# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

# The Last Sunday after Pentecost:
# Christ the King

Sunday, November 21, 2021 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

You may stream this service from Christ Church's website, YouTube, or Facebook pages

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*At the 8:00 a.m. service, all music is omitted.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE - *Processional* — William Mathias

OPENING HYMN – 494 — Diadematа






## Opening Acclamation

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

***People:*** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Collect for Purity

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

***People:*** **Amen.**

GLORIA John Rutter




THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

***People:*** **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:
The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.
The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.
Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

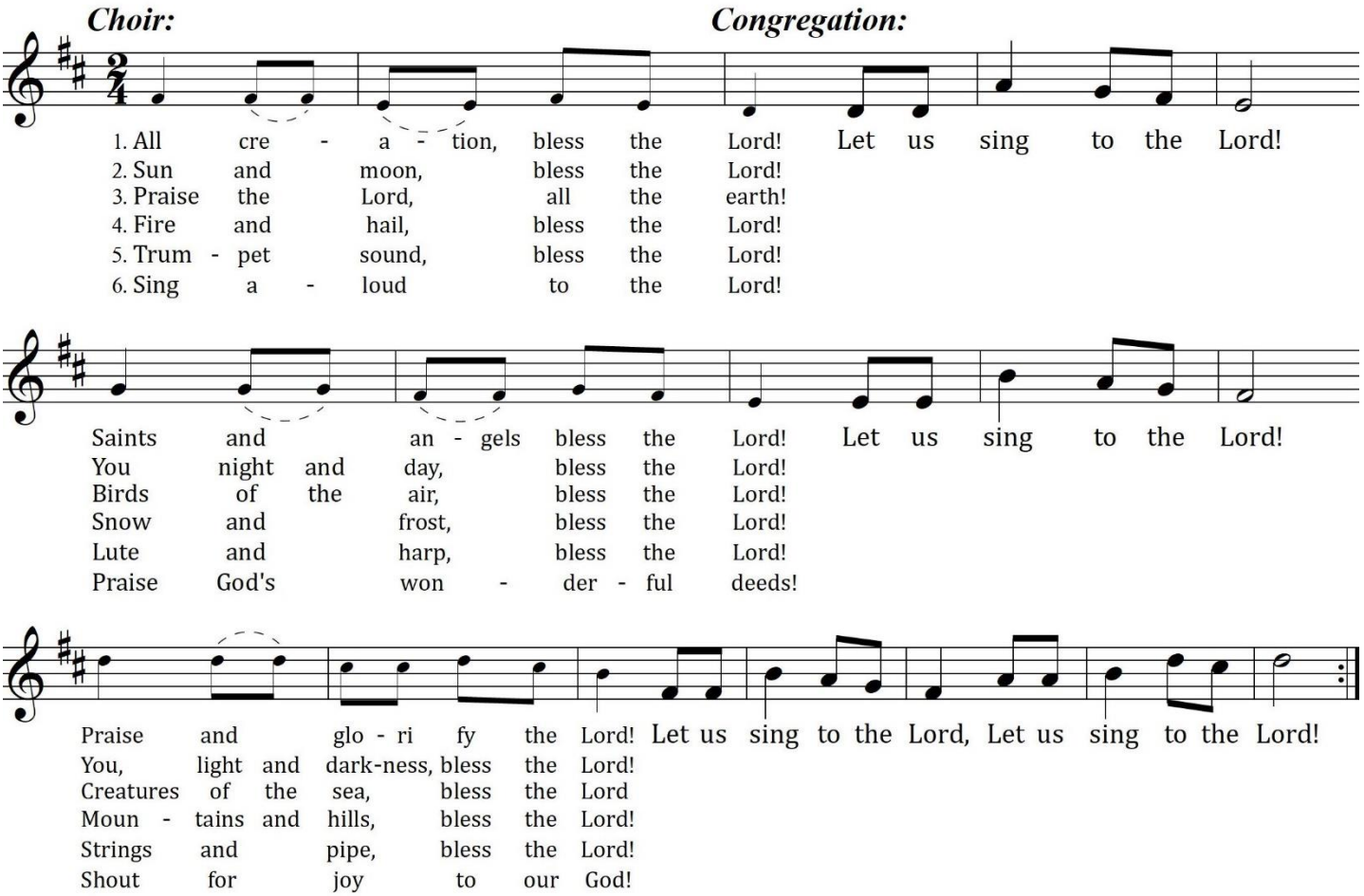
*Reader:* The word of the Lord.
***People:*** **Thanks be to God.**

