

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, September 22, 2024 | 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.



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 community:

christchurchcolumbia.org. 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.

We are delighted you're here – welcome home!

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call his on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Opening Acclamation |

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

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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 |

Reader: A reading from Wisdom of Solomon.

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
“Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.
Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.
He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;
the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.

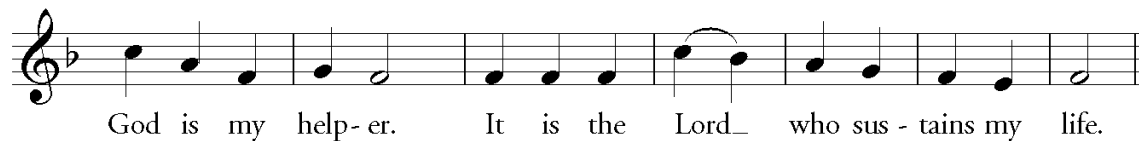
We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.
Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God’s child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.
Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 54 | *Deus, in nomine*



Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Antiphon

Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Antiphon

A Reading from James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a |

Reader: A reading from the Epistle of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

continued

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 658 | As Longs the Deer for Cooling Streams

Martyrdom

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in
 2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my
 3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope
 4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O
 thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -
 still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who
 God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.
 hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?
 is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.
 was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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-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.

Sermon | Kathy Lyon

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 |

“Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask...”

Thank you, Lord, for your incredible, constant, encompassing presence in our lives. Thank you for enabling us to be more than we ever believed to be possible. Thank you for forgiving us even when we are afraid to face You. *For all that we have and all that we are, thank you, Lord.*

We are so grateful for the wonderful world in which we live. Give us the grace to use its resources well and thoughtfully. Help us work to ensure a vibrant, healthy planet for future generations. Help those of us who live in lands of many resources find ways to share the resources of Your world with others who are not so fortunate. ***For all that we have and all that we are, thank you, Lord.***

When we are discouraged, cynical, or tired, Lord, help us see the joy and wonder of Your world through new eyes, for whom every day is fresh and full of possibilities. Help us find ways to support and care for all people living in or fleeing from the poverty-filled or war-torn parts of our world so that they, too, may live in Your joy and wonder. ***For all that we have and all that we are, thank you, Lord.***

For all the happy and celebratory times in our lives, we thank you, Lord. This week we remember the birthdays of Malcolm, Praise, Emily, Harrington, Tom, Rebecca & Shannon. We lift up the visitors and new parishioners worshipping with us today. ***For all that we have and all that we are, thank you, Lord.***

Help us, Lord, know the right and good ways to meet our responsibilities across the world. We pray for our spiritual leaders: our Bishops, the Clergy in our Parish, and our Postulants. Bless and guide the work of the people in The Church of North India (United) in the worldwide Anglican communion, in the churches of Redeemer, Baltimore, Slate Project, Baltimore, and St. David's, Baltimore in the Diocese of Maryland, and here in our own Christ Church in Columbia. ***For all that we have and all that we are, thank you, Lord.***

For those who are sick and for those who are dying, for those who are afraid and those who are lonely, for those who are seeking you with all their heart, for those who need the healing grace of Your Holy Spirit, for all our needs, those known to others and those known to You alone, we pray for Your presence, Lord. Today we especially pray for Dolores, Edvon, Kitzel, Claudia, Sarah, Jay, Rachan, Ian, Ron, Jerry, Dick, Kristin, Dawn, Kim, Sabrina, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Tim, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell, and those you now name. For those who have departed this life, we especially pray for Iquo Aribiah & Annie Eaton. ***For all that we have and all that we are, thank you, Lord.***

May we each feel your arms and your blessing, today and in every day to come. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin |

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

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

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

Passing the Peace | I Love You with the Love of the Lord

Jim Gilbert

**I love you with the love of the Lord,
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.
I can see in you the glory of my King
And I love you with the love of the Lord.**

Welcome and Announcements |

THE HOLY COMMUNION



Offertory Anthem | Down to the River to Pray

arr. Sheldon Curry

Please scan to give.



Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

**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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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

Ho-ly, ho - ly, - ho-ly, ho - ly - ho-ly - Lord God - of hosts -

- Heav-en and earth - are - filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in - the -

high - est - ! Bless-ed is the One who - comes in the name - of the Lord, -

- of the Lord - Ho - san - na - in the high - est, 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.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

Celebrant:

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

All:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer |

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread |

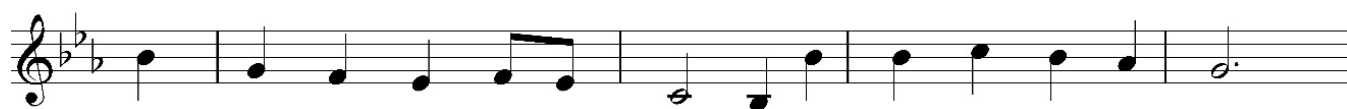
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Fraction Anthem LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis





1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:
 2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path-way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

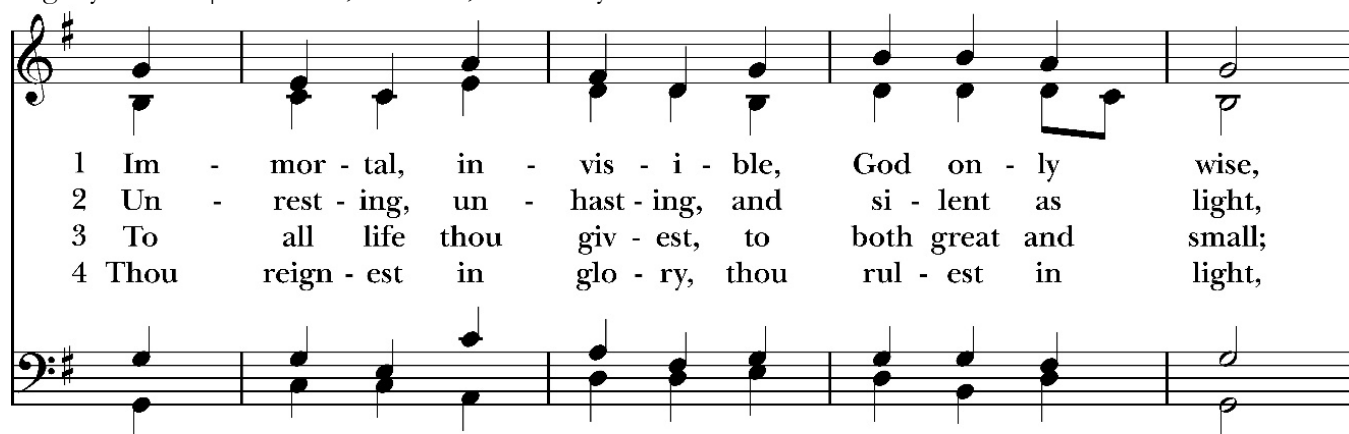
Post-Communion Prayer |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

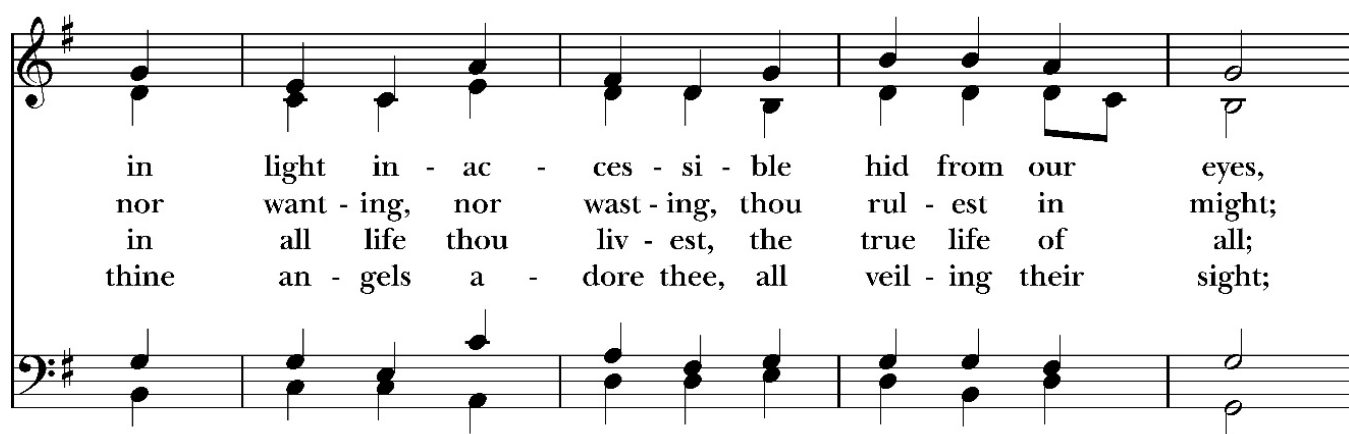
All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you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

