



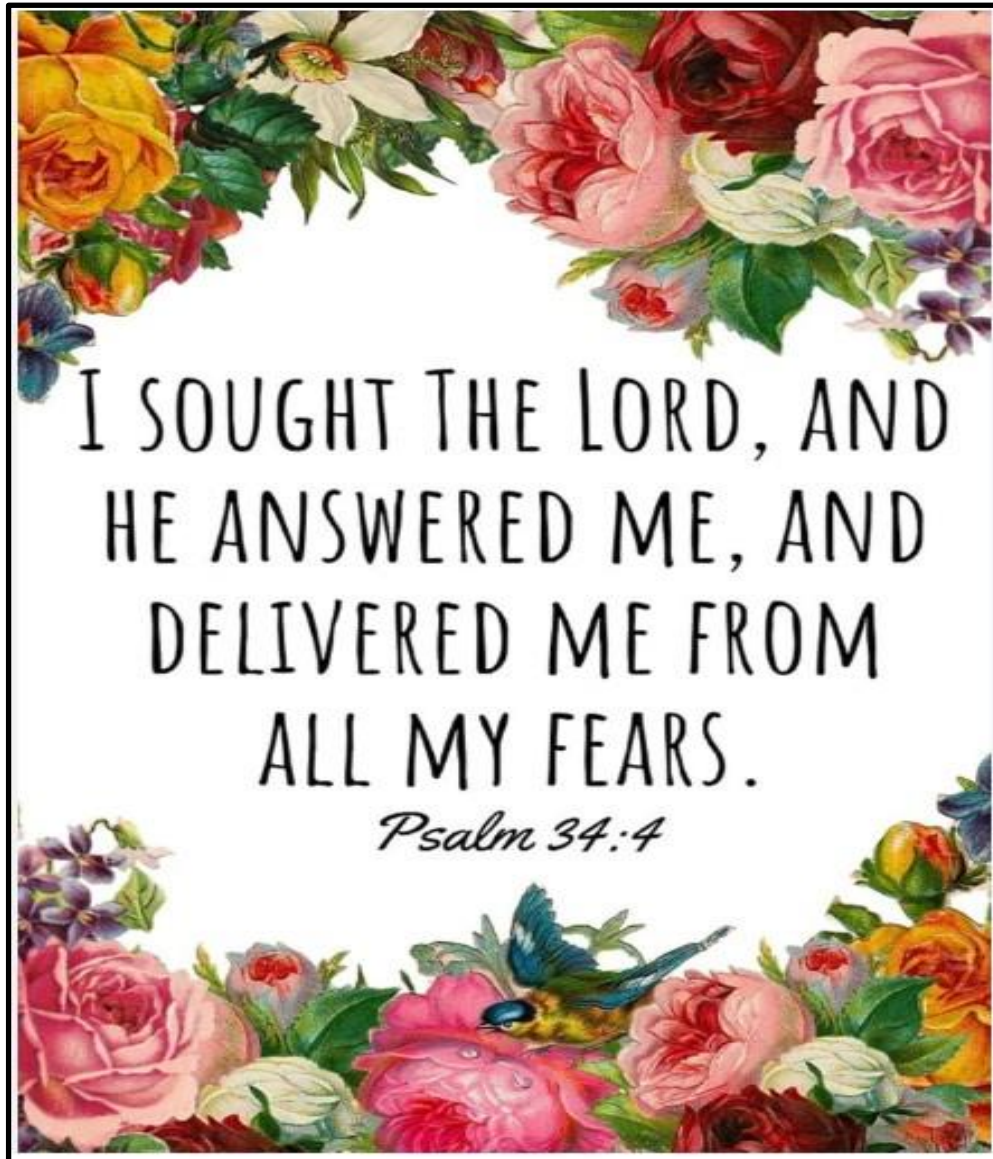
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Sunday, November 2, 2025 | Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Baptism & ALL SAINTS



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: www.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.

PRELUDE |

OPENING HYMN 287 | For All the Saints

Sine

Nomine



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,—
 4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!—



thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
 We feeble - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
 thou, in the dark - ness dread, the one true Light.
 win, with— them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are— one in thee, for all are thine.



