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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 27, 2021 | 8:00 and 10:30 AM

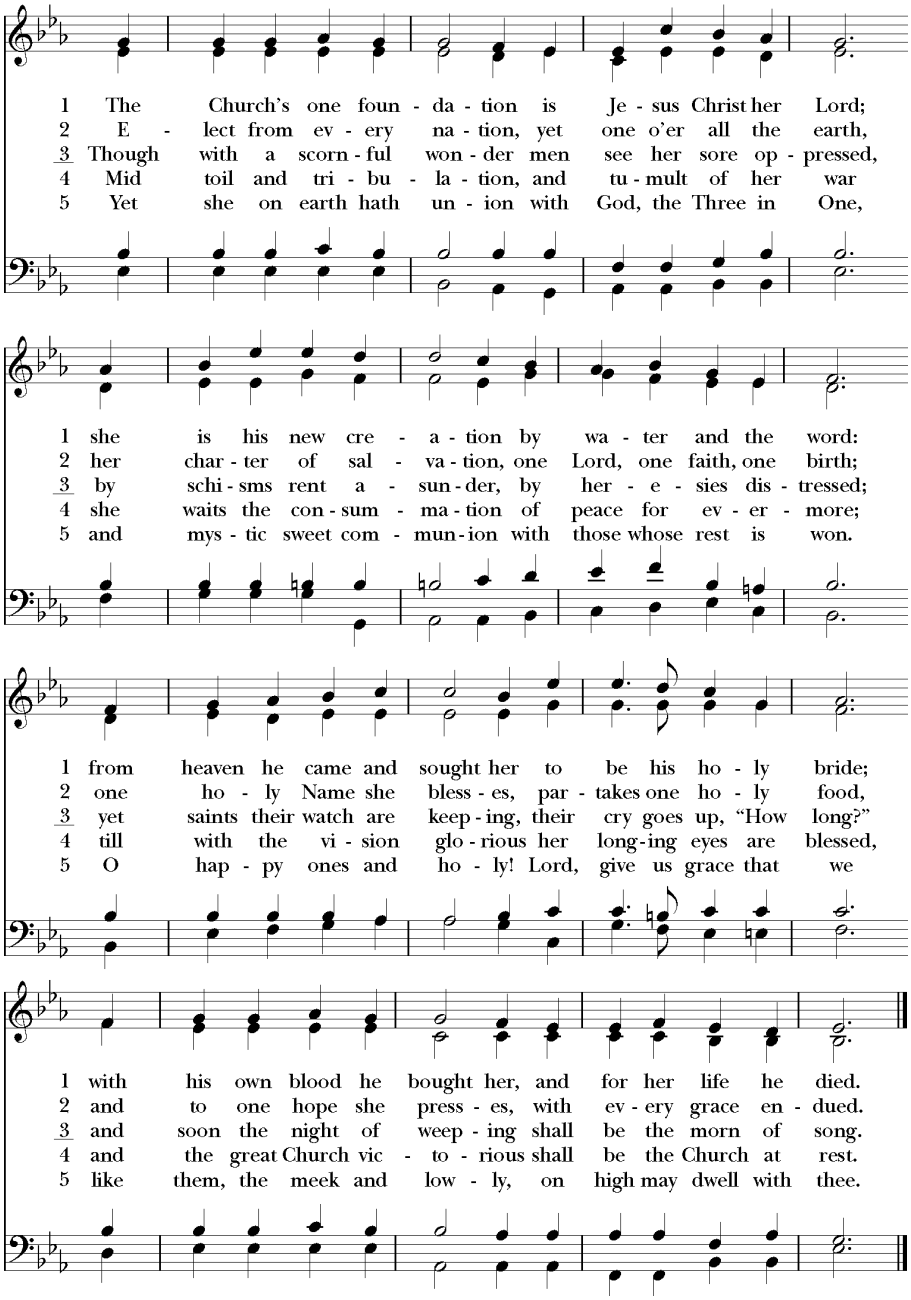
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At the 8:00 AM service, all music is omitted.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN *Aurelia*



Opening Acclamation

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

The Collect for Purity

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

Gloria

Read in unison

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!
How the mighty have fallen!

Tell it not in Gath,
proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;
or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,
the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

You mountains of Gilboa,
let there be no dew or rain upon you,
nor bounteous fields!
For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,
the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

From the blood of the slain,
from the fat of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
nor the sword of Saul return empty.

Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!
In life and in death they were not divided;
they were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions.

O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

How the mighty have fallen
in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.
I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;
greatly beloved were you to me;
your love to me was wonderful,
passing the love of women.

How the mighty have fallen,
and the weapons of war perished!

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 130 *De profundis*

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O LORD, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you--so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

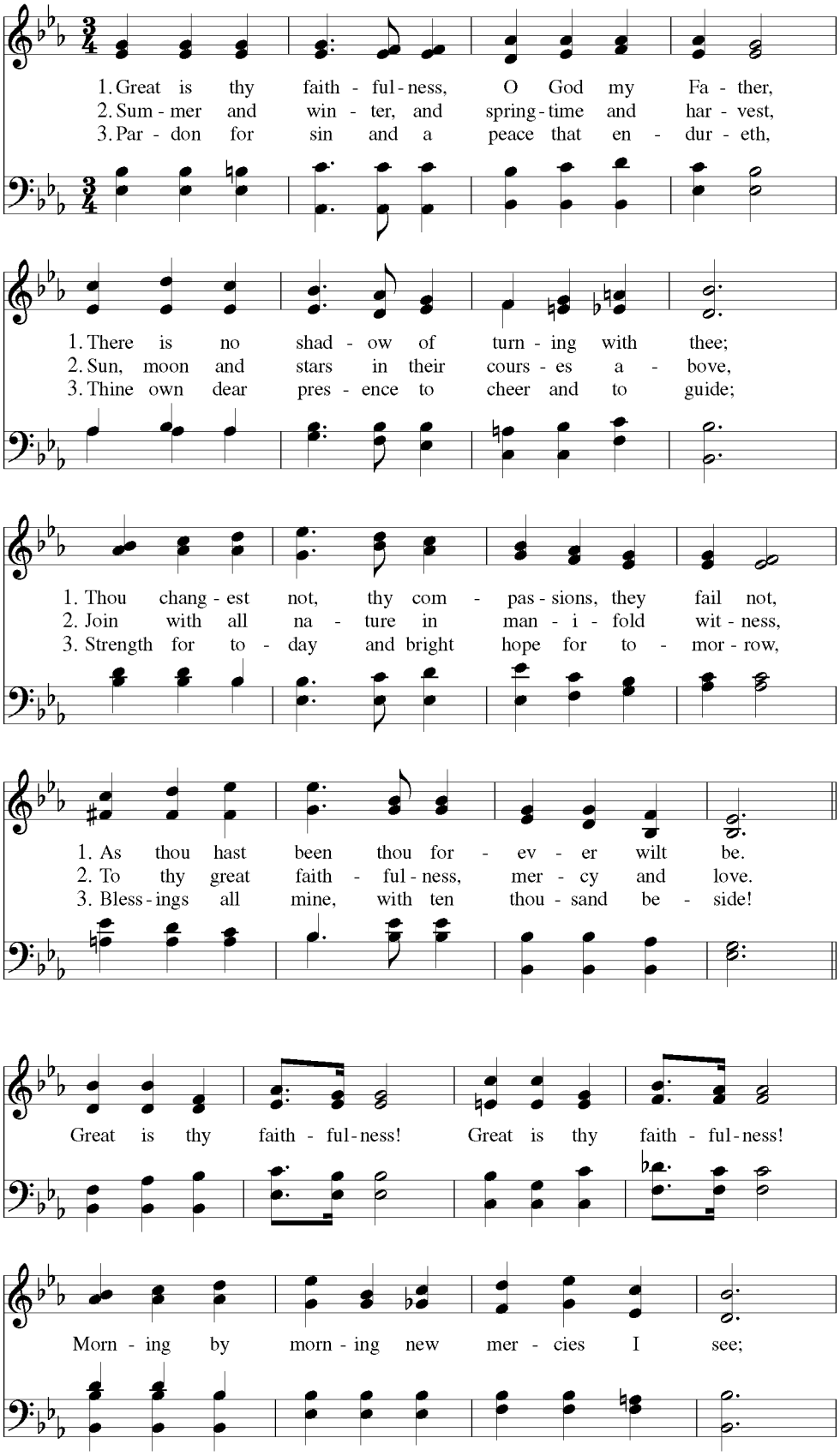
I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something--now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

