

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

April 10, 2022: The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday – 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

The wearing of face masks is currently optional at Christ Church

You may stream the 10:30 a.m. service from Christ Church's [website](#), [YouTube](#), or [Facebook](#) pages

At the 8:00 AM service, all music is omitted

MUSIC FOR THE PROCESSION WLP 787 – We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba



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We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

BLESSING AND COLLECT

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: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN 154 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet will ich dir geben

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King! to
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, who
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high; and
3 The peo - ple of the He brews with palms be - fore thee went; our
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise; to
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring, who

Repeat Refrain

1 in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

The people may be seated.

A READING FROM ISAIAH 50:4-9

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

In te, Domine, speravi

At 8:00 a.m., the Psalm is read responsively by half-verse

At 10:30 a.m., the Psalm is sung, one measure per half verse, changing notes on the underlined syllable



Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble *
and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

For my life is waxen old with heaviness *
and my years with mourning.

My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity *
and my bones are consumed.

I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbors *
**and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me;
and they that did see me without conveyed themselves from me.**

I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind *
I am become like a broken vessel.

For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude *
**and fear is on every side, while they conspire together against me,
and take their counsel to take away my life.**

But my hope hath been in thee, O LORD *
I have said, Thou art my God.

My time is in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies *
and from them that persecute me.

Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance *
and save me for thy mercy's sake.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 458 (V. 1-4) – My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine: ne -

to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
ver was love, dear King, ne - ver was grief like thine. This

who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
"Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 23:1-49

Deacon: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length,

but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

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

SERMON

The Rev'd Emmanuel Mercer, *Rector*

The people stand as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intervessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Chrch;

***People:* That we all may be one.**

Intervessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***People:* That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intervessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***People:* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intervessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***People:* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intervessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***People:* That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intervessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***People:* That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intervessor: Give to the departed eternal rest.

***People:* Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intervessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***People:* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intervessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

The People may add additional petitions and thanksgivings.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect, to which the people respond “Amen.”

THE PEACE

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

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING – The Holy Lamb of God

K. Lee Scott

*When Christ, the Holy Lamb of God, Was raised on Calvary's tree,
His sinless life in ransom paid To set his people free,
The sun its brightness soon withheld; The earth in fear did quake:
And all of heaven stood amazed At love so deep, so great.*

*His body there was pierced and torn, Abused, despised and slain;
He bled for sins that we have done, God's judgement to restrain.
To us he brings his lasting peace, With joy forevermore;
And by his bruises we are healed; His death shall life restore.*

*O blessed Jesus, Lamb most pure, You suffered much for me;
Though shamed, you opened not your mouth Through bitter agony!
How can my voice in silence wait; My heart in silence stand?
Now all thy host of heaven sings Your praise at God's right hand.*

PRESENTATION HYMN 321, V. 1

Rockingham



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

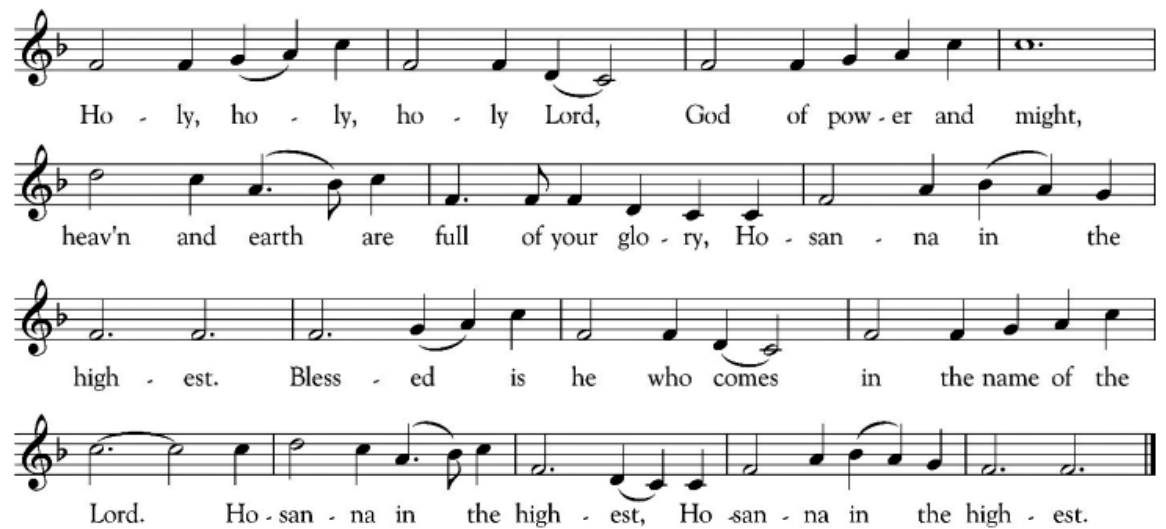
***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