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



*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
 *6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are
war - riors com - eth rest; sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

strong. blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
***People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
***People:* There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
***People:* One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

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

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

Reader: *A reading from Daniel.*

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 149 | *Cantate Domino*

Hallelujah!
Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

(continued)

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

Antiphon

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *

let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat *

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations *

and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains *

and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE | Ephesians 1:11-23

Reader: *A reading from Ephesians.*

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 689 | I Sought the Lord and Afterward I Knew

Faith

1 I sought the Lord, and af - ter - ward I knew he
2 Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine en - fold; I
3 I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole of

moved my soul to seek him, seek - ing me; it was not
walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea; 'twas not so
love is but my an - swer, Lord, to thee: for thou wert

I that found, O Sa - vior true; no, I was found of thee.
much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.
long be - fore - hand with my soul, al - ways thou lov - edst me.

THE GOSPEL | Luke 6:20-31

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

(continued)

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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

Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

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

mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

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

The people stand as able.

HOLY BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE: Obinna Lotanna Nwandu

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Sponsors: **I present Obinna to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented:

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?
Sponsors: **I do.**

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate who can speak for themselves:

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the Spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce all the sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
I do.

The celebrant then addresses the congregation:

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?
People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with Obinna and all who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

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

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

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

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who pours water upon the candidate, saying:

Celebrant: Obinna, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The celebrant continues:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:

Obinna, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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 |

COMMISSIONING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH |

Denisa Abdallah (*Senior Warden*) • Greg Schuckman (*Junior Warden*) • Andrew Eaton (*Treasurer*)
• Ron Couch (*Registrar*) • Shreya Chrzanowski (*Youth Liaison*) • Diane Phillips-LaGuerre • Ronald Baran
• George Toth • Sara Kirkpatrick • Ed Chrzanowski • Kathy Simms • Jay Abbott
• David James • Katie Adams • Jim Berkson

Presenters: We present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Members of the Vestry in this congregation.

Rector: Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the name of God and this congregation to the special ministries to which they are called.

Are these persons prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God and the well-being of Christ Episcopal Church, and the Diocese of Maryland?

Presenters: We believe they are.

Rector: You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Vestry Members: **I will, with God’s help.**

Rector: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Vestry Members: **I will, with God’s help.**

Rector: Let us pray.
O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Members of the Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **AMEN**

Rector: In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Members of the Vestry in this Parish.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER |

Good and gracious God, You call us to be disciples carrying out your mission. Transform us through the power of your Spirit. Open our hearts to acknowledge your many blessings in our lives, to use your gifts wisely, to give generously, to serve joyfully, to live responsibly, to be a gift to others. Help us nurture a stewardship way of life, which connects, serves, and impacts our communities. Guide us as we prayerfully discern how to give of our time, talents, and treasures, to further Your kingdom on earth. We pray, through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | Goin’ Home

*Antonin Dvorak,
adapted & arr. Robert Lehman*

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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 HOLY COMMUNION



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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



Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Celebrant continues

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."

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 Gifts of God
for the People of God*

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 S 164 | Jesus, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) from Deutsche Mass

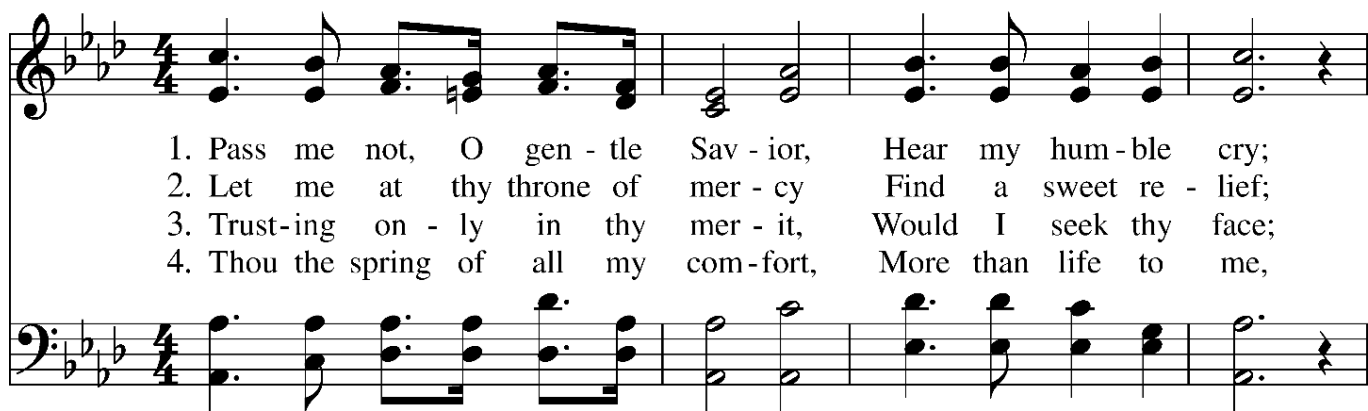
Franz Schubert
arr. Richard Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

