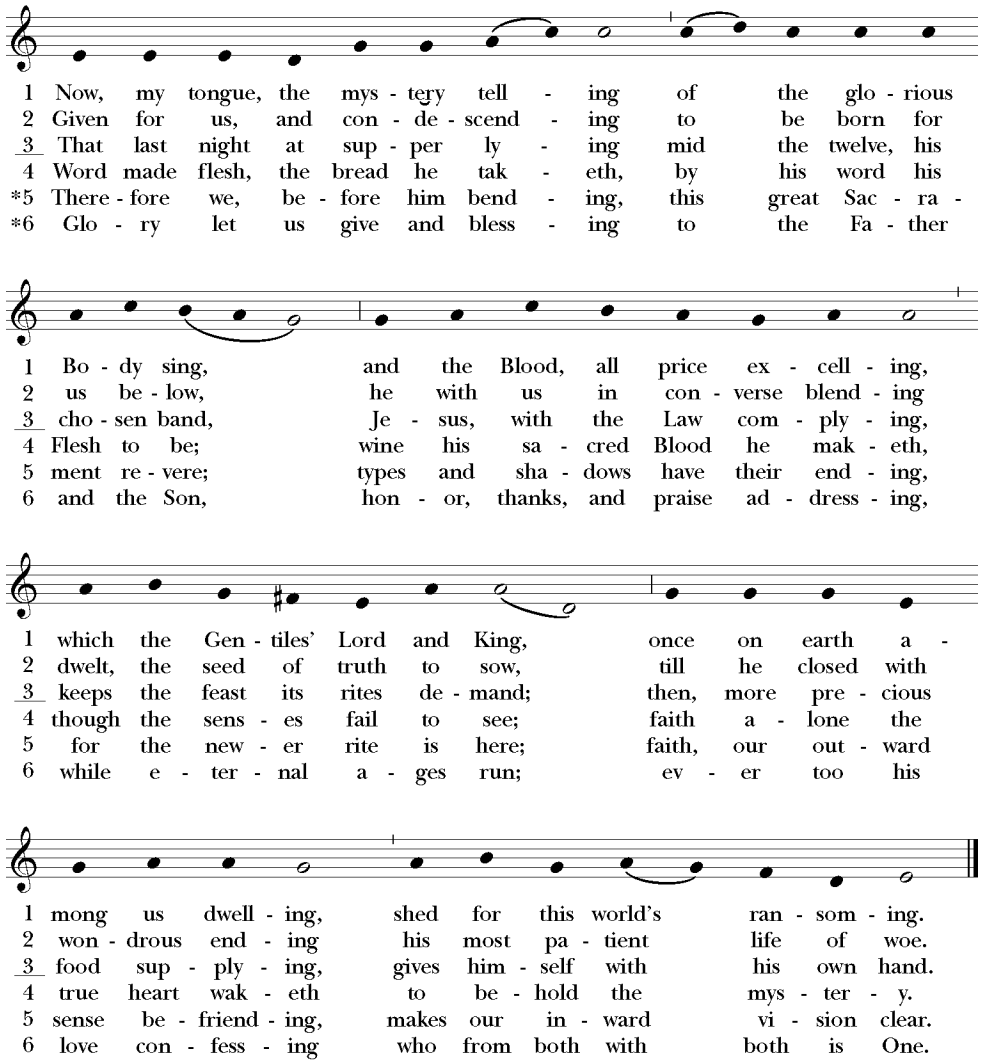


POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

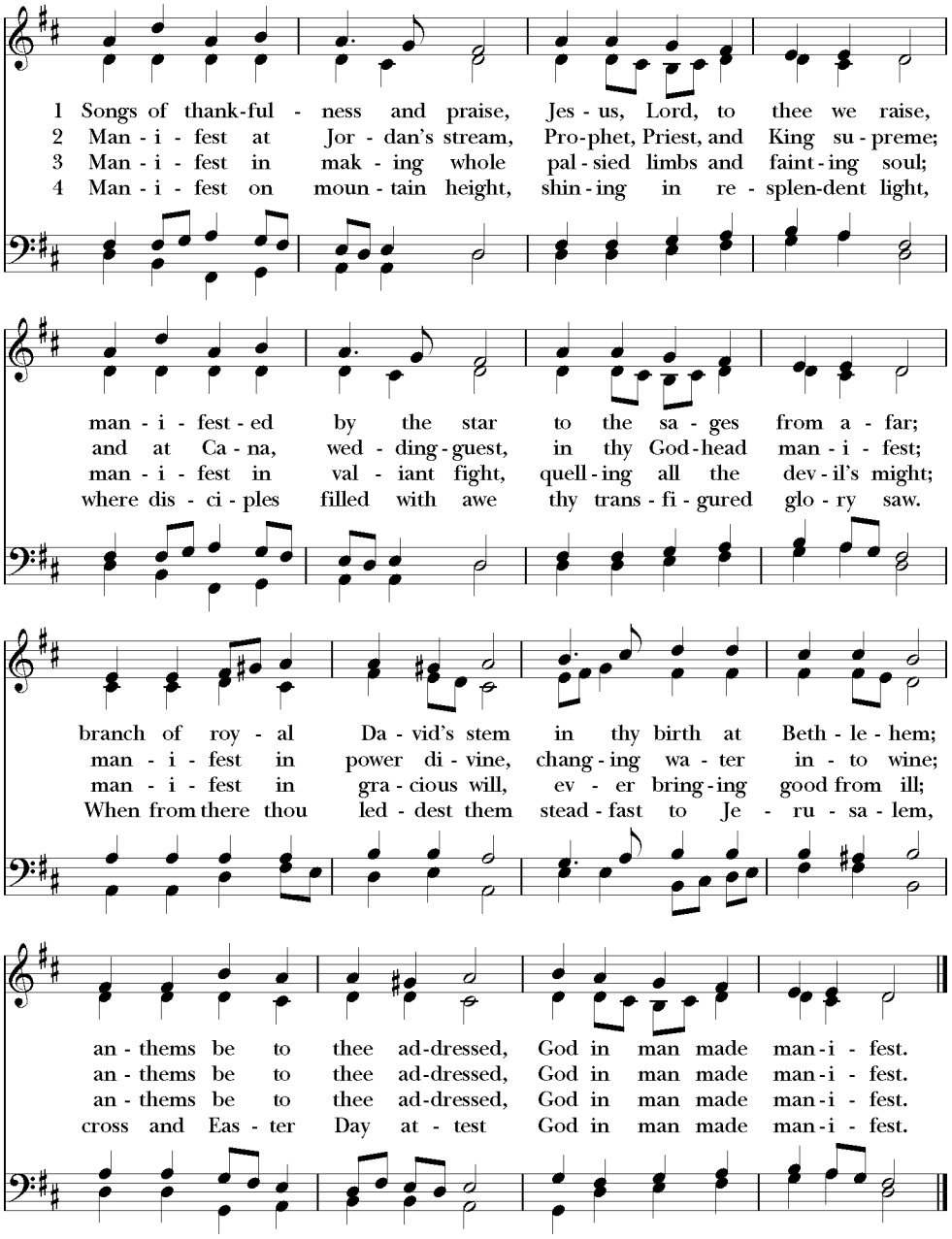
All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with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

THE BLESSING

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

Closing Hymn

Salzburg



The Dismissal

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Eucharist and Fellowship |Join us online this Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. as we livestream worship from Old Brick. Our broadcast will be live on our Christ Church website, YouTube, and Facebook pages, and you can worship using the service bulletin located here. A few minutes after the service ends, we'll have our Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom, so stop by and say "HELLO!" as we catch up with one another after the holidays. The Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is 830 0557 1585, and the password is SundayVCH. See you on Sunday!

Sunday School | We have weekly Sunday School classes for children on Zoom from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. Please fill out a registration form so that we are able to provide you with the Zoom codes. Our curriculum is *"Weaving God's Promises"* and we are in *Year 3: Weaving God's Community*. To learn more about our Sunday School offerings, please visit our website, and if you have any questions or are able to help facilitate classes, please contact Jennifer Atkins at dandjatkins@verizon.net.

We are also currently holding weekly Sunday School classes for middle & high schoolers on Zoom from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please fill out the registration form so that we can provide you with the Zoom codes. If you have any questions, please contact Yetti Lipede by emailing theodociayl@gmail.com.

Confirmation and Adult Inquirers Class - Sunday Afternoon | We invite all parishioners who are interested in being Confirmed, Reaffirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church or have the desire to deepen their faith, to join us on Sunday afternoons for Confirmation and Adult Inquirers class. Our next meeting is Sunday at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom. The Confirmation and Inquirers classes is one of the opportunities that we have to explore to explore the different and rich parts that shape and inform our faith. For information, contact Yetti -ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org or Fr. Manny - revmanany@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Morning and Evening Prayer – Weekdays | Due to increasing demands on our staff's time and energy, we've decided on a modified schedule for morning and evening prayer. We continue to offer morning prayer Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m., and evening prayer will now be offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to tune in via Facebook or the main page of our website, and join in the centering and healing Anglican practice of observing daily offices.