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:



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

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

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

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

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Sung at the 10:30 a.m. service:

Our Fa - ther in heav'n, hal-low'd be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heav'n. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those
who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-li-ver us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

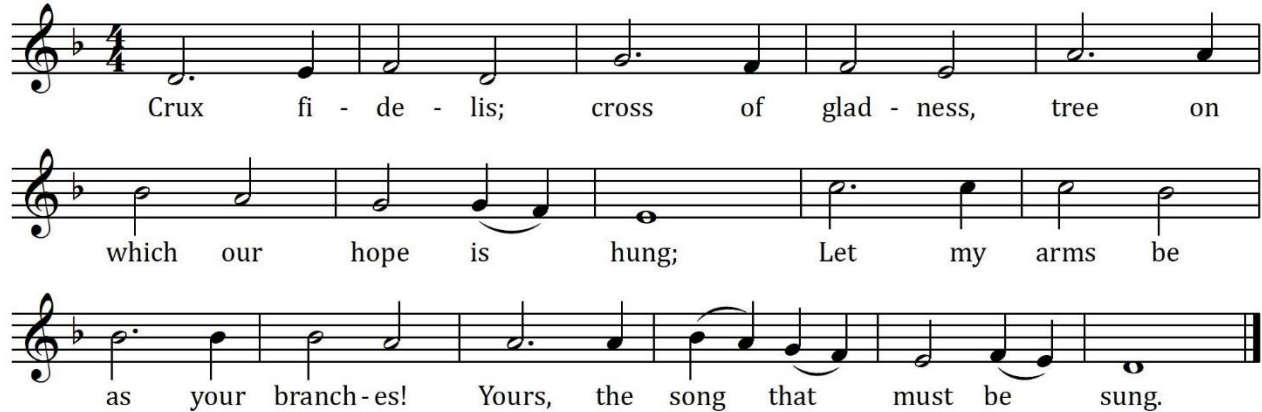
Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

COMMUNION HYMN – Crux Fidelis

Steven Warner

Refrain: All sing



Cantor:

1. The Lord Jesus loved us and gave his life for us; few of us are called to do the same,
Yet all of us must lay down our lives along with his: Let the cross be our companion
As we daily follow him. **Refrain: All sing**
2. The Lord Jesus entered the pain and death of sin. He accepted the torment of the cross.
But with the cross he gave us the blessed gift of joy: Let the cross be our companion
As we daily follow him. **Refrain: All sing**
3. To strive for justice, even when stubbornness prevails to be one with the desperate of
The world; To stand with those who cry out when we can't bring relief: Let that hope
Be our companion as we daily follow him. **Refrain: All sing**
4. We keep before us that which our kindred had of old: all the pain and the suffering of
The cross. Yet where that cross is planted, the seeds of hope endure: Let that hope
Be our companion as we daily follow him. **Refrain: All sing**

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 LEVAS 37 – Were You There When They Crucified My Lord

Negro Spiritual

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____ Were you
 2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? _____ Were you
 3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? _____ Were you
 4. Were you there when He rose up from the grave? _____ Were you

1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2. there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 3. there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 4. there when He rose up from the grave? O! _____

Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble. _____

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____
 2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? _____
 3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? _____
 4. Were you there when He rose up from the grave? _____

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the People, who respond:

Thanks be to God!

(The Alleluias are omitted until Easter)



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PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10TH

HOLY EUCHARIST AT *8 & 9:00 A.M.

MEDITATIONS ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST AT 7:30 P.M.

