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COLUMBIA, MD

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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 3, 2021 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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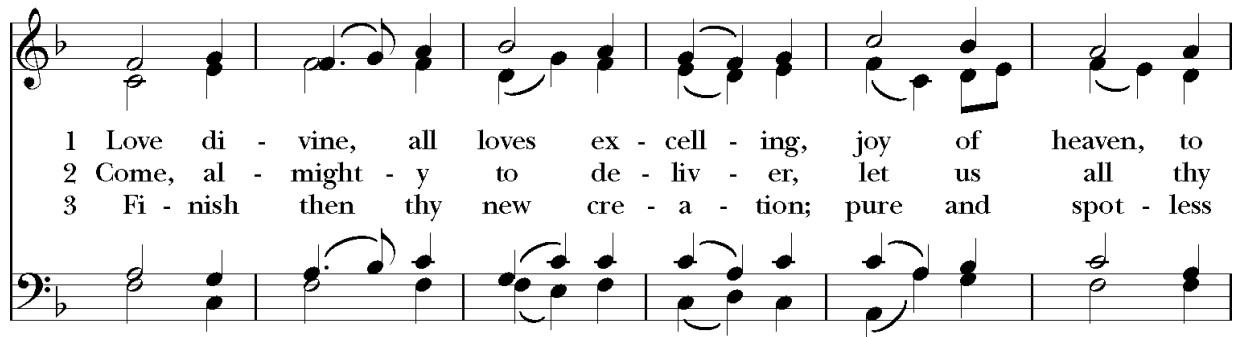
THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE - *Rhosymedre*

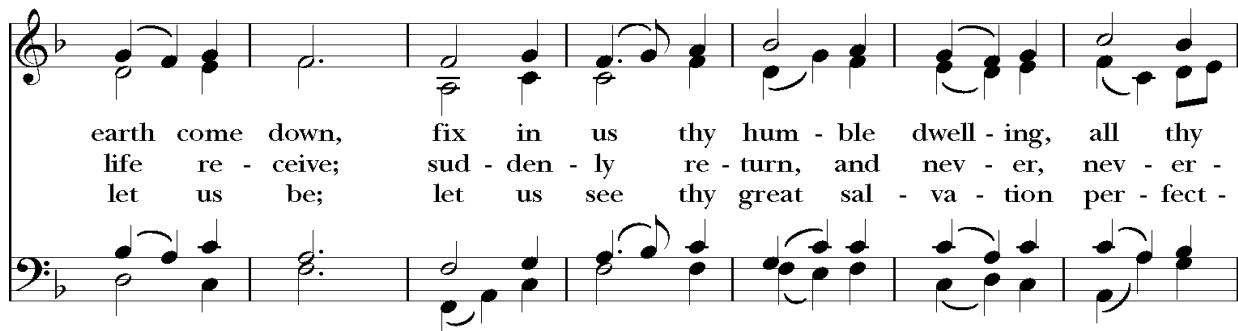
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

OPENING HYMN - 657

Hyfrydol



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

(continued)



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,
 pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our
 thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,*

praise him and highly exalt him forever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,*

praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Let the earth glorify the Lord,*

praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,*

and all that grows upon the earth,

praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams,*

O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord,*

praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,*

and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,*

praise him and highly exalt him forever.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN - 587

Rhosymedre

1 Our Fa - ther, by whose Name all fa - ther-hood is known,
2 O Christ, thy - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Spi - rit, who dost bind our hearts in u - ni - ty,

who dost in love pro - claim each fam - i - ly thine own,
with heart still un - de - filed, thou didst to man-hood come;
who teach - est us to find the love from self set free,

bless thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless, in ev - ery place, that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease, that ev - ery home, by

sen - ti - nel, the homes in which thy peo - ple dwell.
hold thy face, and know - ing thee may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) Music: *Rhosymedre*, John Edwards (1806-1885)

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

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

SERMON

Kate Riley

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

Praying together the words of this morning's opening collect, we say ***"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."***

We pray for all people across our world who this day are afraid, impoverished, or hungry; for those whose lives have been devastated by natural or human-made disaster; for those whose desperation has led them to flee their homes to try to find a better life in a new land. We pray for refugees and immigrants everywhere, today remembering those seeking new lives in our country, especially the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, and Central America. ***Hear us, O Lord.***