The Blessing |

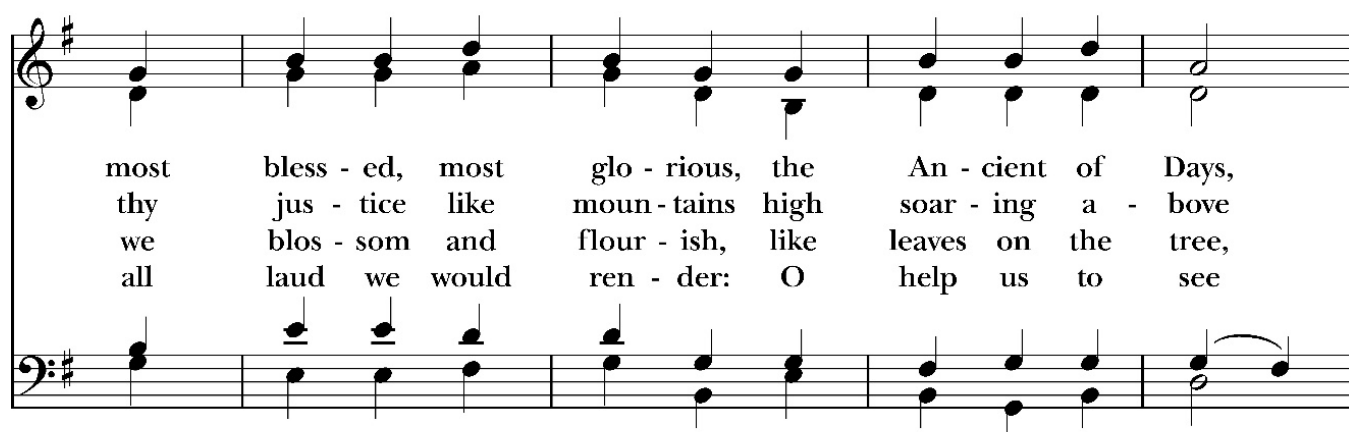
The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.



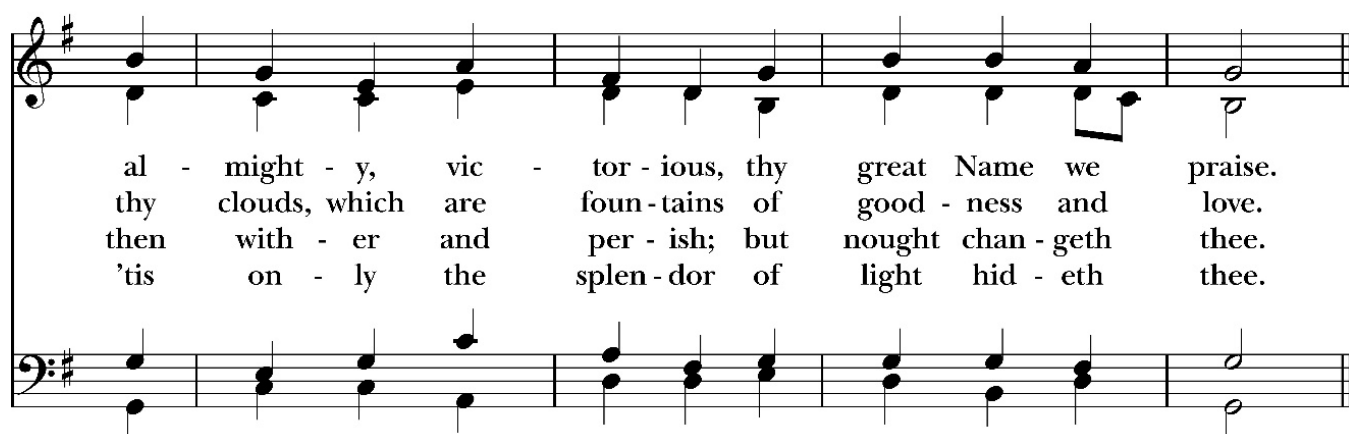
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Dismissal |