*The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.*

PSALM 132:1-13 (14-19) *8:00 a.m. service* *Memento, Domine*

LORD, remember David, *
**and all the hardships he endured;**
How he swore an oath to the LORD *
**and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:**
"I will not come under the roof of my house," *
**nor climb up into my bed;**
I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
**nor let my eyelids slumber;**
Until I find a place for the LORD, *
**a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."**
"The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
**we found it in the fields of Jearim.**
Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
**let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."**
Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, *
**you and the ark of your strength.**
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
**let your faithful people sing with joy.**
For your servant David's sake, *
**do not turn away the face of your Anointed.**
The LORD has sworn an oath to David; *
**in truth, he will not break it:**
"A son, the fruit of your body *
**will I set upon your throne.**
If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
**their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."**
[For the LORD has chosen Zion; *
**he has desired her for his habitation:**
"This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
**here will I dwell, for I delight in her.**
I will surely bless her provisions, *
**and satisfy her poor with bread.**
I will clothe her priests with salvation, *
**and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.**
There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
**I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.**
As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; *
**but as for him, his crown will shine."]**

*10:30 a.m. service please sing responsively with the choir*




THE EPISTLE Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

*The people stand as able.*

SEQUENCE HYMN – LEVAS 96 Negro Spiritual



THE GOSPEL John 18:33-37

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

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

SERMON The Rev'd Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

*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

Jesus" our Lord and Savior is love! Jesus teaches us to love *all* our neighbors—regardless of who they are, what they look like or where they come from. Jesus called us to love and showed us how us how to love, loving one another as ourselves. When we neglect to love one another for any reason, we need to remember it is HE who calls us to love one another as He has loves us. Jesus, God's own Son, suffered and died for each of us. Whenever we find ourselves judging one another, we need to stop and hear His voice and see each individual human being as God's beloved child.

We gather to worship together as one family on this "Christ the King" Sunday morning. We gather here in our church sanctuary, or at home on our computers or our cell phones. We gather in the love of Christ, our King, as one heart and as one beautiful voice rising in praise of our God and giving thanks for the one, incomparable gift in this life, above all else: our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ the King. **Praise God from who all blessings flow.**

We pray this morning for our world, for our country and for our leaders: for our President, Joseph and our Vice President, Kamala, for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, and our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Robert. We lift in prayer our Rector, Emmanuel; our priest associate, Marcia; our Deacon, Denise and all the staff, wardens, vestry and countless volunteers who work so tirelessly in lifting up and supporting our incredible church. We also pray for all newcomers and visitors with us today. **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

Within our diocese, this morning we lift in prayer St. John's Havre de Grace, St. Mary's Abingdon and Resurrection, Copley Parish. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Bangladesh. **Praise God from who all blessings flow.**

We pray for healing for all who are ill today and for all who suffer in mind, in body and in spirit, Bunmi, Frantz, Sam, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Kathleen, Ashley & Jeanette, and those you now name. We pray: **Father God, grant them your healing**.

Father, we pray for all who have passed from this life into the rest and the joy of your eternal kingdom, especially Joel Knauer, Alma Carter, Sarah Mercer, Margaret Earl, Ana Phillips, Eric Lewis & Howard Luehrs. Comfort those who grieve their loss. In your name, we pray: **From you, Heavenly Father, all blessings flow.**

This morning we give thanks for occasions of joy. We give thanks for the birth of Finley David Bidas. We join together as one family to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in our Christ Church community, and we give You thanks, Lord, for each of these times and occasions we are blessed to be able to share. Today we joyfully celebrate the birthdays of Erin, Nell, Emmaleigh, Braeden, Audra, Shawn, Diane, Dione & Tolu, and the anniversaries of Chester & Sydneya Dacres, Linda & Ralph Stewart, and Karen & Ivan Tewell! **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

Unite us, Father in Heaven, as the sisters and brothers that you have created us to be, as one family, in this world. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon:* 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

