



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Sunday, April 19, 2026 | Third Sunday of Easter – Holy Baptism

And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

**HE IS NOT HERE,
BUT HAS RISEN.**

Remember how he told you,
while he was still in Galilee...

LUKE 24:5-6



Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church: www.christchurchcolumbia.org.

This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

- Celebrant:* Alleluia, Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
- Celebrant:* There is one Body and one Spirit; **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
- Celebrant:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Reader: A reading from *Acts*.

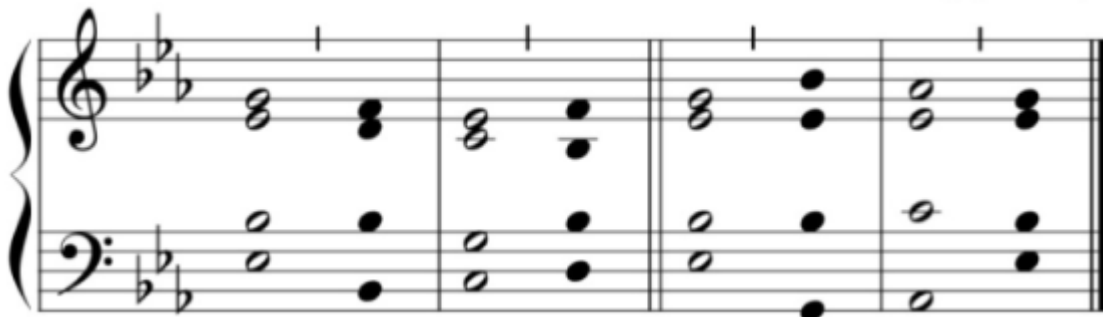
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 | *Dilexi, quoniam*



I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my suppli | cation |
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called up | on him. ||

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took | hold of me; |
I came to grief and | sorrow. ||

Then I called upon the Name of the | Lord; |
“**O Lord, I pray you, save my | life.**” ||

How shall I repay the | Lord |
for all the good things he has | done for me? ||

I will lift up the cup of sal | vation |
and call upon the Name of the | Lord. ||

I will fulfill my vows to the | Lord; |
in the presence of all his | people. ||

Precious in the sight of the | Lord; |
is the death of his | servants. ||

O Lord, I am your | servant; |
I am your servant, and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my | bonds. ||

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks | giving |
and will call upon the Name of the | Lord. ||

I will fulfil my vows to the | Lord, |
In the presence of all his | people. ||

In the courts of the Lord’s | house, |
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Halle | lujah! ||

THE EPISTLE | 1 Peter 1:17-23

Reader: *A reading from 1st Peter.*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

The people stand as able.

1. I love the Lord, _____ He heard my
 2. I love the Lord, _____ He heard my

1. cry _____ and pit - ied ev - 'ry groan. _____
 2. cry _____ and pit - ied ev - 'ry groan. _____

1. _____ Long as I live _____ and trou - bles rise, _____
 2. _____ O let my heart _____ no more des - pair _____

1. _____ I'll has - ten to _____ His throne.
 2. _____ while I have breath _____ to pray.

THE GOSPEL | Luke 24:13-35

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,
 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

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

13

mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

THE SERMON | Rev. Yehinuel Odidi, *Seminarian Associate*

The people stand as able.

HOLY BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE: Myla Jean Cooley

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and

Godparents: **I present Myla to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents:

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and

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

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and

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

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The celebrant then addresses the congregation:

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

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

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

- Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

- Celebrant:* Let us now pray for Myla who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
- Intercessor:* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor:* Open her heart to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor:* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor:* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor:* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor:* Send her into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor:* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

- Celebrant:* The Lord be with you **And also with you.**
- Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- Celebrant:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.
- We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

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

THE BAPTISM

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

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

The celebrant continues:

Let us pray.

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

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

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

BAPTISM SONG | This Little Light of Mine

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

THE PEACE |

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Please scan to give.