HOLY WEDNESDAY

APRIL 13TH

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 7:30 P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 14TH

SEDER MEAL IN THE GREAT HALL AT 6:00 P.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 7:30 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 15TH

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 12 NOON AND 7:30 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 16TH

EASTER VIGIL WITH HOLY BAPTISM AT 7:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 17TH

HOLY EUCHARIST AT *8:00 A.M. IN OLD BRICK

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH MUSIC AT 9 & 11:00 A.M. IN NEW BRICK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

Meditations on the Passion - Sunday Evening | This Palm Sunday evening, Christ Church will present Meditations on the Passion, a special service of poems, readings, dance, song, and prayer. Join us at 7:30 p.m. in the New Brick Sanctuary as we contemplate the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ in a way that makes us realize the immense love He has for each one of us, a love which is capable of suffering and death in order to free us from our sins.

Holy Week at Christ Episcopal Church | From Palm Sunday and the Meditations on the Passion through the three services on Easter Sunday, uniquely special worship services take place throughout this Holy Week. Be with us as we reflect on the Lenten season and approach the celebration of the Resurrection. **You can view the entire Lenten & Holy Week schedule and their details on our website's *Lent at Christ Church* page.**

Holy Week Formation Classes | Please note that all Formation and Confirmation classes are taking a break for Holy Week and Easter. All three - Sunday School, Sunday Circle, and Confirmation Class - will resume on Sunday, April 24th.

Sign Up for Coffee Hour | Coffee Hour is back! The Green Omicron phase permits us to resume those activities where we serve food. This includes our Coffee Hour, and so we hope you'll join us for refreshments and fellowship time between services this Sunday, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. If you'd like to help by providing light refreshments for a future Coffee Hour, **please sign up using this link** or scan the QR code on the Coffee Hour posters in the Narthex.

Easter Altar Flowers and Gifts | Easter Sunday is a time that we honor, remember, or give thanks for someone or a blessing in our lives by donating flowers to adorn our worship spaces as we celebrate our risen Lord. If you would like to present Altar gifts this Easter, you can find our online Easter Offering form at **<https://onrealm.org/christchurchcolumbia/-/form/give/lenteaster>**. Be sure to place the dedication name(s) in the *MEMO* line. You can also drop a donation on Sunday or during the week; include the same dedication information on the *MEMO* line of a check, please. **Email the Church Office** with any questions.

This Saturday, Help Us Beautify our Campus for Easter! | In preparation for Easter weekend, we'll host Parish Beautification Day this Saturday, April 9th, and everyone's invited to take part! Whether it's for a few hours or all day, your input will help make lighter work. From 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. we'll gather to get our beautiful buildings and grounds ready for the very special week ahead, so bring your work clothes, water bottle, and work gloves, and meet us on campus. Even if you only have a little time to spare, it will help. Refreshments will be available. **Contact Jan Deboissiere** if you have any questions or need more information.

Church Office Closed | Please note that the Church Office will be closed for business on Friday, April 15th, and Monday, April 18th, in observance of Easter. It will resume business on the morning of Tuesday, April 19th.

Centering Prayer – Mondays | Centering Prayer takes place Mondays at 7 p.m. and is a form of contemplation, a method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. We invite you to log in, see what Centering Prayer is all about, and how it can find a unique and valuable space in your own life. The Zoom link is **here**, Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

Adult and Children's Choir News | For the next two weeks, there are no choir rehearsals. We will resume later this month, and announce the date in upcoming *Gatherings* editions. If you've ever been interested in joining our choir, now's that time... and this invitation is open to every parishioner. No experience is necessary. Generally, the Children's Choir meets on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Adult Choir meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Please email **music@christchurchcolumbia.org** to learn more.

Lectionary Bible Study – Wednesdays | Bible Study takes place on Zoom each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., discussing and reflecting on the readings for the coming Sunday. Our next gathering's readings are located [here](#). You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and we'll all study and learn together. The Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is **885 9287 2661** and the Password is **CECBible**.

CEC Book Club – Fridays | The CEC Book Club continues this Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. with our discussion of the book *Why I Believe in a Personal God: The Credibility of Faith in a Doubting Culture* by George Carey. We're always welcoming new members to join our virtual gathering. For about an hour, we discuss a specified section of the current book and plan future readings and ideas. The Zoom link is here, the Meeting ID is **894 0227 6226**, the Password is **CECbooks** and we hope that you'll find time to join us for this engaging and enlightening group discussion. Please know that we will take next week off for Good Friday and resume on April 22nd.

