



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, July 20, 2025 | Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

HE *is before*  
ALL THINGS,  
*and in* HIM  
*all things hold together.*

*Colossians 1:17*

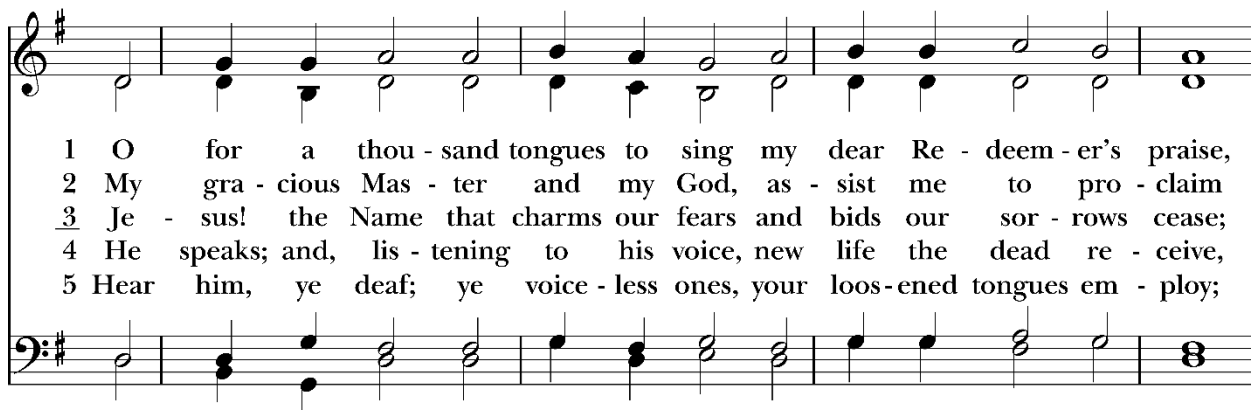


# THE WORD OF GOD

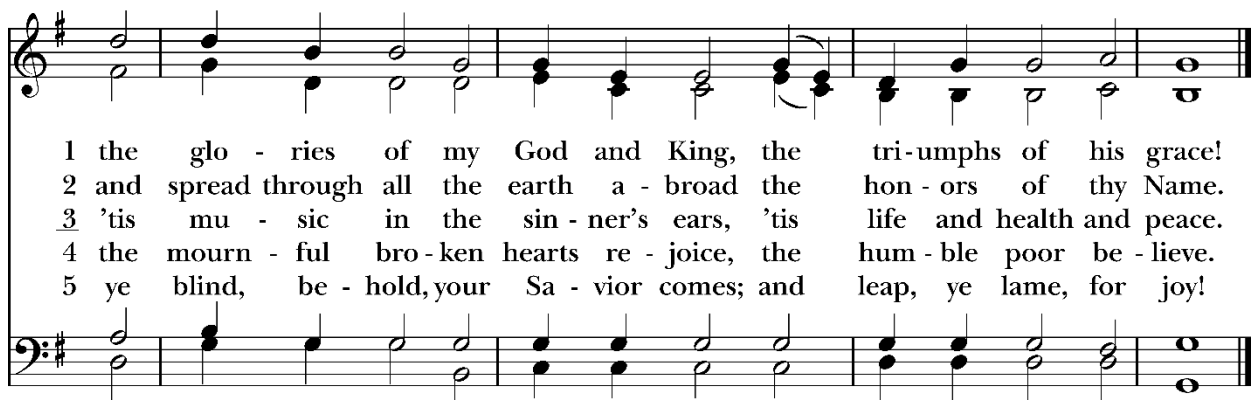
## PRELUDE |

## OPENING HYMN 493 | O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Azmon*



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

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.

## 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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY|

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON** | Amos 8:1-12

Reader: *A reading from Amos.*

This is what the Lord God showed me-- a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,"  
says the Lord God;

"the dead bodies shall be many,  
cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account,  
and everyone mourn who lives in it,

and all of it rise like the Nile,  
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord God,  
I will make the sun go down at noon,  
and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into mourning,  
and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on all loins,  
and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son,  
and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God,  
when I will send a famine on the land;

not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,  
but of hearing the words of the Lord.