DOXOLOGY HYMN 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, **O praise Him, Alleluia!**
Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, **Three in One:**
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



THE HOLY COMMUNION



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,

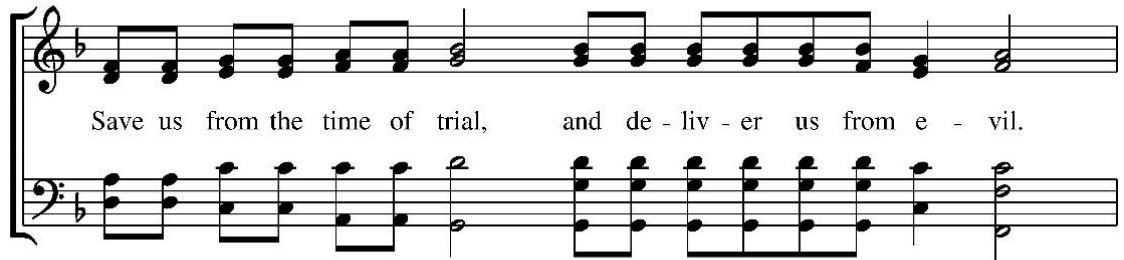
The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.



For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**
Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 171 | Mode 6 melody;

adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

This setting is not used in Lent.

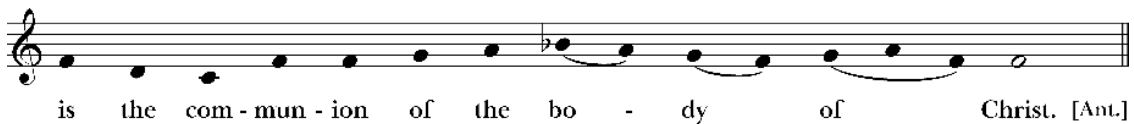
Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Cantor
1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



Cantor
2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
 2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
 3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,

1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
 2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
 3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;

1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
 2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
 3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,

1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
 2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
 3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

All:

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

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

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE BLESSING |

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

CLOSING HYMN 539 | O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling

Tidings

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,
 ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

THE DISMISSAL |

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

POSTLUDE |

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Assisting in Worship Today

10:30 a.m. Service

Acolytes: Shreya Chrzanowski, Anya Sheriff, Wynstan Eguakun

Altar Guild: Cheryl Lucente, Leigh Smith, Pamela Foreman

Chalicer: *We need volunteers! Speak with Yetti or any Clergy*

Lector/Reader: *We need volunteers! Speak with Yetti or any Clergy*

Tellers: Catherine Miller, Lisa Taitt-Wynter

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Jane Adams, Yetti Lipede

PARISH CALENDAR

APRIL 19 – 25, 2026

Sunday, April 19

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Worship – New Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:30 – 10:20 am	Sunday School, Sunday Circle
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David – Old Brick
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) – Parish Hall, CR & Zoom
1:15 – 5:30 pm	Sundays @ 3 Concert – New Brick, UL
4:30 – 7:30 pm	Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL

Monday, April 20

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Tuesday, April 21

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom
7:30 – 9:30 pm	300 yr. Communications Committee Mtg– Zoom

Wednesday, April 22

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Cheong Seminar Event – New Brick, LL

Thursday, April 23

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL

Friday, April 24

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

Saturday, April 25

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Diaconate Training Event – New Brick, LL
1:30 – 5:00 pm	MOCC Family BBQ – Field
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild Prep
5:30 – 11:30 pm	Chege Event – New Brick, LL



**Come One, Come All
to the BBQ and Family Picnic
Next Saturday, April 25**

The Men of Christ Church is excited to announce its Spring BBQ and Family Picnic, taking place next Saturday, April 25th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This no-charge event is a new MOCC fellowship gathering that connects generations and celebrates our church family. All ages are welcome - there will be a moon bounce for the children, and fun, food, and drink for everyone.

The MOCC would love your help, though - they are providing all the grillables, but are asking for a little side support to make this event the best possible community gathering of the year.