Women of Christ Church News for April | Mark Your Calendars: 12:00 p.m., Saturday, April 23rd, we'll be meeting at the Robinson Nature Center to have lunch and conversation followed by a walk through their trails. We'll meet at the outside tables near the Center's front door. It's free to use the trails, and if you want to visit the exhibits, it will cost \$5. Bring your lunch, and join us for a spring walk!

The guided Labyrinth walks continue every Saturday in Lent between 3:00 and 5:00 pm at St. John's in Ellicott City. If you want to follow your meditative walk with a service, there is a 5:00 pm service in their Historic Chapel. We visited the site last fall; [you can see our report about that experience here](#).

Our trip to Seafarers has been changed from April 7th to April 21st, so you still have time to donate, if you'd like to. This will be our last donation trip before autumn. They are in need of men's shirts, especially flannel shirts, sizes M-L, and are also in need of warm socks, sized men's medium. As always, they are grateful for calendars, magazines, and notecards. If you'd like to donate, the Seafarer's bin is under the table in the tower room of New Brick.

There are several other WOCC news items this month, so [please be sure to check our blog post on the Christ Church website for those](#).

Christ Church's Grief Support Group | If you are grieving a loss and would like to occasionally join a group of others for mutual support and learning, please let us know. Christ Church is planning on creating a Zoom gathering, led by Mother Marcia, for those who might find comfort in sharing &/or listening to experiences of processing loss. This group would meet on a schedule that's most convenient for all participants. Mother Marcia is also happy to meet individually to offer pastoral care and counseling, so if you're interested in taking part in either gathering, [please email](#) or speak to her at any time.

A Message of Gratitude from our Afghan Refugee Family | Each member of the Afghan refugee family who has been under Christ Church's care and support since late December is so full of gratitude for what we have done, and continue to do, to help them. Anwar, the oldest son, recently wrote this poem for us and chose the accompanying photo (*you can see this at* <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/post/cec-outreach-news-april-7-2022>).

On Sundays May 8th and May 22nd, the family will be at Christ Church between the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services so they can meet more of us, and so more of us can meet them. Please plan to come.

And please continue to pray for this family and for refugees everywhere. Thank you for giving so generously. Thank you for your help in so many ways. To talk about what is needed to support this ministry and what you can do, please contact Deacon Denise, Jan DeBoissiere, Cherrylyn Williams, or any member of the Afghan Refugee Ministry committee.

Inviting One and All to Get Involved in Christ Church Outreach Starting on Monday, April 11 | What better time than Lent to get more fully involved in helping others! The Outreach Commission invites you to join in during our monthly meeting to learn more about opportunities in 2022. In keeping with our mission, the scope is local, national, and international. The meeting will be held virtually at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11. Information on how to join us by Zoom or by phone will be provided in the Church notices about online activities next week.

Bring Treats or Healthy Sides for Homeless Neighbors to Brighten Easter | The folks at the Dorsey Center's Day Resource Center (DRC) are thrilled when Christ Church volunteers bring holiday-themed treats. And the same goes for the residents of the Live-in Facility operated by **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center**.

If you're eager to brighten their meals next week as Easter approaches, why not start on Monday, April 11? There are two drop-off times: 12:45 p.m. for the midday meal and 3:15 p.m. for the evening meal. Consider bringing decorated cookies or cupcakes.

We can predict the warm welcome because diners at each of the locations, which are both overseen by Grassroots, were certainly pleased with the St. Patrick's Day-decorated treats that Christ Church delivered on March 14th. On that day, the Outreach Commission once again consolidated our approach to feeding the hungry by providing a meal to each group of neighbors.

We'll do it again on Monday. As usual, Christ Church will purchase fried chicken at Weis and depend upon your bringing side dishes. Keep in mind that we're feeding two separate groups.

The first group is made up of about 40 homeless friends at **the DRC** in Jessup. After a couple of pandemic-related shutdowns, Grassroots reopened the DRC on a modified basis. A team of four Christ Church volunteers will be serving a midday meal in person on our usual day – the second Monday of the month. The second group of diners resides at Grassroots' Live-in Facility, where the staff serves the food. We've been providing an evening meal menu – fried chicken and side dishes – on a monthly basis since early in the pandemic.