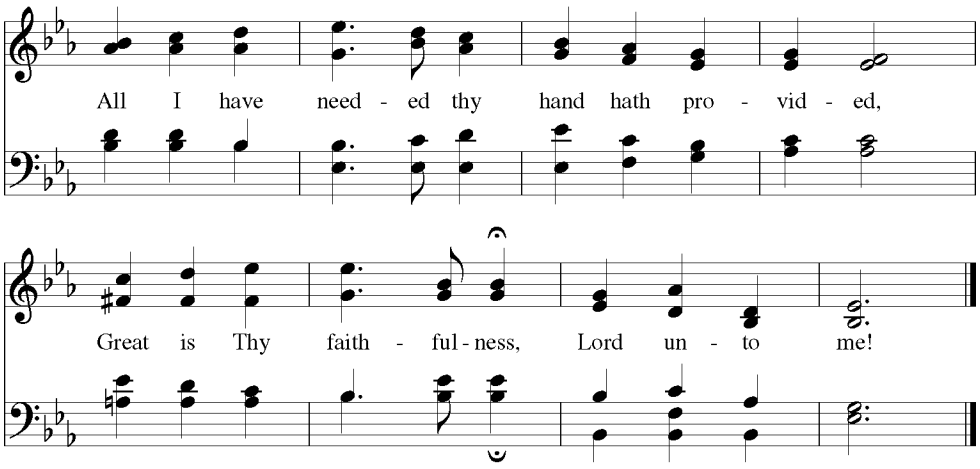
"The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little."

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

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN





THE GOSPEL

Mark 5:21-43

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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. Emmanuel Mercer, *Rector*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE written by members of the Christ Church Family

Thank you for this glorious summer, Lord! As we enjoy the season of warmth and bounty, please keep our children and families safe as we travel and play, and rejoice in the beauty of Your creation. Guard over all those who labor in the heat of summer, especially those who work to keep us safe and those protecting our environment. **Thank You for our beautiful and bountiful world.**

Bless our Vacation Bible School children and teachers as they spend this week singing, playing, crafting, learning, and rejoicing together. May they all be richly rewarded by their time together in the warmth of your love. **Thank You for the gift of Your teachings and for the joy of our children.**

We give a warm welcome to those who are new to Christ Church and those who are visiting this morning. We thank you for sharing in our worship. We pray for our Church Leadership: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Eugene and Robert, our Bishops; for Emmanuel, our Rector; for our Deacon, Denise; and for our retired Rectors, James and Richard. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United). In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St. John's, Deer Park; St. Matthew's, Oakland; and, St. Peter's, Lonaconing. Let us also pray for the wisdom and compassion of governmental leaders throughout the world. **We pray for Your holy church and all who worship in it.**

We pray for all those who are ill in mind, body or spirit, and those who care for them. Give strength to those battling the COVID virus as it continues to spread around the world. We keep the residents and staff of Springfield Hospital in our prayers. We pray also for our friends at Grassroots who struggle with food and shelter insecurity, and for all those whose needs are known only to You. In our own church family, we pray this week especially for Tanis, Sam, Farris, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Ana, Theresa, Nell, Victoria, Jim, Roberta, Kathleen, Ashley, Ron, and Jeanette, and those you now name. **Lord, may your healing touch ease their pain and restore them.**

We ask Jesus to accept in His loving arms all those who have departed this life, especially Seiko Shields & Ella Steele, and those you now name. We pray for all who mourn them that they may heal in the warmth of your love. **Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of eternal life.**

We bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours. We rejoice with all those members of our church family who are celebrating birthdays, especially Nancy Wing and anniversaries of Jennifer & Phil Bray, and Bob Foreman & Lamere Hennessee, and other milestones. **Blessings of joy to all in our church family**.

Summer is here – a time for relaxation, for regrowth, for the warmth of the sun and the coolness of the breeze. It can be hectic too, as we try to fit in all the fun activities while maintaining the requirements of our lives. Let us pause and appreciate the joys of this season. **Lord, may I never stop seeing You in the bounty, goodness, and joy of summer. Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