Please sign up to contribute items for the event, then bring your donations to church by next Friday, April 24. Put them in the New Brick kitchen, labeled "MOCC Family BBQ." If snacks or condiments are not your preference, you can also sign up to help with setup or cleanup on the day of the event. If you have any questions, please call Duane at 301-467-9695 or email MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to share with the church,
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Christ Church's Legacy Project Invites Your Input

As part of our 300-year anniversary, Christ Church is exploring a legacy project that will serve as a center of innovative and transformative ministries for our community and beyond. In seeking a way to help begin our next century, we have engaged a consultant to help us begin this decision-making process. We invite you to take part by visiting CEEvents.org/FutureVision to complete a brief questionnaire that will help guide us. We are also inviting parishioners to be interviewed privately after completing this form. If you feel God's call to be interviewed or have any questions, please reach out to Fr. Manny at revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org or by calling the office at 410-381-9365.

Noonday Healing Eucharist – Every Thursday at 12 Noon in Old Brick

Throughout the year, Christ Church offers a midday Healing Eucharist on Thursdays in Old Brick. A member of our clergy leads this service of readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Parishioners and community members are all welcome to join in a prayerful time in the presence of God, and to share in the wonderful mystery of God's love whilst we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones. Please come in to reflect, pray, and participate in a service held in our beautiful, historic chapel.

Faith Film Friday – Friday, April 24

Gather with us to watch *Paul: Apostle of Christ* - [you can watch the trailer here](#). It is based on the Book of Acts, but this time from the perspective of its author, Luke. Arriving in Rome during Nero's cruel persecution of Christians, Luke finds Paul languishing in Mamertine prison. Understanding that Paul's days are numbered, Luke implores him to help properly document his journey from Saul of Tarsus to becoming one of Christianity's pivotal figures. Although they had met earlier and worked together, it is here that Luke takes to writing the full account. Working with Christians supporting Paul and at great personal risk to himself in gaining access to Paul, Luke pens Paul's testimony and continues the work with Christians in Rome, eventually leaving to continue spreading the Gospel. Join us on Friday, April 24, at 7 p.m. Bring movie munchies and meet us in the lower level of the Parish Hall (office building).

BBQ and Family Picnic - Saturday, April 25

The Men of Christ Church is excited to announce its Spring BBQ and Family Picnic, taking place next Saturday, April 25th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This no-charge event is a new MOCC fellowship gathering that connects generations and celebrates our church family. All ages are welcome - there will be a moon bounce for the children, and fun, food, and drink for everyone. The MOCC would love your help, though - they are providing all the grillables, but are asking for a little side support to make this event the best possible community gathering of the year. **Please sign up to contribute items for the event**, then bring your donations to church by next Friday, April 24. Put them in the New Brick kitchen, labeled "MOCC Family BBQ." If snacks or condiments are not your preference, you can also sign up to help with setup or cleanup on the day of the event. If you have any questions, please call Duane at 301-467-9695 or email MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

MOCC 50/50 Raffle - Drawing is April 25

The MOCC launched a 50/50 raffle, and everyone is invited to take part. One-half of the proceeds from this raffle will be split among three winners, with the other half going toward supporting the MOCC's Random Acts of Kindness in the community. You can purchase one ticket for ten dollars, but if you buy two, you get a third for free - that's three tickets for twenty bucks! And of course, the more that people take part, the larger the winnings. The MOCC will pick the winning tickets at the April 25th Family Picnic and BBQ (see those details below in this email). See any MOCC member at church on any April Sunday, or you can email them at MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org if you'd like a ticket or three.

CEC Youth Group Flower Sale - Saturday, May 2

One of the most colorful and fragrant spring traditions is back! The Christ Church Youth Group will be sponsoring its annual Flower Sale next month, so stop by the Christ Church campus on Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and pick up your favorite spring annuals. We will have a variety of individual flowers in small pots, hanging baskets, and flower-and-herb combination pots. The flowers come from Walnut Springs Nursery in Howard County, and all proceeds go to support youth ministry activities throughout the year.