We pray for the people and leaders of the Anglican Communion worldwide, in our Diocese and here at Christ Church. Specifically, we pray today for the Church in Wales, for St. George's, Hampstead; St. James, Monkton and St. John's, Western Run, for the ordained and lay ministers and leaders here at Christ Church, for our congregation, for all newcomers and visitors. May we each be your light shining in the darkness, giving hope where it is so needed in our world. ***Hear us, O Lord.***

As we approach our annual meeting and our 2022 stewardship drive, we pray for your grace to discern the best way to do our part to support the ministries, programs, staff and buildings that form the foundation for Christ Church's work in the world. Open our hearts and inspire our minds as we each determine what we will, in thanksgiving, offer of our time, our treasure, our talents. ***Hear us, O Lord.***

Lord, you have promised to be with us always. Pour out your presence upon those today who are ill, who are struggling, who are lonely, who are approaching death. Pour out your peace upon them and those who care for and who love them. Hold them in the palm of your almighty hand. In our Christ Church family, we pray especially today for Ritta, Jack, Mindy, Bunmi, Frantz, Sam, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Ana, Theresa, Nell, Victoria, Jim, Roberta, Kathleen, Ashley, Ron & Jeanette, and for all others for whom we care. Embrace in your loving arms those we love who have died, especially Chris Hall, Shelly Battle, Garth Burleyson, and Elizabeth Mercer-Ricketts, and comfort all who mourn them. ***Hear us, O Lord.***

For all that is good and wonderful and happy in our lives, we give you thanks. We pray today for members of our congregation who celebrate birthdays especially Theodore, Stacey, Jesse, Patricia, Charles, Michelle, Barbara & Keri, and anniversaries this coming week of Stacey & Patrick Frith, Jena & Sean Peay, Erin Cassidy & Jason Whong, Jeannette & Randolph Wild, Chad & Lynn Foor, and Melanie & Nick Yaksich. May their joy be full. ***Hear us, O Lord.***

The writer of today's psalm declared "Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you." May we, too, have eyes to see and hearts to know that your love is with us always. And by your help, may we walk faithfully by your side, this day and always. ***AMEN.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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

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

People: Amen.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN - 602

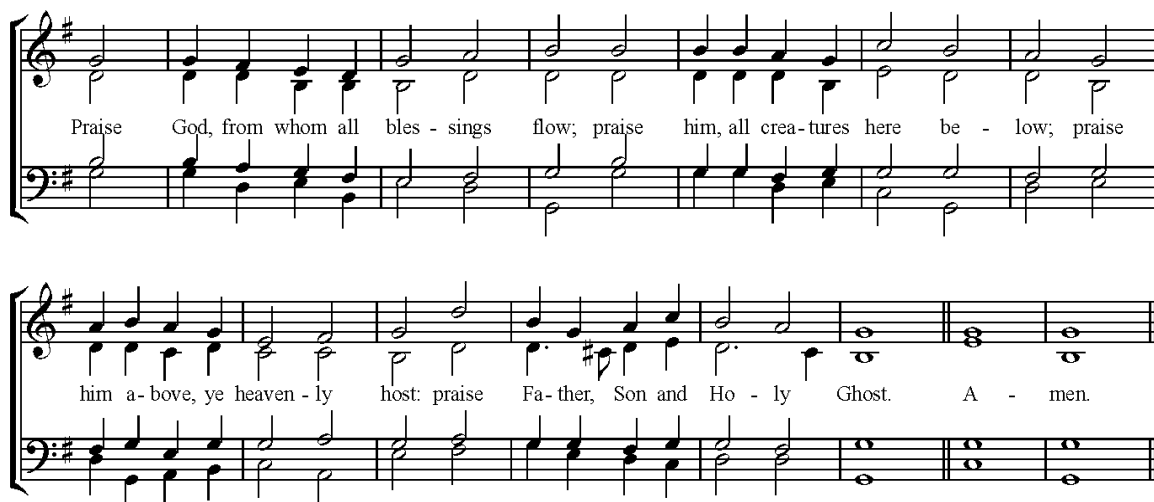
Chereponi [Jesu, Jesu]

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you. **D.C.**



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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

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

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

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

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***All:* Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and 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,

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.**

COMMUNION HYMN – *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Spiritual, Arr. Arlen Clarke
Catherine Hinton & Tristan Latchford, duet

*Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

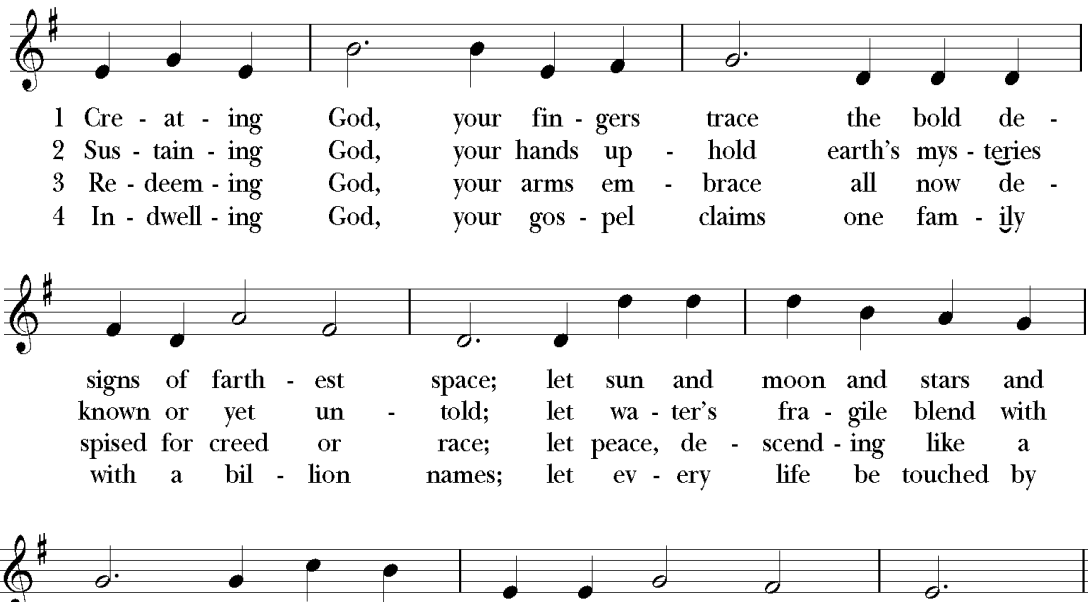
All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness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

THE BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN - 394

Wilderness



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - teries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - ily

signs of farth - est space; let sun and moon and stars and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's fra - gile blend with
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
with a bil - lion names; let ev - ery life be touched by

light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - *Tuba Tune*

Craig Stellar Lang

*The Organist for today's 10:30 worship is Len Langrick
Len is the new Interim Director of Music at Christ Episcopal Church*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Welcome, Len, to the Christ Church Family! | It is with great pleasure that we introduce to you Len Langrick, who begins his role of Interim Director of Music at Christ Church this weekend. Len will be with us for the entire program year, and he has lots of great plans for our music ministry, so watch this space in the coming weeks for more news! He'll be up in the Choir Loft as he plays our church organ during this Sunday's 10:30 worship, so if you come to church be sure to look up and say, "HELLO!" to Len after the service. You can learn a bit more about Len on [our website's Staff page](#) and can email him at music@christchurchcolumbia.org at any time.

Christ Church Sunday School | Sunday School is back! The registration form is located [here](#), and you can send them to ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org to enroll your child(ren). Elementary school sessions begin at 9:15 a.m. and you can receive the Zoom link by emailing Jennifer Atkins at dandjatkins@verizon.net. The older youth session begins at 9:30 a.m. and is run by our new Youth Minister, Todd Domer. You can reach Todd at youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org for Zoom details.

Adult Forum: Sunday Circle | Christ Church invites you to join our Adult Formation group. **Sunday Circle** is an in-person, community-circle class. This gathering meets between worship services from 9:30-10:15 a.m. each Sunday during the school year and is located outside. (When the weather permits, or in Old Brick when it doesn't.) Every month there is a new theme of lessons with opportunities for discussion, sharing, fellowship, and prayers. October's lesson theme is about Stewardship and Gratitude, and today's lesson is entitled "Focused Prayers (Psalm 100, 2 Tim 2:1)"

WOCC Meeting: Monday, October 4th | The WOCC's September meeting will take place next Monday, October 4th, at 1:00 pm. Once again, we will be meeting via the Zoom meeting app, which is free and available for sign-up on www.Zoom.us. Please go to their site and sign up prior to the meeting. If you're a woman 18 and older, you're already a member of the WOCC so feel free to join us! The Zoom link is [here](#), the meeting ID is 843 0204 4790 and the password is cecWOCC. The WOCC is also invited to a special Labyrinth Walk at St. John's Episcopal Church in Ellicott City on Monday, October 11th. [You can read more about this wonderful outdoor feature and the event details on our website.](#)