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

Postlude |

*Today's altar flowers were donated by Ellen Boudreau Hoke
in loving memory of her husband, Charles Hoke, Jr.*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Dione Mahoney

Usher: Kayode Fatodu, Diane Phillips LaGuerre

Chalicer: Dione Mahoney

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Steve Alpern

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, Cherry Williams, Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah,
Eva Oladipupo, Hope Oladipupo

Acolytes and Crucifer: Alex Opiri, Jasmine Opiri

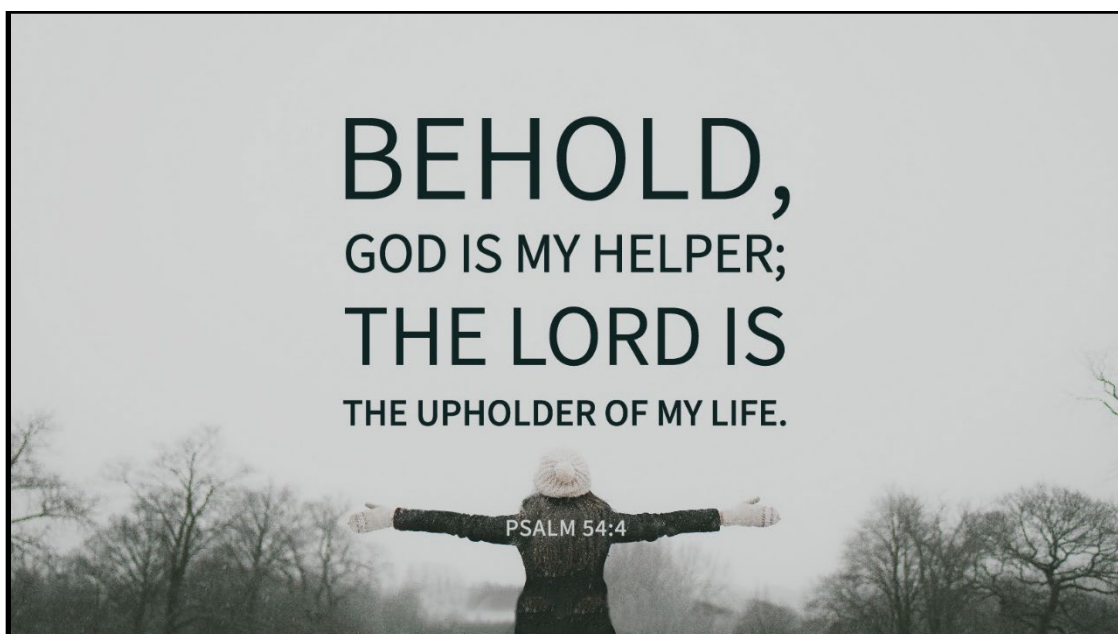
Chalicer: Steve Alpern, Theo Jones-Quartey

Altar Guild

Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah

Tellers

Judith Daffer, Catherine Miller



PARISH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 22 TO SEPTEMBER 28

Sunday, September 22

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Worship Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick & Zoom
9:30 am	School School – New Brick & Parish Hall
9:30 am	Parents Group – New Brick, lower level
10:30 am	Holy 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, September 23

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Refugee Ministry Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, September 24

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Envelope Stuffing – Parish Hall, conference room
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Vestry Meeting – New Brick, lower level & Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Wednesday, September 25

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, September 26

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:45 – 7:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, September 27

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 9:00 pm	“Cabrini” Movie Screening – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, September 28

11:00 – 1:00 pm	“Cabrini” Movie Screening – Parish Hall, 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.