Lectionary Bible Study – Wednesdays | Bible Study takes place on Zoom each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and is a discussion on the readings for that coming Sunday. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and let's all study together. If you're interested, simply gather with us online next Wednesday. The Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is 854 7191 2087, and the password is BibleStudy. This information will also be in each Monday's *"This Week on Zoom at Christ Church"* email.

Diocese of Maryland Workshop - January 14th | The Diocese of Maryland is offering three online sessions of its *"Becoming Beloved Community"* Anti-Racism Workshop, and these take place on January 14th, 21st, and 28th from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. each week. This virtual workshop will focus on a series of videos that attendees will view prior to each session and those are provided prior to the workshop. There's a limit to the number of participants, so please register early. You can register online by clicking here. If you have any questions, please contact Adam Barner by emailing abarner@episcopalmaryland.org or Canon Chris McCloud by emailing cmccloud@episcopalmaryland.org.

Christ Church Book Discussion Group Restarts - January 22nd | On Friday, January 22nd the Christ Church Book Discussion Group will begin a new book, *"Love is the Way"* by the Reverend Michael Curry. It is based on his life experiences

and how love has guided his decisions. It was recently highlighted in an NPR radio interview. It has been a New York Times Bestseller. It is available on several bookseller websites in hardcover, audio, and digital format.

The Christ Church discussions are conducted via Zoom from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on a weekly basis. We usually cover 40-45 pages per week. We assign sections to different members of the group as primary presenters and then the rest of the group contributes to the discussion. This is a 270- page book, so we will end in late February. We have hosted 10-15 individuals for past book discussions, but we are very open to expanding our group.

If there are any questions, please contact Ellen Boudreau Hoke by cell phone at 301-452-7115, text message, or by email at efboudreau@gmail.com. We hope that you can join us. We are a friendly group and enjoy sharing our thoughts.

WOCC News for February | The WOCC next monthly meeting will take place Monday, February 1st at 1:00. Once again we will be meeting via the Zoom meeting app, which is free and available for sign up on Zoom.us. Please go to their site and sign up prior to the meeting. Feel free to join us!

In observance of American Heart Health Month, the WOCC is inviting you to wear something red. We would like to create a social media post of everyone wearing red, so between now and Wednesday, February 10th, please send in a photo of you in your finest! Email photos to announcements@christchurchcolumbia.org or text them at 717.800.1117. Thank you.

All the women of Christ Church over the age of 18 are members of WOCC. If you have any questions please contact the WOCC officers by emailing wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org: Gail Braatelien president; Rhonda Tomlinson, vice president; Cathy Gold, financial secretary; Joan Harvey, secretary; and Pamela Brown, chaplain.

CEC Staff Changes | As a result of budgetary constraints, I had to eliminate two staff positions - Parish Administrator and Ministries Coordinator. I have since hired Yetti Lipede as the part-time Interim Parish Coordinator with administrative responsibilities. It is our plan to hire a full-time Parish Administrator when we return to full capacity. ~*Manny*

COVID-19 Vaccination | I am incredibly excited about the new vaccination. I had the opportunity of being vaccinated a few days ago. I will encourage you to please get vaccinated when you get the chance. ~*Manny*

Call for 2021 Lenten Meditations - Submissions by February 7th | Each year since 2005, Christ Church assembles a Lenten Meditation Book of written or shared thoughts, reflections, poems, drawings, songs, stories, essays, spiritual passages from books, or scriptures that capture our thoughts and feelings at Lent. We try to focus on the year's Spiritual Life Theme in our contributions to the meditations. This year's theme is *Be God's Light That Shines in the Darkness.*

In 2021, our Parish has a shortened time to submit contributions to this booklet, as Ash Wednesday is early this year and falls on February 17th. We hope to have our online version and a number of printed copies available on February 14th. A staff member posts daily individual meditation book submissions on the Christ Church website and on our social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) throughout the 40 days of Lent. The Spiritual Life Commission will be happy to share last year's booklet with anyone wishing to see what type of material was submitted. Ellen Hoke (301-452-7115) and Donna Campagna (410-707-5197) are both available and willing to answer any questions by phone or text. Meditation submissions can be sent to Ellen Hoke's email at efboudreau1@gmail.com.