Racially Aware Group of Episcopalians: Tuesday, October 5th | We invite everyone to join us as we host conversations that aim to provide action and advocacy to end racism. On Tuesday, October 5th at 7:30 p.m., we will reflect on lessons from the popular podcast series, NPR's *Code Switch*. This series presents "...*fearless conversations about*

race that you've been waiting for. Hosted by journalists of color, [it] tackles the subject of race with empathy and humor [and explores] how race affects every part of society..." This week, we'll be discussing the episode "Show Me The Money," which explores a recent "radical experiment" in Vermont to encourage reparations from the community. Those joining should listen to this 35-minute episode in advance, as during the meeting we'll discuss its main themes and identify specific options for engaging in the work of reparations. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is 839 9957 3019, and Password is 799332.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday | Bible Study is back to gathering in person each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and will be a discussion on the readings for that coming Sunday. Next week's gathering focuses on these readings (we are using Track 1 this season). 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 on Wednesday morning in the Great Hall.

Christ Church Book Club: Friday, October 8th | Our Book Club is taking this week off but is gathering virtually next Friday, October 8th from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Our current read is *What Did Jesus Ask?* a collection of essays by theologians and notable people on questions asked by Jesus in the New Testament. You can find this book at the usual retailers. We hope that you'll find time to join us for this engaging and enlightening group discussion. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is 894 0227 6226 and the Password is CECbooks.

Annual Meeting: Sunday, October 17th | Christ Church's Annual Meeting has been scheduled for October 17, 2021. As per our custom, we will have one service at 10:00 a.m.; immediately after the service, we'll hold a hybrid meeting. After this meeting adjourns, we'll reconvene at 5:00 p.m. to announce the results of the Vestry Elections.

Please be on the lookout for a mail packet from Christ Church in the next few days. The mail packet will contain the following: a booklet about this year's Vestry candidates, a ballot paper, a Voter Eligibility Certificate, an outline of our Vestry Election procedures, and a stamped, return envelope.

We are pleased to announce the following candidates for Vestry Elections: Tim Beaty, Jan DeBoissierre, Simone Kolnik, Isaac Olajide, Alfred Titus-Glover, and George Toth. You can read more about each of them on our website. We will be electing four (4) out of the six (6) candidates. during this year's Vestry Election.

If you are a CEC committee or ministry leader, please submit your ministry's Annual Report to our Communications Administrator, Chris, at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org no later than this Sunday, October 3rd. This allows us time to compile and publish them all in our Annual Meeting booklet. Thank you.

Diocese of Maryland's Delta Phase Update | Howard County continues in the Orange Phase at this time, and you can read the latest Diocesan message here. We continue our dialogue with the appropriate organizations and ease restrictions with care and consideration as conditions warrant.

Altar Flowers and Gifts | If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and sign-up sheet online at <https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts>.

The CEC Auction is Coming... and We Need Your Donations! | The 32nd Annual Christ Church Auction is almost here, and we need your help! The success of our largest fundraiser of the year depends entirely on the efforts of YOU. We ask that you please submit your donation any time between now and Sunday, October 10th, at our special Auction website, https://christepiscopalchurch.schoolauction.net/auction2021/donate_items/new. Donors can either fill out the donation form there (one form per donated item, please) or you can email the CEC Auction Committee at auction@christchurchcolumbia.org and let them know about your items. Some suggested donations are: gourmet and cultural dinners, getaway vacations, home accessories, artwork, personal services, handmade jewelry, seasonal crafts, home accessories, food and wine baskets, handcrafted cards, children's gifts, and so many more things. If you have any questions or would like some donation ideas, please email us at auction@christchurchcolumbia.org

Help Christ Church Defend Its Title as an Award-Winning Supporter of Bridges2HS | The clock is ticking as the virtual fund-raising event approaches to support Bridges to Housing Stability, whose programs help individuals and families who are at-risk or experiencing homelessness in Howard County. The second annual Chili & Challenge

will be held on October 10th, with the deadline to order chili meals on Monday, October 4th and the deadlines for donations and silent-auction bids also occurring next week.