Vestry Candidates - THE DEADLINE IS THIS SUNDAY

As of today, Christ Church's Vestry has approved the following candidates for election during the Annual Meeting this October. They are (in alphabetical order): Ed Chrzanowski, Sara Kirkpatrick, Isaac (Gbenga) Olajide, Kathy Simms, and George Toth. More information about these candidates will be published soon.

But there's still some time to submit nominations!

This year, there are four (4) slots open for election, and if you are a baptized Christian who is 16 years or older and are a giving member of record at Christ Episcopal Church, you are qualified to become a candidate. Additional candidates can be accepted by submitting a document containing at least ten (10) parishioner signatures. This must be delivered to the church office or handed to one of the Wardens, Jan or Isaac, by THIS SUNDAY, September 22nd, at 5:00 p.m. The election will be held at Christ Church's Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th (only one service that day, at 10:00 a.m.).

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer is a weekly evening prayer gathering that can help 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. We are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. The Zoom link is here, the Meeting ID is 875 9496 3596 and the Passcode is Centering! You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church, or by emailing centering@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Office Assistance Needed - September 24

Aisha needs help with the stewardship mailing next Tuesday, September 24th. If you can spare a little time that morning, please come to the Parish Building at 10 a.m. Thanks.

Christ Church Choir - Thursdays

Singers and music lovers, come lift your voice! The Christ Church Choirs rehearse in New Brick every Thursday evening, and anyone is welcome to join us. Handbell Choir meets from 6:45-7:30 p.m. and Adult Choir meets from 7:30-9:00 p.m. You don't need to know how to read music, so whether you have previous experience or are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choirs. If you're interested, please speak with Larissa on Sundays, email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org, or come visit us in New Brick on a Thursday evening.

Christ Church Book Club - Thursdays

The CECBC is back to our regular day and time with our current book, David Brooks' *The Road to Character*. If you're interested in reading and discussing great books with a friendly, engaging, and welcoming group of fellow parishioners, join us! We choose a book as a group, read a chapter or two each week, and then gather virtually for an hour or so on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. to share thoughts and have lively conversations - the Zoom link is here, the Meeting ID is 817 9855 4366, and the Passcode is CECbooks. If you have any questions, email bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Movie Nights - September 27, 28, & October 4

The WOCC presents the movie *Cabrini* and this screening is open to the public, so join us next Friday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, September 28th at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall's lower level. The film chronicles the story of Francesca Cabrini, who had founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to serve orphans and abandoned children in Italy, and arrived in New York City in 1889. While there, she and the other Sisters successfully established charity and hospital work and took care of many children, while encountering resistance to her work, sexism, and racism. Bring movie munchies!

First Wednesday Fellowship - October 2

Happy Autumn - this month's FWF gets into the fall spirit with a soup potluck! Everyone, please bring a pot of your favorite homemade soup to share, and we'll have bread, salad, and other dishes, as well. Of course, there will also be a game to enjoy, too!

And be sure to bring your *Healthy September Challenge* bingo card from last month's FWF with you - remember, there are prizes for the winner! It's not too late to get in on the fun - download the *Healthy September Challenge* bingo card here, and start marking off the boxes with your achievements. Then join us next month and see if you win!

Movie Night – October 4

Come to the lower level of the Parish Building on October 4th for George Toth's screening of the documentary *The Privileged Planet*, which explores the conditions on Earth that allow for intelligent life and a well-suited place for viewing and analyzing the universe. Through stunning computer animation, interviews with leading scientists, and spectacular images of Earth and the cosmos, the film explores a startling connection between our capacity to survive and our ability to observe and understand the universe. Is this correlation merely a coincidence? Or does it point to a deeper truth about purpose and intelligent design within the cosmos?

If you would like to present a movie night or a film series at Christ Church, please email info@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Ministry Calendar Meeting - October 5

It's time to hold Christ Church's next calendar planning meeting, and we'll cover events scheduled for the remainder of this year and into 2025. This is a hybrid meeting, and we ask at least one representative from each ministry to attend - breakfast from Bob Evans will be served to those meeting on-site. Gather with us in the Great Hall or on Zoom (link to follow) on Saturday, October 5, at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please email the Church Office.