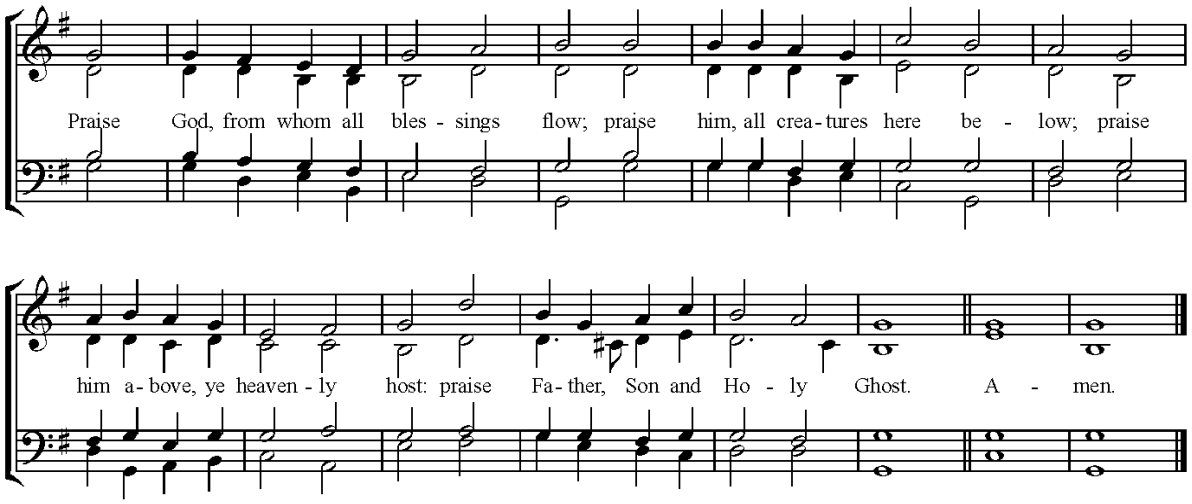
# THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING – *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* — Richard Dirksen

*Dorothy Lee, Tuba*

*Rejoice ye pure in heart; Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;*
*Your glorious banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.*
*Hosanna! Hosanna! Rejoice give thanks and sing!*
*With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth,*
*Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth.*
*Hosanna! Hosanna! Rejoice give thanks and sing!*
*Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go,*
*From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe.*
*Hosanna! Hosanna! Rejoice give thanks and sing!*
*Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,*
*As warriors through the darkness toil Till dawns the golden day.*
*Hosanna! Hosanna! Rejoice give thanks and sing!*
*Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice give thanks and sing!*
*Your glorious banner wave on high. The cross of Christ your King.*
*Hosanna! Hosanna! Rejoice give thanks and sing!*

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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

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

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

*8:00 a.m. service*

***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.**

*Sung at 10:30 a.m. service only*



*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,

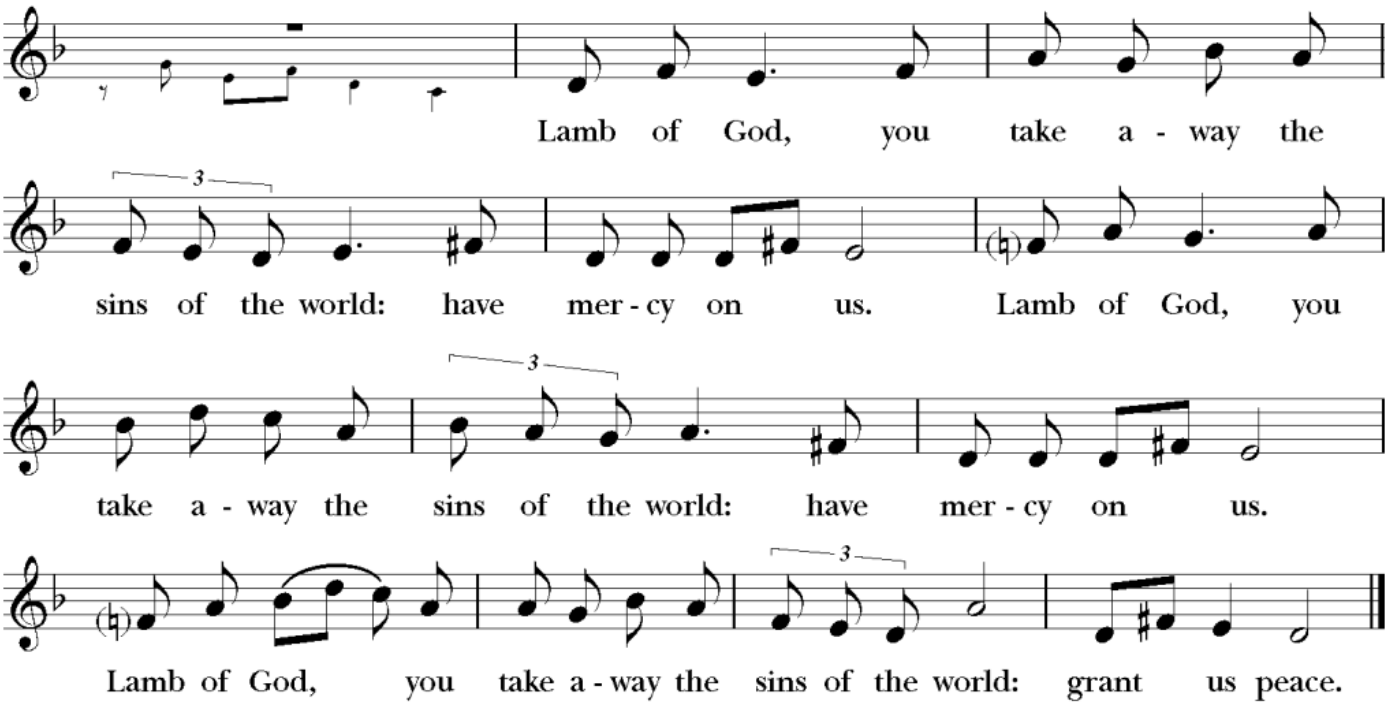
***All:*** **Our Father,**
**who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy Name,**
**thy kingdom come,**
**thy will be done,**
**on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread.**
**And forgive us our trespasses,**
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
**And lead us not into temptation,**
**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.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM – S 163