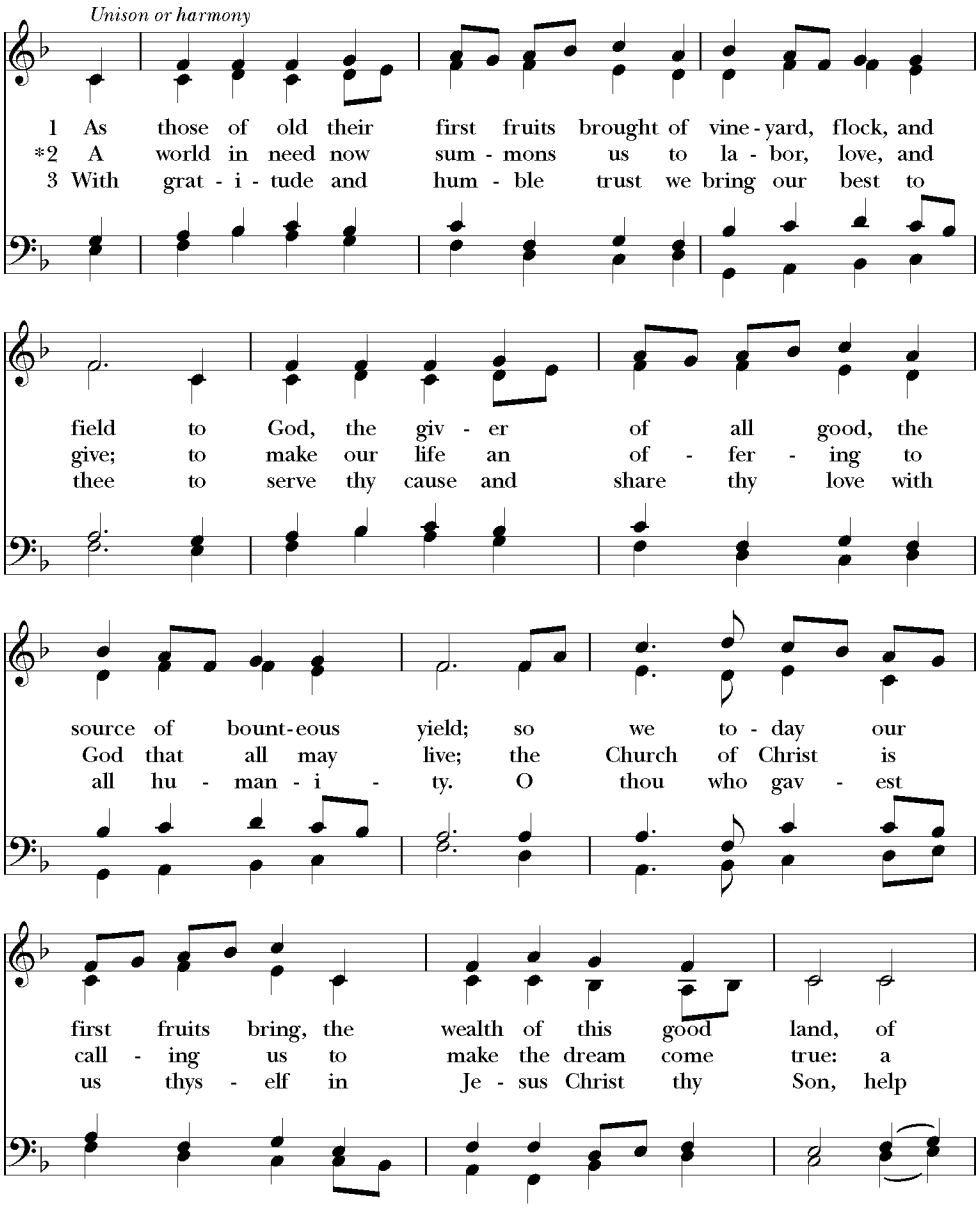
The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