Annual Report Submissions Due October 6

At each year's Annual Meeting, we publish and distribute the Christ Church Annual Report, which outlines the parish's activities and ministries of the past year, and shares plans for the coming one. In order to do this, we ask that every leader or representative please write a few sentences or paragraphs about your ministry/group's activities and achievements, and send them to Chris at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org so he can include them. If you have a special photo or photos you'd like us to include, send those, too. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, October 6th. Thank you.

Taizé at Christ Church - October 6

If you've never been to a Taizé service before, you're in for something quite special. Be sure to gather with us the first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. as Christ Church offers a service of contemplative prayer and music in the tradition of the Taizé community of France - a community that promotes peace and justice through prayer and meditation. Our Taizé Vespers service focuses on silence, holy words, prayer, and singing, and offers a chance to meditate and reflect on God's love and presence in one's life, to offer prayer for oneself and others, and to share in a supportive community of fellow pilgrims. The next Taizé gathering is October 6th at 6 p.m. and we encourage you to gather with us in the New Brick Sanctuary for this uniquely exceptional and restorative service.

WOCC at Olive Garden - October 7

The WOCC will host their monthly meeting at Olive Garden on October 7. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for great food and conversation. No sign-up is necessary - just meet us there!

"Leading in Divided Times" - October 8

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland and the One America Movement are excited about the upcoming series of workshops: "Leading in Divided Times." This four-part series will allow both clergy and lay leaders to gather and will be broken into four sections. Each session will be livestreamed on Zoom beginning on the evening of Tuesday, October 8th and everyone is welcome to take part. If you would like more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/3xMcq8L>.

Christ Church's Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections - October 20

We will host our Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections on Sunday, October 20, and on this day, we have only one service at 10:00 a.m. in New Brick, with a potluck lunch and Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections to follow. As has been our practice, we invite parishioners to donate meals for our communal brunch, and [you can sign up here](#). Please be sure to join us on this day - it's when we review our past year's ministries and activities while making plans for our leadership in the coming year, learn about where we're headed soon as a parish, and is certainly one of the most important gatherings of the year.

Christ Church's Annual Auction - Begins October 26

An Evening in Paris, our theme for the 2024 Christ Church Auction, begins on October 26 - yes that is just over one month from now! The Silent and Live Auction, as well as the ever-popular 50/50 auction, will take place on Saturday evening, November 2. The most important date to remember right now is October 6, so between now and then, please enter your donations so the committee can finalize the catalog.

There are two ways you can do this:

- You can enter them directly into the Auction website using this page on the Christ Church website: www.christchurchcolumbia.org/auction. Then click on the "Donation" link and fill out the short form. Please attach photos if you are providing your own (if you are a new donor, please click that box and fill out that information as well).
- You can send info about your donation to the Auction Committee an email - auction@christchurchcolumbia.org. Please include 1) your name, 2) the name of the item you are donating, 3) a brief description of it, 4) the fair market value, 5) if there is a minimum price for this item, and pictures if you are taking your own. If you have never donated to the auction, please include your email address, your actual address and your phone number. Any questions? Drop us an email at auction@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Save these important dates:

- Enter donations on the Auction website by Sunday, October 6 (no deliveries just yet!)
- Drop off items needing to be photographed by the CEC Auction team between October 6-13

- Drop off all other donations Friday, Nov 1 (noon to 7 pm) and Sat. (9 am to noon)
- The online auction runs from October 26 - November 1
- Silent and live auctions & 50/50 raffle drawing on Saturday night, November 2

If you would like to volunteer to help us with the Auction or have any questions about it, please email us at auction@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Larissa and Friends Recital - Saturday, November 9

We are thrilled to present our Music Director, Larissa Sanders, in her fall Christ Church recital - now an annual tradition. Larissa and her selection of incredibly talented musicians and vocalists will present a program of beautiful music spanning several centuries and cultures. Light refreshments will be served at a reception following the performance, as well. Come to the New Brick Sanctuary on Saturday, November 9th for an evening that's sure to entertain everyone. Stay tuned for ticket information, but save the date now!

Our Altar Guild Needs Your Assistance

The Christ Church Altar Guild needs your help more than ever. The ministry is looking for a few people to help them every few weeks by providing clean linens and liturgical items for our worship services. We currently have three teams, but if we can create one more, then each only has to manage one week a month. It's a wonderful and special way to serve your parish and be a vital and supportive part of our worship. If you are interested in signing up, please speak with Pam Foreman or any Altar Guild member, or visit www.christchurchcolumbia.org/altar-guild.