Please help us to compile a meaningful collection of meditations to be shared with our congregation, and with thousands of viewers online. We are so grateful for our community of faith, who always continue to inspire us.

Christ Church Supports Community Action Council of Howard County | In pre-pandemic times, you'll recall that Christ Church held periodic food drives at Giant supermarkets to collect groceries for the Howard County Food Bank, which is a pivotal initiative of the Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC). The last drive was held on a sunny, fall day 15 months ago *(see photo)*.

Perhaps now that we've entered a new year, with a roll-out of new vaccines against the coronavirus, Christ Church will be able to resume our food drives later in 2021. In the meantime, the CAC has been confronted with vast needs for food as

well as for the other services that it provides to residents in need. In recognition of this great demand, the Outreach Commission recently voted to contribute $1,000 in Vestry-approved funds to the CAC.

Leaders of the CAC have been reaching out to donors to acknowledge the support of the community and to describe actions during 2020 to ease the impact of the pandemic. From the outset of COVID-19 in March, CAC held 53 pop-up pantries that, in addition to other distribution methods, provided 1,356,448 pounds of food to 51,942 people. Also, 283 families were spared from homelessness; 414 homes were weatherized, saving families an average of $430 a year; 4,298 families kept the lights through assistance with their utility bills, and 322 students received quality full-day early childhood education through CAC's Head Start program.

These facts can be found on the non-profit organization's webpage for its mission statement. The CAC mission is: "To diminish poverty, enable self-sufficiency, and advocate for low-income families and individuals."

The Outreach Commission meets once a month on the second Monday and is scheduled to hold its next meeting virtually on Zoom, on Monday, January 11th. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. Log on at 7:30 p.m. with your ideas and New Year's resolutions to get more involved in volunteer activities! The Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is 847 5065 9984 and the password is Outreach01. For more information, email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Collection Drive Continues to Provide Diapers, Personal Care Items for CCC | Parishioners are asked to support Columbia Community Care (CCC), an all-volunteer effort that came together in Howard County in response to the pandemic, by collecting diapers and personal care items. The organizers have told Christ Church Vestry member Diane Phillips-Laguerre that these basics are scarce.

Besides diapers in all sizes and baby wipes, CCC needs women's sanitary care products, soaps, shampoo, deodorant, and other toiletries. Please put them in the yellow bin, marked CCC, just inside the Parish Hall door. You can drop off items on weekdays until 2 p.m., but we ask that you call the church office at (410) 381-9365 to let them know when you are coming.

Since its establishment last spring, CCC has become a vital nonprofit organization in meeting the needs of families in Howard County for food and other essentials. In the Howard Magazine's Best of Howard County competition in the fall, CCC was named "Pandemic Public Hero" and the best volunteer organization.

As of Dec. 2, CCC moved its operations indoors. Its new locations, all in Columbia, are Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., Faulkner Ridge Neighborhood Center, 10518 Marble Faun Lane, and Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center, 6061 Stevens Forest Rd.

Hours for volunteers and donation drop-offs are Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m., with lines open for guests at 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with lines open for guests at 10:30 a.m. Donations of food, personal items, and cleaning supplies can be brought to the sites during the above hours.

Several parishioners at Christ Church have contributed or volunteered to CCC. Information on volunteer slots can be found on the CCC website and on the group's Facebook page.

Non-perishable Food Items --No Glass, No Liquids-- Requested for FISH | In pre-pandemic days, a basket for food donations could be found at the altar. Yes, we still care about our hungry neighbors who get help from the nonprofit organization, FISH of Howard County. But please keep the weather in mind. Nowadays, that basket has been replaced by a yellow bin, marked "FISH" that is located on the breezeway between the Parish Hall and Old Brick. We ask that you continue to contribute items such as cereal and granola bars that will not freeze. Please do NOT bring canned goods, liquids in plastic such as juices and salad dressing, or glass containers.

The goods in the yellow bin are picked up periodically by FISH volunteer Paul Wisniewski for delivery at the FISH pantry.

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. Please consider contributing to Christ Church so that we may continue to support our parish staff, as well as those in need in our community and around the world. Christ Church has achieved much in the past because of everyone's generosity, and for that we are very grateful. 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 other 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

Donate Through the Diocese

The Diocese of Maryland offers another way to give directly to Christ Church. You'll find that option here. Once on that secure page, simply choose "Christ Church, Columbia" from the list of parishes, and fill in the required fields.

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, and if you have any questions, please email stewardship@christchurchcolumbia.org

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