Robert Powell




1 I am the bread of life; they who
2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
3 (Un-) less you eat of the
4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that
1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
4 I am the life. They who be -
5 you are the Christ, the
1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
5 Son of God who has
1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
5 come in - to the world.
Refrain
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them
up, and I will raise them up on the
1-4
Final Ending
last day.
2 The
3 Un- day.
4
5 Yes,

## 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 494

Diadem ata






DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:*

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE - *Rigaudon* Andre Campra

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

**Sunday School |** Join us for Sunday School this weekend, but please note that there will be no Sunday School the weekend of Thanksgiving (next Sunday, 11/28).

**Adult Forum: Sunday Circle |** Please note that there will be no Sunday Circle the weekend of Thanksgiving (11/28).

**Welcome, Newcomers! - This Sunday |** On behalf of all of us at Christ Church, we would like to welcome all those new members and visitors. We hope that you have found Christ Church to be a warm, friendly, and peaceful place to worship. We would like to invite those who have joined us in worship beginning on January 1, 2021 or later to attend a luncheon this Sunday, November 21st at Stanford Grill at 12:15 with Father Manny, Beth Johnson, and other Christ Church parishioners. If you would like to attend, please call or text Beth Johnson, our Newcomer Coordinator at (443)745-2885 or email bethjohnson6217@gmail.com. We look forward to getting to know each other and welcoming you into the Christ church family.

**Thanksgiving Day at Christ Church |** Come and join us for Holy Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day. We'll worship in New Brick at 10 a.m. and will livestream the service on our website, YouTube, and Facebook pages.

**Adult and Children's Choir - Tuesdays and Thursdays |** Please note that there are no choir rehearsals during the week of Thanksgiving.

**Bible Study – Wednesdays |** Bible Study gathers 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.

**Centering Prayer – Saturdays |** Centering Prayer is a form of contemplation, a method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. We invite you to log in on any given Saturday for our brief gathering and 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 812 7402 2854 and Password is Centering!. Please email us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org and we'll answer any questions you might have.

**#Giving Tuesday - November 30th |** In the midst of the blessings of Thanksgiving, we are each invited to make a gift to our favorite charitable organizations. This year, Christ Church is inviting parishioners to support our Youth and Music Ministries on Giving Tuesday. You can do so by visiting our Online Giving Form and selecting either "Music Ministry" or "Youth Ministry" from the *Fund* dropdown menu. Your donations will help us deepen and strengthen these two important ministries. Thank you.

**Advent Quiet Day - Saturday, December 4th |** We are pleased to announce that in-person Advent Quiet Day is back for 2021. Advent Quiet Day will take place in the New Brick Sanctuary on Saturday, December 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. This time together helps us to focus and retain our perspective in the weeks leading up to Christmas. We are blessed to have Reverend Kirk Kubicek leading our morning retreat this year. We will have COVID precautions in place throughout the gathering, with required masking and social distancing. Prior to the morning session, we will gather in New Brick Great Hall for packaged breakfast and conversation. Everyone is welcome to join us for an enriching time together, complete with readings, discussions, and times for quiet meditation. Our morning gathering will conclude with a Eucharist in New Brick. More details will be on our website in the coming week.