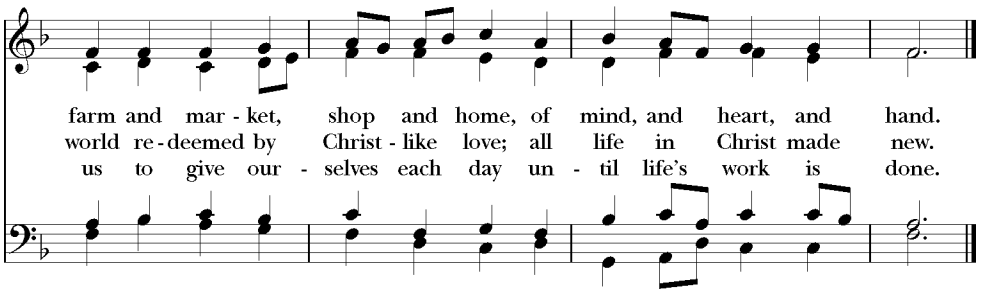
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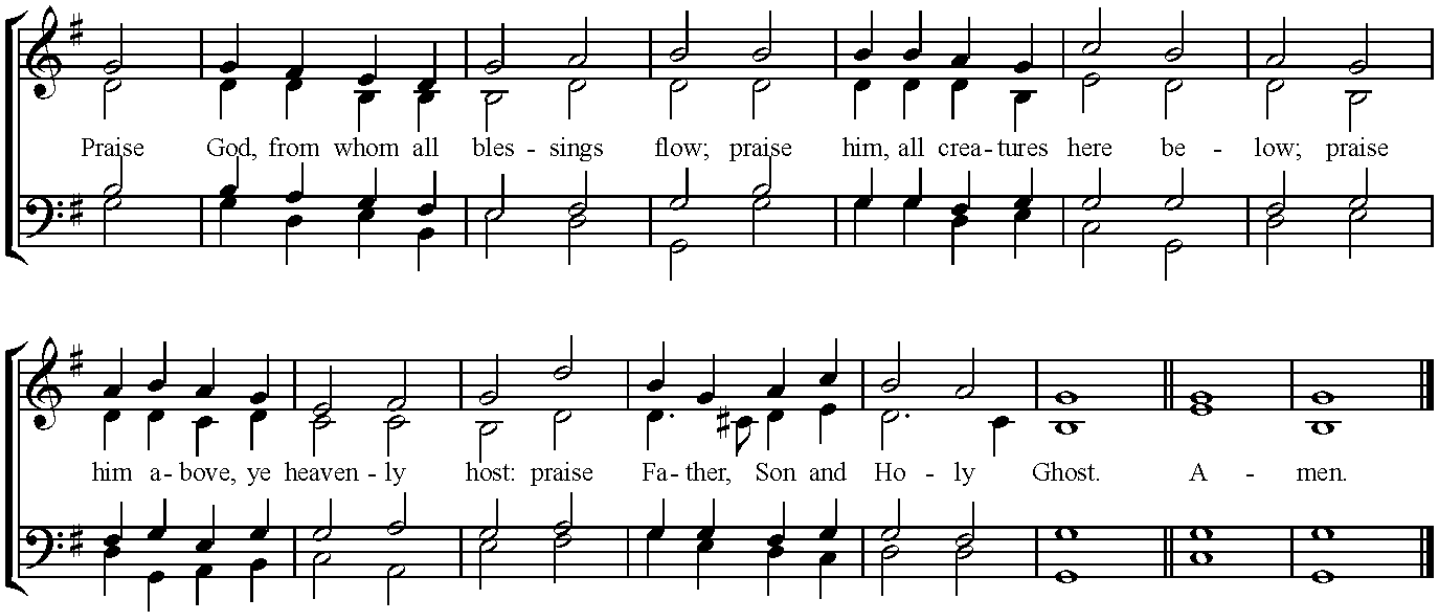
Offertory Hymn

Forest Green





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

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

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

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

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 for ever.

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.

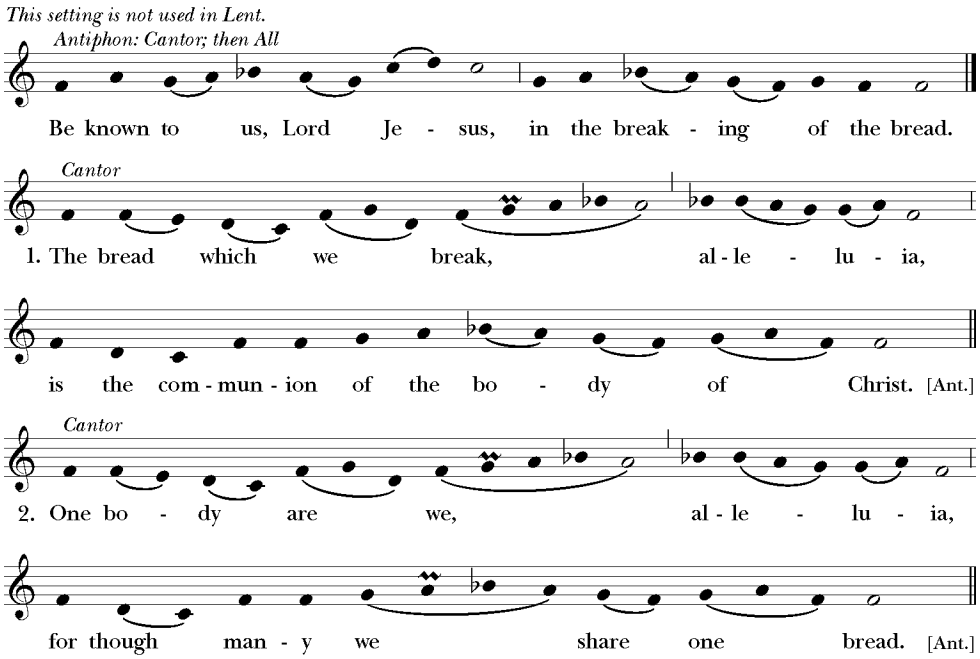
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