300th Anniversary News

The new landing page for the 300th Anniversary celebrations is live on our website, so visit www.christchurchcolumbia.org/300 and see how we are gearing up for a year-long series of special gatherings, activities, and parties! Please bookmark it and check for updates often. It's still early days, but committees are already taking shape and making plans. We are always looking for more people to provide their input and would love to have you join us. This celebration is a massive milestone for our church, and we encourage everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you are interested in assisting, please speak with Robin Bradley at church, [complete the brief contact form on our website](#), or email 300@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Home Sweet Home - This Sunday

The WOCC, in partnership with Grassroots, is providing new "Home Sweet Home" kits for those who have been homeless and now found an opportunity to have a home of their own. The kits include much-needed, common materials for anyone who needs assistance with starting such an important life chapter.

[Please visit our sign-up sheet here](#), which has specific items you can provide. From trash cans to gift cards, each item will make them feel more at home. Your item donations can then be deposited into the marked bin near the Outreach table in the Tower Room of New Brick. If you have any questions or need assistance, please speak with Jo Emily Knox or Sara Kirkpatrick at church, or email WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org. We hope you'll participate in this program, which ends this Sunday, September 22nd.

Hands-On Volunteer Opportunity: Grab a 1-Hour Shift on Saturday, Oct. 5th at Dorsey's Search Giant Supermarket to Aid Two Food Pantries

On Saturday, Oct. 5, Christ Church will hold a food drive at a local Giant supermarket, engaging shoppers to collect hundreds of pounds of non-perishable groceries for the Howard County Food Bank and its partner, [SAFE Food Pantry](#) (SAFE).

Several of you have already signed the clipboard in the Narthex to take a shift of an hour, or more. Choose a time between noon and 4 p.m. at Dorsey's Search Giant, 4715 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, Md., 21043, located

near MD Rt. 108 and Columbia Road. Walk-ins and children are welcome! We are continuing a family-friendly, hands-on activity that Christ Church most recently held in April at a Giant store in Clarksville (*see photo above*).

During the Spring Food Drive, shoppers enthusiastically responded to our requests to buy suggested items on a list. The yield was 1,440 pounds of non-perishables for the Food Bank and 120 pounds for SAFE. Let's do even better at the Fall Food Drive!

The Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC) operates the Food Bank, using a client-choice model just like a grocery store to help people struggling to make ends meet. CAC tells us demand is greater this year than before. For example, in the first four months of 2024, CAC reported a 23 percent increase in shopping visits per month and a 21 percent increase among households with children when compared to the same period in 2023.

The Food Bank's partner, SAFE, provides free gluten-free and allergy-safe foods for low-income households. It is celebrating its 10th anniversary in October as a volunteer-run nonprofit whose full name says it all: Supplying Allergy Friendly and Emergency Food Pantry. SAFE distributes to registered households through the Food Bank and at its site and maintains a donation bin at Christ Church near the rear exit of the Parish Hall.

Donate a Used Bike on Saturday, Oct. 5th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Free Bikes 4 Kidz Annual Collection Day at Howard County Fire Stations

Please help Free Bikes 4 Kidz Maryland (FB4K) on its annual collection day, Saturday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at every fire station in Howard County. No matter how dusty –or rusty – FB4K wants your used child- or adult-sized bikes. As the organization says on its Facebook page, “We take bikes in any condition—even if your bike can't be fixed, we'll take usable parts off of it and correctly recycle the rest.” Volunteers for FB4K will refurbish the bikes and give them away to local children in need and to nonprofit organizations in December. Since 2019, FB4K has given away 9,000 bikes, including adult bikes last year and in 2022 at the request of Christ Church. A bike went to one of the Afghan refugee families who are supported by the Interfaith Refugee Ministry and another went to St. Luke's Youth Center (SLYC) for a college-bound youth as described in the Outreach Blog of Sept. 22, 2022.