You can support this event in three ways (the first two will help Christ Church compete for the Golden Ladle!!): 1) purchase meal tickets (\$20 each), a portion of which (\$12) will be donated to Bridges; 2) donate directly; and 3) participate in Bridges' virtual silent auction online. The congregation that raises the most money through 1 & 2 above (meal ticket proceeds and/or direct donations) by Friday, Oct. 8, will win the Golden Ladle. Two runners-up will win silver ladles (as Christ Church did in 2020, shown in this photo).

Go for the Gold and prevent homelessness by using [this link](#) to purchase meal tickets and/or donate directly. **PLEASE NOTE:** For the best record-keeping of Christ Church contributions, we recommend you first perform the donation function and then move on to the purchase of chili meals.

1) Bare Bones Grill and Bar is providing three delicious chilis (beef, chicken, and vegetarian) this year with cornbread and coleslaw. Chili meals are available for purchase at the link above through Monday, Oct. 4, 2021. *All meals must be picked up curbside between 12 – 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 10.* The pickup will take place not at the restaurant but at Bridges' office building parking lot, 9520 Berger Rd., Columbia, MD 21045.

2) If you want to donate toward Bridges' \$12,000 goal for its operations and housing programs, please do so by Friday, Oct. 8, through the Christ Episcopal Church link above. If you prefer to donate via check, please make it out to Bridges to Housing Stability (not Christ Church) and note Christ Episcopal Church/Chili & Challenge in the memo line. You must get it to Christ Church by Wednesday, Oct. 6, so that we can take checks to Bridges in time to count toward our total on Oct. 8.

3) Bridges' virtual silent auction will take place between 8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, and 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10. If you wish to view the items before bidding starts, go to the [Charity Auctions Today site](#) for Bridges.

Bridges Executive Director Jennifer Broderick, LCSW, explains the importance of stable housing and how congregations' participation in Chili & Challenge helps make it happen. [Watch a 2-minute video.](#)

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

DreamBuilders are Planning a Trip to Puerto Rico in January! | DreamBuilders is in the planning stages for a trip to Puerto Rico during the week of January 9-15, 2022, to repair homes damaged by hurricanes and earthquakes. We were not able to go last year due to COVID restrictions, but in 2019, we were able to help rebuild two homes, working with our St. Bernard Project (SBP) partners. They are once again allowing volunteers to come to the island and work through them, as there are many still in need of help. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact [Cathy Gold](#) or [Stacey Frith](#) to let us know.

Donate Personal Care and Cleaning Supplies for FISH in Bin on our Breezeway | Organizers for [FISH of Howard County](#) request household cleaning supplies such as liquid dish soap, bleach, and cleanser as well as personal items such as deodorant, shampoo, and bath soaps. The bin is on the breezeway between Old Brick and the Parish Hall.

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.



2022 Stewardship Campaign Pledge Cards are Now Available

Thank you for supporting our 2021 campaign! We are very excited about Christ Church's 2022 Stewardship Campaign. As we all know, the past couple of years have been terribly difficult for everyone, but through it all, each one of you has been very generous to your beloved Christ Church. We mailed out our Annual Stewardship Pledge Cards to you this month and we hope that you will join us on November 7th for our Pledge Sunday celebration. In addition to that, you can also pledge online at www.christchurchcolumbia.org. We will also have pledge cards in the narthex. It's our hope that you will prayerfully consider your support to Christ Church through the coming year.

Text Giving: You can now give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text CECGIVING to 73256, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

Online Giving: You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing towards your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our [overview page](#) for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org

VESTRY CANDIDATE

George Toth

The vestry of a church is one of the most important lay positions of service as it reflects the amalgamated image of the parish and rector. Christ Episcopal Church has a long heritage of reflecting its namesake, and I am committed to making that reflection ever brighter.

The church's image is composed of many smaller pieces working together. A properly maintained facility is the first impact image to newcomers. The welcoming smiles and embraces of our congregation is the second. The activities both for our membership and projected outside into the world is the third. All three components must be alive and vibrant if we are to reflect the image of Christ and draw newcomers to Him.

Within this community I have focused my time and energy on grounds maintenance and outreach support. As an engineer I bring pragmatic discipline to discussions and evaluation of problems with a good understanding of how proper structure, teamwork, and support are needed to execute projects. I expect to continue providing guidance in these areas. In our spiritual life I am deeply committed to emphasizing our need to always reflect our Lord for we carry a higher responsibility in His namesake of our church.





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