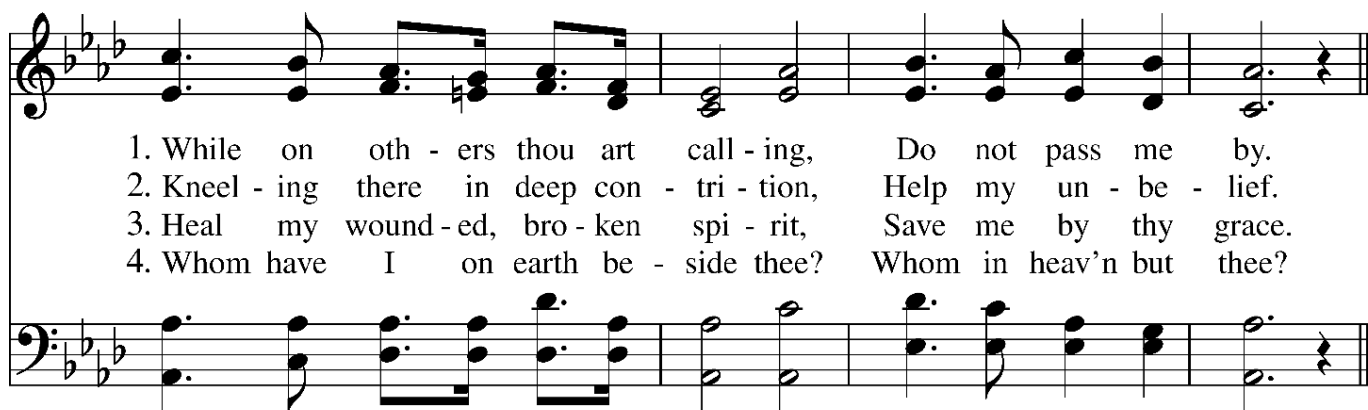
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.



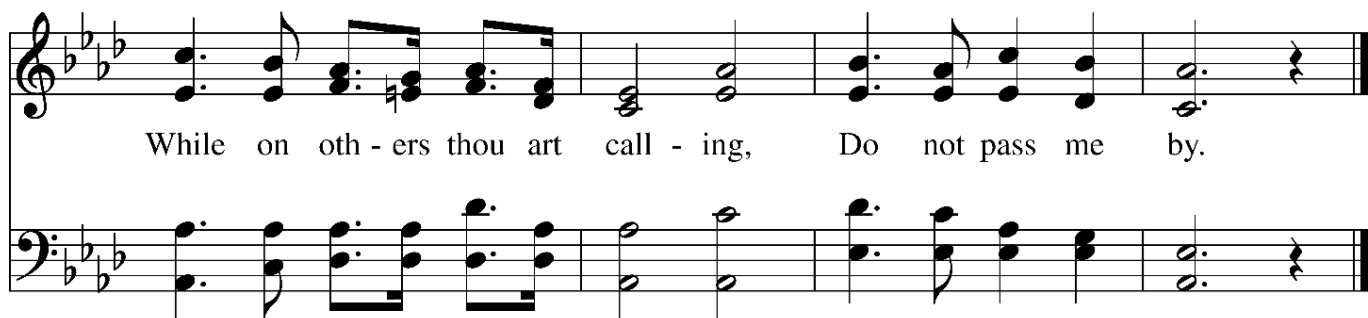
1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;
 2. Let me at thy throne of mer - cy Find a sweet re - lief;
 3. Trust-ing on - ly in thy mer - it, Would I seek thy face;
 4. Thou the spring of all my com - fort, More than life to me,



1. While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.
 2. Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, Help my un - be - lief.
 3. Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spi - rit, Save me by thy grace.
 4. Whom have I on earth be - side thee? Whom in heav'n but thee?



Sav - ior, Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;



While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8 & 10:30 a.m. service

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING |

*The Celebrant offers a blessing, and the People respond **Amen**.*





1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so _____ dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who _____ toiled and _____ fought and _____
 his love _____ made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for _____
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the _____ world is _____ bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And _____
 Je - sus' sake, the _____ whole of their good lives long. And _____
 joy - ous saints who _____ love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was _____ slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the _____ green: they were all of them saints of _____
 by a fierce wild _____ beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of _____ God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
 folk like _____ me, and I mean to be one too.