Columbia Community Care Needs Diapers and Other Baby-Care Items

Columbia Community Care (CCC) continues to need baby-care items and diapers. Sizes 4-6 are in the greatest demand. It currently has an inventory of pull-ups, thanks to a generous individual donor. Also, consider collecting sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. 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.

Those who need groceries and other necessities can find information by going online to the “Get Help” section of CCC's website. Or learn how to volunteer at CCC's distribution sites or as a translator or a shopper at its pantry. Check for updates on the CCC Facebook Group.

Look for the FISH Bin on the Breezeway near the Parish Hall

FISH of Howard County requests non-perishable foods and toiletries, which we collect 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.

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.



VIOLENCE

A few days ago, we heard in the news of the assassination attempt on the life of the former president-Donald Trump. Thank God this was averted, and the would-be assassin has been arrested and is in jail. This was the second attempt at the life of the former President.

I heard about the first attempt at his life when I was away on my sabbatical. That was such a close contact with mortality. I was so worried about it that I immediately felt that I had to write about it, but I decided against it with the promise to share my thoughts about that upon my return. Then, just when I am beginning to settle in, we have another attempt at the life of the former President.

I agree with President Biden when he says violence has no place in our political discourse. We settle our disagreements at the ballot box. To resort to violence as an attempt to settle disagreement undermines the very foundation of who we are and the system that has been bequeathed to us by our forbearers.

There's no doubt that throughout human history, many are the folks who have used violence to settle scores. If you ask me to count, I wouldn't be able to, because it is innumerable. But it shouldn't be lost on me nor anyone else that for some people, violence may not necessarily be the last resort but rather the first and only result. For some, the jungle mentality of the survival of the fittest, where the end justifies the means, and that I ought to win by any means necessary, is all that matters. For those who cannot see themselves in any other way other than a diminutive interpretation of their own sad narrative, life is a war that must be fought. And they must win.

But life has never been about a war, nor is this beautiful earth a battleground. Yes, wars arise and have arisen between nation-states and people, but an interesting thing about wars is that we don't have war forever. At some point, wars each come to an end, and we turn our swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. That, in itself, should remind each of us that violence has never been a solution.

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I have learned that relationships shouldn't be about survival, nor should the way we organize our common life. Rather, it should be about thriving. Whether we are in a relationship or at church or in any city, town, county, state, or country, we should be about the business of making people thrive - and violence doesn't make anyone thrive.

One of the interesting sites that I visited on my sabbatical is the Coliseum in Rome. It is such a beautiful architectural work. You can only imagine the amount of labor that went into building what I term a beautiful architectural work. The Coliseum was built over two thousand years ago without the benefit of modern technology. It is just mindboggling to see it and walk into that space. But yet, when you see that beautiful work, what you also see is violence - a sort of violence that was perpetrated against the weak, and even some Christians. It was a kind of violence that had been passed off as entertainment.

Violence, like anger, doesn't solve any problem nor does it offer solutions to the myriad of problems that we face. Violence only introduces fear, intimidation, submission, suppression, cowardice, and coercion. And these do not help people to be the best nor does it help anyone to offer their very best.

There's this belief in the battle of ideas. That is what excites me because I love ideas. I thrive on ideas. I love it when I pop up a million ideas and also see other people pop up a million more ideas. Ideas are what turn our world around from its dark places to places of vitality and growth. Ideas turn our beleaguered selves into engines of optimism. Ideas always question our disposition to violence, and ideas lift people and inspire them to offer their very best selves, shape the destiny of our world, and renew the human promise.

But whatever ideas you possess have to be tested with other ideas, not through violence but through persuasion and compromise.

Whenever I read these words from the prophet Isaiah - *"He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore."* - my eye turns toward a world devoid of violence, one where the tools of violence and war are used in a totally different way, where the tools of war and violence are used to enhance the human condition.

I believe that God has given us all that we need to thrive, and so during this heightened political season, let's not question whether we have enough to survive. We do have more than enough to thrive.

The question is, do we see the trees that God has given us to use in making tables, or are we praying to God for tables?

I know I am not as big as the elephants in the Kenyan plains. I cannot soar like the eagles in the prairies of Minnesota. I cannot run as fast as the cheetahs, nor can I roar like an African lion. But I can see the beautiful creation from which we can create a non-violent world.

Blessings,

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