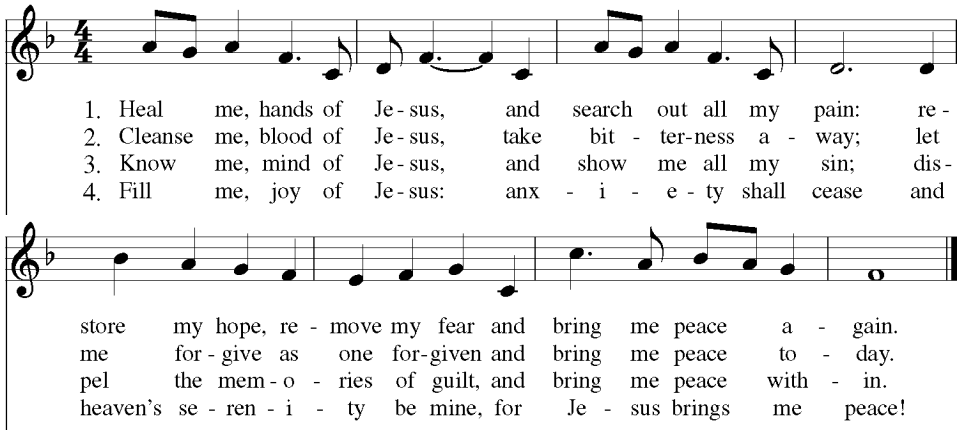
Fraction Anthem

Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)



Communion Hymn

Sharpe



Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

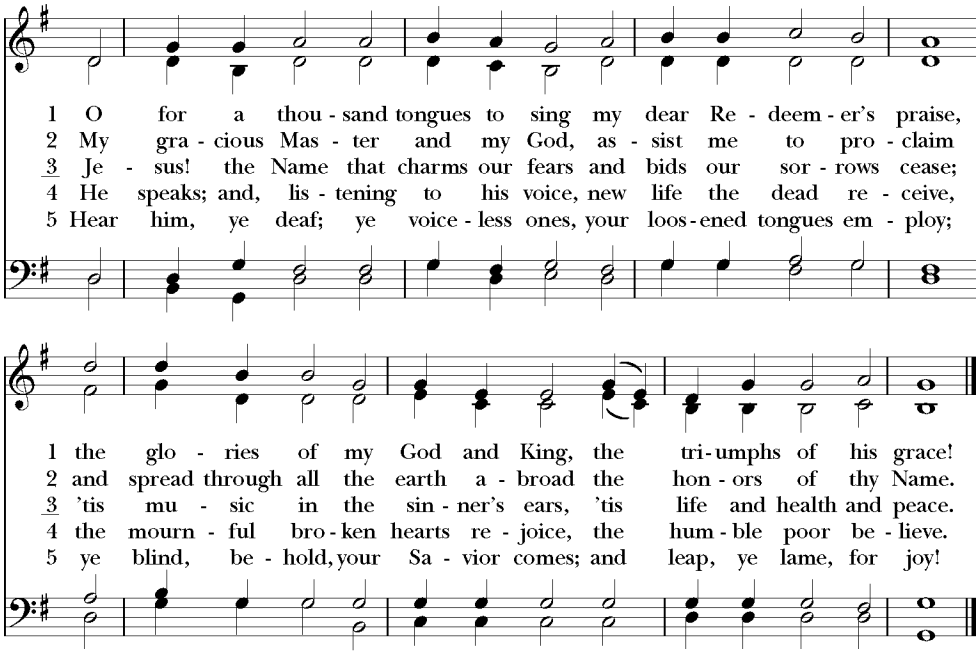
All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with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

THE BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN

Azmon



6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Outdoor Coffee Hour | The Diocese of Maryland is currently in its **Yellow Phase**, which allows for outdoor fellowship. Since we are hosting an outdoor Eucharist this Sunday, we are hoping to also host an outdoor Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service. At this time, the Diocese has instructed parishes to provide pre-packaged, individual servings of foods and beverages in order to maintain a safe environment for all participants, and so we are interested in a few volunteer parishioners to help make this gathering a safe reality throughout the summer. Please email the church office at office@christchurchcolumbia.org if you are interested in helping during future Sundays.