THE DISMISSAL |

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

Today's Eucharist is offered in Thanksgiving for the lives of

Joan Bruggink	Danny & Donovan
Kathy Maurice	Virginia Collins
Ben Hudgins	Nicholas Hrinkevich
Chuck Rees	Eugene Macauley
Roberta Akillian	Jay Mann
Virginia Rowan	Sheila Foor
Jan Knight	Stanley Ennis
Drew Williams	Stella Fawole
Miranda Sonii	Madrainne Johnson
Debbie Jones	Denise Dorsey
Right Rev. Daniel Allotey, Bishop	

POSTLUDE |

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Assisting in Worship Today

10:30 a.m. Service

Acolytes: Mikailu Sheriff, Anya Mikailu, Lesley Lokko
Altar Guild: Cheryl Lucente, Leigh Smith, Pamela Foreman
Chalicer: Kathy Lyon
Lector/Reader: Kathy Lyon
Tellers: Brian Farnandis, Cherry Williams
Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Jane Adams, Yetti Lipede



PARISH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2 – 8, 2025

Sunday, November 2

All Day	All Saints' Day; Stewardship Sunday
8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Worship – New Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:30 – 10:20 am	Sunday School, Sunday Circle
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Confirmation Class – Parish Hall, CR
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David – Old Brick
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) – Parish Hall, CR & Zoom
4:30 – 7:30 pm	Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Taizé Service – New Brick, UL

Monday, November 3

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	WOCC Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, November 4

All Day	Election Day
7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 – 4:00 pm	HC Homeschool – New Brick, LL
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Christ Church Yoga Summer Camp – Online
7:00 – 9:00 pm	MS Support Group – New Brick, LL
7:30 – 8:30 pm	300 yr. Race & Slavery Comm Meeting – New Brick, LL

Wednesday, November 5

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 8:00 pm	First Wednesday Fellowship, Fall Game Night – New Brick, LL

Thursday, November 6

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 – 4:00 pm	HC Homeschool – New Brick, LL
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Christ Church Yoga Summer Camp – Online
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom

Friday, November 7

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream

Saturday, November 8

8:00 – 12:00 pm	Center for Spiritual Nourishment (CSN)
9:00 – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild Prep
9:00 pm – 2:00 am	Ampatey Event – New Brick, LL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to share with the church,
Please send to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.



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Taizé Vespers: THANKSGIVING - This Sunday

Taizé Vespers is a liturgy of Evening Prayer that combines scripture readings, prayer, silent meditation, and rich music. On the first Sunday evening of each month, Christ Church offers this truly beautiful service of contemplative prayer and music in the tradition of the Taizé community of France. This community promotes peace and justice through prayer and meditation. November's Taizé Vespers reflects on *Thanksgiving*, which is appropriate, given the season. Emphasizing attention to silence, prayer, and singing, Taizé offers an opportunity to give praise and thanksgiving for God's love and presence in one's life, to offer prayer for oneself and others, and to share in a supportive community. Gather with us at 6 p.m. in New Brick on November 2 for this powerful and peaceful worship.

First Wednesday Fellowship - November 5

Christ Church's popular First Wednesday Fellowship series brings the heat! Join us for a wonderful opportunity to share a meal with our fellow parishioners, meet new ones, and enjoy a few fun activities. It's the perfect way to connect and spend a few hours with friends, both old and new. November's FWF on Wednesday the 5th will be a chili and game night, so bring a pot of chili to share. You may have a mild recipe, or a spicier one - all are welcome. Maybe you have a recipe you've tuned to perfection, and if so, we would love to try some—but be sure to warn us if it's a hot one! You can also bring a salad, side, or dessert, if you wish. And bring your favorite card or board game so that we can have some group fun after dinner. Donations are always appreciated (write "FWF" in the memo line), but the most important part is having you there, so we hope to see you!