**We Need a Few New Shepherds... Will You Be One? |** Now that the COVID restrictions are lessening we are seeing more new faces whom we would like to see return and eventually become members. We are putting together a program that we hope will help with this. One thing we would like to do is to have members who are willing to be church Shepherds of newcomers. The responsibility of a Shepherd is to get to know the family, make them feel welcome, and introduce them to other parishioners. Shepherds and Newcomers will be matched based on family makeup, talents, and desire to help in specific ministries. We see this as a two- to three-month process. We will provide a Newcomer event once a month where all newcomers and their Shepherds can interact. We encourage that the Shepherd family to meet with the newcomers on their own. If you would like to be a Shepherd, please contact Beth Johnson, Newcomer Coordinator, at (443)745-2885 by voice or text, or email her at bethjohnson6217@gmail.com. We hope you can be a part of this important ministry.

**Women of Christ Church News |** Lots of WOCC News! First, our next regular meeting will be on the 2nd Monday in January - January 10th - at which time we will create our calendar of events for 2022. For December, we will be holding our Annual WOCC Christmas Gathering. WOCC has voted to hold a virtual party on Sunday, December 5th, with more details to follow. We've also elected our 2022 WOCC Officers: President, Rhonda Tomlinson; Vice-President, Cathy Gold; Secretary, Cindy Read; Financial Secretary, Suzanne Ziobro; and Chaplain, Mary Vail. There's lots of other news, including information on our 2021 Holiday Gift Drive for Springfield Hospital. You can see all of the November WOCC News on our website.

**Garden Tribute for Seiko Shields |** As a tribute to Mrs. Seiko Shields at the memorial service on Saturday, we are collecting spring and summer bulbs for flowering plants to be planted in the near future. These flowers around the church grounds will be a living memorial, "Seiko's Garden." You are invited to bring bulbs this Saturday to place in a basket in the Narthex, or you can drop them off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

**We Need Ushers and Lectors! |** The church needs you! We need ushers and lectors for both services, especially the 8 AM service. You will serve at specified scheduled services and select events, and all ushers and lectors will receive training before scheduling. Please contact Yetti Lipede at ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

**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/CEAltargifts. You can also sign up by using our Realm Online Giving Form; just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *Fund* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and Service date in the Memo line. Any questions, please call the Church Office.

**Diocese of Maryland's COVID Info |** Howard County remains in the Yellow Phase at this time. The entire breakdown of Yellow Phase (Delta variant) guidelines is located here. The Bishops of our Diocese have also released a COVID-19 Vaccination Directive that you can view on this page. Please note that masks are still required indoors at Christ Church as we continue our dialogue with the appropriate organizations and ease restrictions with care and consideration as conditions warrant.

**Local Vaccination Location |** Howard County General Hospital will offer COVID-19 vaccinations on Sunday, November 21st and December 12th from noon to 4 p.m. at the North American Division Seventh-day Adventist Church Headquarters at 97055 Patuxent Woods Drive in Columbia. Howard County General Hospital will offer the Pfizer vaccine. The clinics are open to those ages 5 and older, and booster doses are available for those over the age of 18 (please bring your white vaccine card). To learn more or to register, visit www.HCGH.org/vaccine

**Be Aware of Email Phishing Scams, Especially During this Holiday Season |** We want to make you aware of email and text message scams that are targeting individuals and leaders of religious institutions around the country. There are also recent reports of Maryland and Howard County churches having been affected by this issue, including Christ Church. You can learn about these phishing scams, and what you can do to help stop them, on our website's blog.

**Angel Tree Drive Will Brighten Christmas for Howard County Children |** It is that time of year when the Outreach Commission invites parishioners to purchase new clothing and special items before Christmas to complete gift "packages" for young angels. We are focusing our support on children ages 10 to 12 to meet a need identified by the Howard County (Central Maryland) division of The Salvation Army. The nonprofit organization, which oversees the Angel Tree initiative here and elsewhere, has announced a new theme for 2021: "Wear, Need, Want, Read!" To participate, you'll need to provide one or more gifts for a girl or boy on our list. There are a dozen children in our group of 11- and 12-year-olds. Each one will receive an outfit, consisting of pants and a top. Besides the clothing, there are three other categories this year for each angel: Wish, Need, and Educational Item. Some parishioners prefer to sign up for just one slot, such as the practical (need) category for a single child. Some parishioners desire to complete the entire "package' for an angel by signing up in all four categories. Another shopper might choose the clothing (outfit) category for multiple angels.