First Wednesday Fellowship Returns – Wednesday, May 6

Spring is definitely in the air, and with Lent and Easter now behind us, we will gather for food and flowers at May's First Wednesday Fellowship. Join us in the Great Hall of New Brick on Wednesday, May 6, at 6 p.m. for soup and sandwiches. Our activity that evening will be creating Mother's Day flowers, which we will then hand out to moms and mother figures at church services that Sunday, May 10th (Mother's Day). The church will provide the entree, but please either bring a salad, side, or dessert, or consider donating to help support our FWF events. And stay tuned... because soon, we will share the details for what is a VERY popular Christ Church FWF tradition - our annual Crab Feast!

VBS&CC is Back this Summer!

Christ Church's Vacation Bible School and Choir Camp takes place this summer from June 22-26 and gathers daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. After the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service on June 28th, we'll have a wonderful ice cream celebration for all VBS&CC participants! All week long, children will enjoy Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and making new friends and seeing old ones! Snacks, lunch, and refreshments are served daily, and the program is staffed by our wonderful Christ Church parishioners, many of whom have been a part of VBS for years. **The registration form for VBS&CC can be completed here.** If you have multiple children to register, please complete a separate form for each child. The tuition is \$30/child or \$75/family, and **you can process your tuition payment here.** Volunteers are also very much needed, so join us and have fun! **Please email us** if you'd like to assist with the program or have any questions. And you can always visit our website to register later, as well - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/vbs - but don't delay for too long.... spaces do fill up fast!

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God, a gathering that takes place every Monday. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. Be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings.

Christ Church Book Club - Tuesdays

This might be a perfect time to join the CEC Book Club, as we will be starting a new book soon. The Christ Church Book Club is an informal online conversation that selects a book and discusses it as a group, offering diverse perspectives and experiences. Email bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org and let us know that you're interested, or just log on later this month - everyone is welcome to take part, and we always welcome a few more participants!

Christ Church Choir - Thursday Evenings

The Christ Church Choirs rehearse in New Brick on Thursday evenings, and anyone can join us. Handbell Choir meets from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., and Adult Choir meets from 7:30 to 9:00 on the same night. You don't need to know how to read music, so whether you have previous experience or are ready to commit long-term or not, there's a place for you in our choirs. Why not give it a try? If you're interested, speak with our Director of Music, Larissa, on Sundays, email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org, or simply stop by a rehearsal and see if it's something you might enjoy being a part of.

Provide Eucharist to Those Unable to Travel to Church as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor

This year, we have had more people request **Communion to You**, a service Christ Church provides to bring Eucharist to homebound parishioners. To fulfill this need, we require a few more Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV). If you're interested in helping with this vital ministry, please speak with Kathy Lyon at church or contact the Church Office. And if you, yourself, require this service, **please fill out this brief form**, or call the Church Office. We will ensure that Communion gets to your home.

Christ Church's Inreach Ministry

Are you alone, or do you have family who lives far away and can't call often? Christ Episcopal Church is creating an Inreach program to help keep people in touch with one another and provide wellness checks. Parishioners will call and reach out to see that you're ok; we can call or text you - whichever is your preference. If you wish to be included in this program, please let us know. And since this is one of our newer ministries, we need volunteers. It doesn't take much time out of your schedule to make a difference in another person's life, so if you're interested, please speak with Michon Semon at church, complete the brief form at cecevents.org/Inreach, or email us at inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org, and we will get you started or answer any questions you might have.

We Need Readers, Chalicists, Tellers, and Altar Guild Members!

There are many roles in the church that most people don't think of regularly – or at all. However, the truth is that it requires a great deal of work by many people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish that it is. Four ways to help your church are by volunteering to be a Reader, Chalicist, Teller, or by assisting the Christ Church Altar Guild. None of these requires weekly assistance - both only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. For those specifically interested in the Altar Guild, please email altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org or speak with Pam Foreman or any other Altar Guild member setting up on Sunday mornings. For those interested in assisting as a Reader, Chalicist, or as a Teller, please call the Church Office at office@christchurchcolumbia.org or speak with Yetti. THANK YOU!



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