Center for Spiritual Nourishment - November 8

Join seekers of a deeper relationship with the Divine at the Center for Spiritual Nourishment. The 2nd Saturday CSN offers free experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit by providing safe spaces to explore a range of opportunities for spiritual growth. It is a series of gatherings for anyone interested in spiritual nourishment, regardless of religious affiliation or spiritual beliefs, and you can come for one session or the entire morning. Next month's CSN takes place on Saturday, November 8, and the session outline and schedule will be in next week's announcements, so stay tuned. In the meantime, visit <https://cecevents.org/CSN>

Fall Film Series - Next Weekend

On Friday night, November 7th at 7 p.m., bring some movie treats to share and head to the lower level of the Parish Building for the suspenseful film *The Exorcism of Emily Rose* - [watch the trailer here](#). Then at CSN on Saturday morning, you can catch *Same Kind of Different as Me*, a film about an unlikely friendship forged from unconditional love. You can [view that trailer here](#). If you'd like to host a movie night at CEC, let us know, and we'll get you on the calendar - info@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God, a gathering that takes place every Monday. 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. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church or by emailing centering@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Yoga Camp Online - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Parishioner and certified yoga instructor Jane Adams held Yoga Camp at Christ Church this past summer, and now she continues to offer it in a new way—join her from the comfort of your own home!

Yoga Camp Online is held for an hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays from now through November 25, and starts at 5:30. It's open to everyone interested in improving their body, mind, and spirit through movement, meditation, and breathing. To make yoga a part of your path towards improved physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, email us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org, and Jane will send you the details. But email her now - space is limited.

Join the Christ Church Choir - Thursdays

If you ever thought about giving Choir a shot, how about now? We have rehearsals in New Brick on Thursday evenings—Handbell Choir at 6:45 and Adult Choir at 7:30—and all adults are welcome to join us. Whether you read music or not, have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit full-time or not, there's a place for you to give it a shot in our handbell &/or vocal choirs. If interested, please speak with Larissa at church on Sundays, email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org, or stop by New Brick on any Thursday.

CEC Book Club – Thursday Evenings

The CEC Book Club is reading *The Heartbeat of God* by Katharine Jefferts Schori (former Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church of the United States). You can find the book available on [many online resources](#), and can join us on Zoom Thursday at 7:30 p.m. If you're interested in reading and discussing great books with a friendly, engaging, and welcoming group of readers, then this is definitely for you. If you've considered taking part or if this is your first time hearing about us, now's the time to join! Email us with any questions - bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Find a Ministry that's Right for You

We can always use some more people to keep Christ Church the vibrant, active, dedicated parish that it is. You can be a Teller, Acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, or choose to assist the Christ Church Altar Guild, Inreach, or Buildings and Grounds ministries - and many others. None of these requires weekly assistance - they only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. Email the Church Office at office@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Upcoming Diocesan Events for Youth of All Ages

The Diocese of Maryland's Youth Ministry has a lot of upcoming events and gatherings listed on their website, [and you can find them here](#). From the upcoming Diocesan Convention next month, to the 2026 Happening Retreat and Nightwatch NYC in next year, many gatherings are taking place for youth of every age. We will be taking part in most of them, but if you see one that you're particularly interested in learning more about, please email Diya Jackson, Christ Church's Youth Ministry Assistant, and she'll get in touch with you - you can email her at christchurchassistant@gmail.com

A Zoom Series for all Howard County Families

Guiding Good Choices is an evidence-based, interactive prevention program that helps you build a stronger bond with your child, while also providing skills proven to reduce the risk of children engaging in substance use or other risky behaviors. This series of five Zoom classes begins November 11. For more information, visit <https://hcdrugfree.org>

Counting Down to Help Feed Hungry Neighbors at Our Fall Food Drive Next Saturday Afternoon, November 8

Christ Church holds this hands-on, multi-generational activity twice a year, in spring and fall. Don't miss the chance to help during the Fall Food Drive next Saturday, Nov. 8, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at Dorsey's Search Giant supermarket, 4715 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, Md., 21043. Look for a signup sheet in the Narthex or in Old Brick. Please volunteer for a one-hour shift. To learn more, email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Groceries collected from shoppers will go to two food pantries that help low-income families and individuals. The Howard County Food Bank is operated by the [Community Action Council of Howard County](#) (CAC). Its partner, [SAFE](#), provides free gluten-free and allergy-safe foods. At our Spring Food Drive, held at a Giant supermarket in Clarksville, we collected 1,294 pounds; at the 2024 Fall Food Drive held at Dorsey's Search, the haul was 1,440 pounds. Together, that totals more than a ton of food and staples! During the drives, the experience provides hands-on service not only to our volunteers but also to shoppers we approach with a list of requested items.

The timing matters even more now as the federal government shutdown is expected to cut off food-stamp benefits known as SNAP. Access to food and necessities is a lifeline for people struggling to make ends meet, whose numbers in Howard County have grown due to inflation, workforce reductions, and other factors.

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