We are launching this year's drive in two steps. The first stage is fully online. Starting this week, you can go to the Christ Church Angel Tree 2021 SignUp Link to view the list and make your choices. It has instructions on the next steps.

The second stage begins after Thanksgiving when the Angel Tree goes up in the Narthex. In keeping with tradition, we'll have a list of all the children's names so that you can refer to it when selecting in person. But in a nod to digital progress, we'll ask that you actually sign up for your angel by using the online form. Someone will be on hand after both worship services on Sunday, November 28th to assist if you wish to log on then. The deadline to bring in your unwrapped Angel Tree gifts will be Friday, December 10th.

For any parishioners who have pandemic concerns and prefer completely contactless delivery, there is an arrangement between Salvation Army (Central Maryland) and Amazon. To use this method, you'll need to choose an angel from a list that differs from the one given to Christ Church. Please request instructions on how to proceed by emailing outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Through either method, we will lift the hearts not only of the angels but of their families. Parents obtain unwrapped gifts from The Salvation Army to prepare for a Christmas that will be much brighter than they could otherwise afford.

**Gratitude to All Who Have Been Making Our Thanksgiving Drive a Success |** The harvest-themed table in the Narthex and the marked bin on the breezeway have been overflowing with items to help the Howard County Food Bank help local families enjoy Thanksgiving. The deadline to donate non-perishable items such as stuffing, cranberry sauce, and canned fruits and vegetables was November 18th. Earlier this week, parishioners Dione and Jim Mahoney made the first delivery to the Food Bank, dropping off eight cardboard flats full of delicious Thanksgiving sides. Thanks to one and all who contributed!

**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 or on Sunday.

**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 near the door to the Parish Hall.

**Registration Now Open for DreamBuilders trip to Puerto Rico - January 9-15, 2022 |** Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico in September of 2017. Now, four years later, thousands of Puerto Ricans are still living in damaged homes or crowded in with family members waiting for the day when their homes can be made livable again. DreamBuilders will be making its second trip to the island this January to work with SBP-Puerto Rico to repair damaged homes. We are opening registration for this trip now and will keep it open until this Sunday, November 21st. The cost of the trip is $1300 per volunteer, which covers the flights, housing, food, and rental vehicles. Daily temperatures in San Juan for January average between 80-83 degrees. SBP has COVID protocols in place to protect its staff, the homeowners, and the volunteers. All volunteers must be vaccinated. Team size will be limited to allow for distancing, and cleaning stations are established at all project sites. More information about SBP's efforts in Puerto Rico and their COVID protocols can be found on their website: sbpusa.org. You can register as a volunteer on our website: https://dreambuildersmd.org/2022-puerto-rico-details-sign-up. You will pay half the fee upon registration ($650) so DreamBuilders can reserve the flights, housing, and rental vehicles. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Gold at heycathy@verizon.net.

**Springfield Hospital Donations |** The Women of Christ Church will once again be collecting Christmas gifts for our friends at Springfield Hospital. Though we haven't been able to make our usual visits due to the pandemic, we will be gathering gifts for them to bring a little Christmas joy. If you would like to contribute, we have placed a large container in the Tower Room to accept your unwrapped donations. We will need them by December 15th, in order to meet their deadline. If you want to donate gifts but can't get them to church, please contact Cathy Gold or email info@christchurchcolumbia.org, and we will find a way. Here is the current wish list from Springfield Hospital, in case you would like suggestions.

**Baltimore Seafarer Ministry |** Our next delivery date by the WOCC to the Seafarers Center is Tuesday, December 7th. Find the drop-off bin marked "Seafarers" in the Tower Room of New Brick. Each year, the WOCC helps prepare those Seafarers that come to the Baltimore Harbor with 'Warmth and The Holidays'. These are people who are often away at sea for very long periods of time. Please help by contributing any of these needed items!

- Calendars
- Current magazines (especially National Geographic & Smithsonian)
- Toiletries for "Christmas shoe boxes" that are handed out to each Seafarer, such as: toothbrushes, small and medium-size tubes of toothpaste, travel-size shaving cream, disposable razors, etc.
- Warm socks, warm hats, and gloves.

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**2022 Stewardship Campaign: Pledge Cards are Now Available**
**Thank you for supporting our 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 is our hope that you will prayerfully consider your support to Christ Church throughout 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




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