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 now find the details and sign-up sheet online at https://tinyurl.com/CEAltargifts.

From the Director of Music | As we continue to re-gather - especially when we gather for worship outdoors - please feel free to contact me with any specific comments or questions about the musical selections in worship. Your feedback is essential for the success of the music ministry here at Christ Church. You can e-mail me at music@christchurchcolumbia.org, or grab me after church. Please, don't be shy! ~Adam

Summer Re-Gathering | With new protocols that are always taking shape in our parish and our communities, we've updated the Summer Re-Gathering page of our website. This page has our latest congregational plan updates, and we'll continue to update it as we learn about health developments in our area. A link to the latest Diocesan COVID information is also there. And if you haven't yet taken a few minutes to complete our recent survey, please do so. As we slowly re-open and re-gather for worship, there are still questions and adjustments that we need to make together, and your survey responses help us make the necessary adjustments for the benefit of our common life. Thank you.

Morning and Evening Prayer – Weekdays | Christ Church leads morning prayer at 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and evening prayer is offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to worship live via Facebook or the main page of our website, and join in the centering and healing Anglican practice of observing daily offices. You can also watch each service afterward if you can't join us at those times.

Centering Prayer - Thursday Evenings | Come join Kathy and Adrian in Old Brick on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for this contemplative prayer gathering, one which allows for shared energy and connectedness that fosters an openness to God's presence. All attendees wear masks and sit at an appropriate distance from each other. You are welcome to participate as their schedule permits, whether it's every week or once in a while.

Vaccination Updates | We'd like to bring to your attention that the Clergy and Staff at Christ Church have been fully vaccinated. Fr. Manny was one of the first people who got vaccinated; he received his second shot on February 1st. Deacon Denise had her first shot on March 5th and her second shot on April 2nd. Adam had his shots on February 28th and March 27th and Yetti had hers on February 27th and March 27th. Our Howard County faith communities are hard at work to help end this COVID-19 pandemic. There are vaccine clinics taking place in July at various houses of worship, and you can find that information at https://tinyurl.com/cecCOVIDresourcejuly.

WOCC News | The Women of Christ Church will hold its next meeting in September, and more information will be made available later this summer. Remember, every woman at Christ Church over the age of 18 is already a member of the WOCC, so join us any time. If you have any questions, please contact the WOCC officers by emailing wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org: Gail Braatelien, President; Rhonda Tomlinson, Vice President; Cathy Gold, Financial Secretary; Joan Harvey, Secretary; and Pamela Brown, Chaplain.

Help Us Make Our Lake Elkhorn Middle School Supply Drive a Success! | Deacon Denise has recently written an article about Christ Church's LEMS support drive, and how you can help make this a success. These efforts will

greatly assist the children of our community as they return to school this fall. We encourage you to read the article in full on our website - https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/post/for-the-kingdom-of-heaven-belongs-to-such-as-these or email lemspc@christchurchcolumbia.org with any questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry | Christ Church has created a Prayer Shawl Ministry, so grab your knitting needles and yarn, and join us. Don't have time to knit a whole shawl? Think about knitting some Prayer Squares, with each measuring 5" x 5". These are easily and quickly made and will be appreciated by those who are ill or grieving. If you are interested in making shawls or squares, contact Rosemary Hubbard at rhubbard553@gmail.com or 410-730-2985.

Join Us for the CEC Fall Retreat - This October | The Spiritual Life Commission is pleased to announce that the Christ Church Fall Retreat is back for 2021! Once again, we'll gather at the A. Felix duPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach. We've reserved the weekend of October 1-3 for us, so if you're interested please speak with Ellen Hoke or Donna Campagna so they can answer your questions or reserve a space for you. The details are on our website and you can email Ellen at efboudreau1@gmail.com or Donna at donnacam100@gmail.com for more information.