If you're cooking only for the Live-In Facility's evening meal, plan to arrive between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. at the parking lot outside Old Brick. Bring a side dish, a dessert, or items for the pantry to be enjoyed round-the-clock by the 50 residents. Click on the **Christ Church Grassroots Meal link on SignUpGenius** to view a menu. Please sign up by noon on Sunday.

If you're cooking or volunteering for the midday meal at the DRC, plan to arrive between 12:45 and 1 p.m. at the parking lot outside Old Brick. Bring a side dish, a dessert, or items for the DRC pantry. Click on a different link, called the **Christ Church Dorsey/DRC Meal link on SignUpGenius** to view requested items and indicate how you'll help.

If you're cooking or bringing pantry items for both meals, plan to arrive between 12:45 and 1 p.m. at the parking lot outside Old Brick. The dish and supplementals for the evening meal can be left in the Parish Hall kitchen. Or, depending on the dish or the supplemental item, such as cookies or fruit, you can do that on a Sunday if your items are clearly marked.

To volunteer in person to serve the midday meal at the DRC, you'll need a flu shot and full vaccination against COVID-19. For questions, email **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org** to get in contact with co-coordinator Nancy Winchester.

Both the DRC and the Live-In Facility have wider needs for their pantries and welcome in-kind donations to be dropped off for delivery on the second Mondays. Look for the monthly needs list under the words "Related Files" on each of the sign-up sites.

CCC Schedules a Work Day on April 9th to Finish Preparation of Its New Pantry | The all-volunteer organization, **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) is recruiting volunteers to help finish painting and complete other tasks at its new pantry during a one-day effort on Saturday, April 9th, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. This is a continuation of a task begun on March 19-20 with community-wide volunteers, including parishioners Diana Hall and Dave Lanczynski.

In a post on the **CCC Facebook Group**, one of the CCC leaders wrote: "I have added a couple of non-painting tasks to the end of the day this Saturday! Stop by if you can help! We need Un-tapers, Scrapers, and Plate-replacers!!! A few volunteers can remove the tape from finished areas, scrape excess paint off some baseboards and replace the outlet covers and light switch covers. Final clean-up help would also be appreciated!"

Slots remain on the **CCC online signup form** for experienced painters along with the volunteers who pitch in to complete the overall project. The pantry is being re-established in a county-owned building that was once home to the *Columbia Flier*. The refurbished space, in turn, will allow the resumption of home delivery to households who lack transportation.

At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue CCC by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Please put them in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall.

Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway | Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill its shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

Baltimore Seafarers News | As a reminder, the Women of Christ Church gather donations for Seafarers throughout the year. We'll be bringing the next batch of donations to Seafarers on April 21st, so if you have any items, please bring them to the church before then. At this time, they are looking for magazines, cards, calendars, stationery, notebooks, gloves, hats, socks, men's shirts, and scarves, and you can leave them in the "Seafarers" box under the table in the Tower Room of New Brick.

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.

Christ Church's COVID Update - Moving into the Green Phase

A few important points:

- Anyone who chooses to continue to wear a mask is free to do so.
- Beginning on Sunday, April 3rd, we plan to begin incorporating wine into Communion and hosting a Coffee Hour fellowship.
- Virtual services and educational opportunities will continue for those not worshipping or gathering in person.
- We will continue to monitor all sources of information, in case the need for adjustments arises.

We do wish to remind you that no one should visit campus - masked or otherwise - who has symptoms associated with COVID, the flu, or other respiratory illnesses. If you have any questions or need further clarifications, please [email us](#). As Christ Church continues this holy and contemplative season of Lent, we are always thankful for the many blessings in our lives. We look forward to continuing to gather this spring in communal prayer, worship, and fellowship. May God bless us on this journey!



WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank **YOU**. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us.

We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness. Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving, and so as we celebrate the season of giving, we want to highly encourage all who have not fully completed their pledge for 2021 to remember their faithfulness. We also want to appeal to all who have not as yet returned their pledge for 2022 to remember their faithfulness.

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



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