Children Whose Families Are Suffering in the Opioid Crisis Anticipate a Healing Week at Claggett's Camp Spirit Song | Thanks to parishioners at Christ Church, a young person whose family life has been upended by the nation's opioid crisis will spend a week in early August at Camp Spirit Song at the Claggett Camp and Conference Center. As the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland said in a news release: "The Claggett Center partnered with the SpiritWorks Foundation to provide children an opportunity to lay down some of their heavy burdens and just be kids for a week."

This is the second year of Camp Spirit Song and the first camp program of its kind on the East Coast. After its first season in 2019, BBC America featured it during Part III of a documentary series on struggles with opioid addiction in the United States. (View at 0:47 to 5:33 minutes and from 43:55 to the end for a look at the camp in-session.) The diocese describes camp as a "safe space created for children to have fun while surrounded by caring, compassionate staff and peers who can relate to their experiences."

How do our parishioners play a role in helping this healing to occur? It's three-fold. At a recent Outreach Commission meeting, we approved a $1,000 donation to Claggett to cover the expenses of one child for the Aug. 1-6 camp. That includes room and board, program materials, and staff fees. The funds come from the commission's Vestry-approved budget for 2021 which is derived from your pledges and contributions. So, thanks to all on behalf of our camper and the child's extended family.

The second way that parishioners can be involved is to reach out to friends, relatives, and people whom you may know in the Mid-Atlantic region whose lives are touched by opioid addiction. Recommend a child or siblings, preferably entering grades 4 to 8, who could benefit from a week of fun and more. The activities include swimming, games, crafts, canoeing, a ropes course, and chapel. The healing includes daily small-group sessions led by Spiritworks Foundation counselors.

Or recommend a potential camper's older sibling or another worthy teenager who could become a junior staffer. Or suggest an adult volunteer who has a background in addiction and recovery services. Please make your recommendations by email to Lisa Marie Ryder, Co-executive Director of The Claggett Center, at lmryder@claggettcenter.org or you can call her at 1-301-874-5147 Ext. 6388. The Claggett Center is located at 3035 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown, MD 21710.

Thirdly, consider making an individual donation. Claggett is still accepting donations with the expectation of providing a camping experience for at least 30 children from Province III of the Episcopal Church. That is made up of a group of dioceses in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C.

Given the aftermath of a tragic overdose or the other ways that children can be harmed by their loved ones' addiction, the motivation is simple. Provide children "an opportunity to meet God through the support of a Christian community, fellowship with peers who share a common experience, and time to rest and play away from the distractions of everyday life," Claggett says in its 2021 Camp Spirit Song description.

A Follow-up on Fathers' Day Supporters of Columbia Community Care | At Christ Church, our Racially Aware Group of Episcopalians (R.A.G.E) and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to support Columbia Community Care (CCC). Some heeded the call by pre-ordering a Father's Day meal for takeout at Bonheur Deli, which pledged to benefit CCC by donating a meal for every pre-order.

On Wednesday, the restaurant prepared 19 hot meals for CCC's three distribution sites, which are located at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Rd., and at Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Court, all in Columbia.

Another one-time opportunity to support CCC is to continue collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items as well as adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin marked "CCC" inside the Christ Church Parish Hall door. You can drop off items on weekdays until 2 p.m., but please call the church office at (410) 381-9365 ahead of time.

Donate Toiletries, Cleaning Supplies for FISH in its Yellow Bin | Organizers for FISH of Howard County request household cleaning supplies such as liquid dish soap, bleach, and cleanser. Also, the families who call on FISH during times of crisis could use personal items such as deodorant, shampoo, and bath soaps. At the present time, the pantry has an adequate supply of groceries.

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.

Please Consider a Contribution to Christ Church

Recent world events have been challenging for us all. It has also affected how we are able to continue to help others. Our Stewardship Committee would like to thank you all for your wonderful and generous support to our beloved Christ Church. Your generosity sustains life and ministry. In as much as we give thanks for your pledges - especially during these difficult times - we also want you to know that we are still quite far from our targeted goal for 2021. We, therefore, appeal to all who have not as yet turned in their pledges to kindly consider submitting a pledge online. We are still carrying out an amazing ministry for a moderate-sized church - even through this very challenging time - but it does require everyone's assistance. Each contribution helps greatly.

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

Our 2021 Pledge Form is Online

The 2021 Pledge Form is on our website, for your convenience. You can complete the form by clicking here or use the Realm form located here, and if you have any questions, please email stewardship@christchurchcolumbia.org



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