They shall wander from sea to sea,  
and from north to east;

they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord,  
but they shall not find it.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

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

## THE PSALM

Psalm 52 | *Quid gloriaris?*

You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \*  
**against the godly all day long?**

You plot ruin;  
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \*  
**O worker of deception.**

You love evil more than good \*  
**and lying more than speaking the truth.**

You love all words that hurt, \*  
**O you deceitful tongue.**

Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \*  
**topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,**  
**and root you out of the land of the living!**

The righteous shall see and tremble, \*  
**and they shall laugh at him, saying,**

"This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \*  
**but trusted in great wealth**  
**and relied upon wickedness."**

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \*  
**I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.**

I will give you thanks for what you have done \*  
**and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.**

## THE EPISTLE | Colossians 1:15-28

Reader: *A reading from Colossians.*

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*The people stand as able.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN 462 | The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow

*York*

1 The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot - steps can - not err;  
2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos - som show;  
3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick - ed earth re - dress;  
4 The na - tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame  
5 For great thou art, and won - ders great by thy strong hand are done:

1 be - fore him right - eous - ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger.  
2 and jus - tice, from her heaven - ly bower, look down on us be - low.  
3 for thou art he who shalt by right the na - tions all pos - sess.  
4 to bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy thy Name.  
5 thou in thy ev - er - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

## THE GOSPEL | Luke 10:38-42

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

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

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

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

9 Optional Ending For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

## THE SERMON | Michael Looney, *Seminarian*

*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 worshipped 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 |

Lord, we seek, to understand Your purpose for us in this world. Help us to embrace the tender relationship of Your Spirit within us, to seek and to bend our will to Yours, and to become the face, the hands, and the body of Christ. May we give praise, thanksgiving, and hope to all. Help us to use the gentle Spirit within us, to heal and strengthen all who are hurt, showing kindness and mercy **Lord, hear our prayer!**

We are Your Church, Your Body on earth, and welcome all into Your Loving embrace. You called us “friends”. In that spirit of Love extending our arms to all You have placed in our paths. To help our growth, You have carefully placed leaders of our faith to guide us. We pray especially for Presiding Bishop, Sean; Diocesan Bishop, Carrie; Rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard, Marcia, and Rebecca; and Seminarian, Mike. We pray for our sister churches in the Diocese of Maryland. In the Anglican communion we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United). **Lord, hear our prayer!**

We ask that You send us able leaders, who find that Your ways are better for all. We pray especially for our President, members of Congress, our Governor, and all in authority, that their actions be just, and beneficial to the people and this nation. For leaders throughout the world, we pray that You fill their hearts with compassion and mercy in service to their people and not their own desires. **Lord, hear our prayer!**

*(continued)*



Many suffer. Our prayers are for those whose lives are scarred by war and violence, those left destitute, abandoned, imprisoned, enslaved, and those injured by selfish, hurtful ways. Our prayers are for those whose lives are upset through natural disasters of tornados, floods, and earthquakes. Our prayers are for those who have lost loved ones, whose hearts are heavy with grief and sorrow, especially Roberta Akillian, Madrainne Johnson & Nicholas Hrinkevich. Our prayers are for the sick, the hurt, and those who care for them especially Cheryl, Jan, Erica, Rachan, Sherry, Emmy & Danielle. All of these children need Your Love and care, Your healing Spirit. Restore their hope in knowledge of Your Truth that You are with them, and that in the end all will be made right. **Lord, hear our prayer!**

We give You thanks for all the joyous and celebratory occasions of our lives and for Your love that has granted them to us. In particular we give thanks for the birthdays of Andrew, Alfred, Caleb, Harrington, Julia, Joshua, and baptismal anniversaries of Ross & Angela. May You grant health and joy in their lives and bless the labors of their hands as they seek to do Your Will. **Lord, hear our prayer!**

May our prayers find favor in Your sight. **AMEN.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION |

*Celebrant:* 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.

## 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 |

*Please scan to give.*





# THE HOLY COMMUNION




OFFERTORY HYMN 602 | Jesu, Jesu

*Chereponi*


*Chorus*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show




us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2 Neigh-bors are rich— and poor, neigh-bors are black— and  
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

*Repeat Chorus*



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
love. All— are neigh-bors to us and you.  
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

DOXOLOGY HYMN 380 (v. 1) |

*Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A |

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

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

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



*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

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

*Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**All:** Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**All:** *Amen.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER |

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

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

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

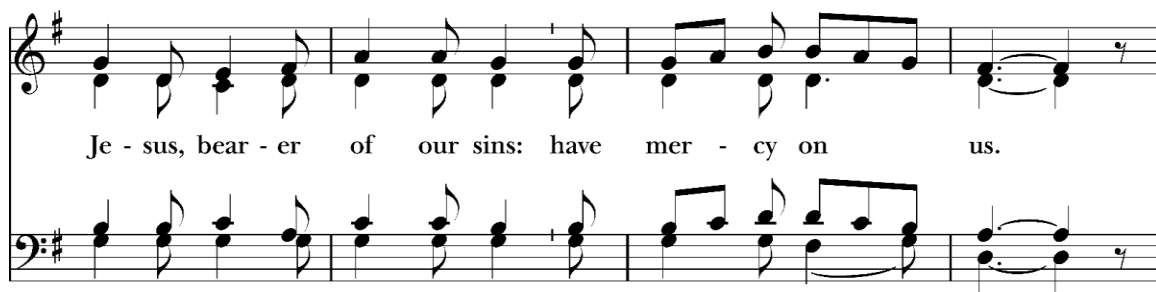
**People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



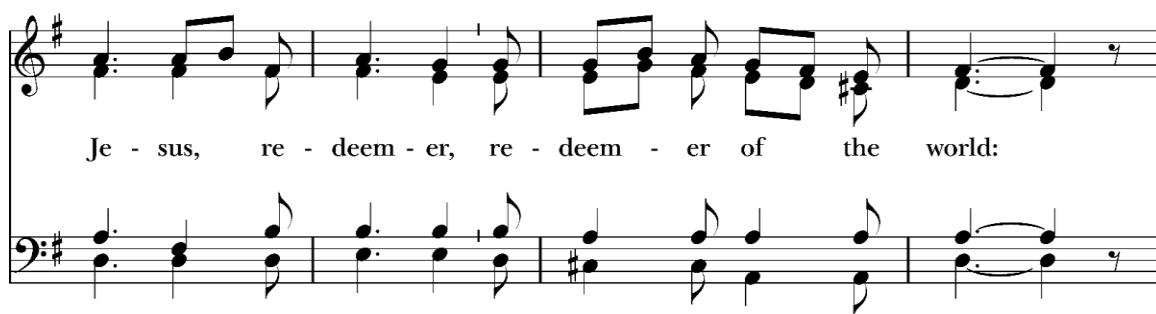
*The Gifts of God  
for the People of God*



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



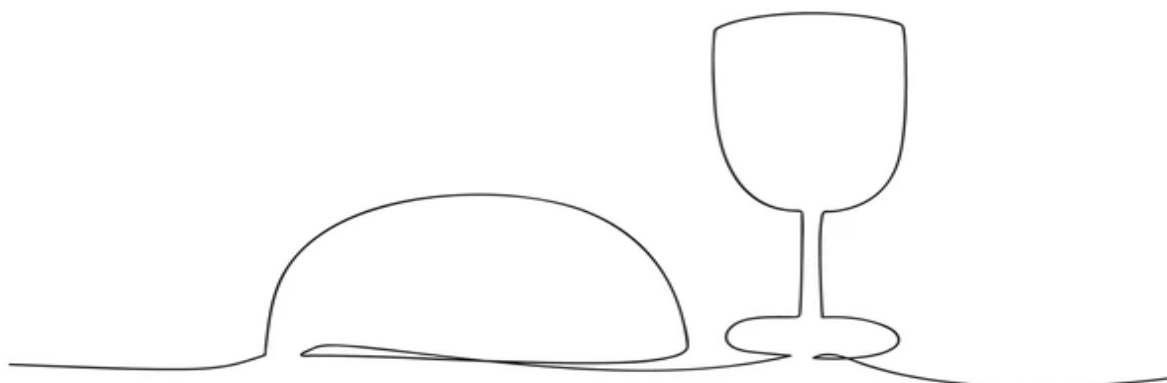
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



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



give us your peace, give us your peace.



1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid e with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

## 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 &amp; 10:30 a.m. service

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

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

## THE BLESSING |

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

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

## 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

#### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Lector/Reader:** Joan Harvey

**Chalicer:** Joan Harvey

**Ushers:** Jo Emily Knox

#### 10:30 a.m. Service

**Lector/Reader:** Robin Bradley

**Chalicer:** Theo Jones-Quartey, Ivy Amponsah

**Ushers:** Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams,  
Cherry Williams, Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah

#### Altar Guild

Cara Ocampo, Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett

#### Tellers

Jenny Cecil, Maggie Thompson





# PARISH CALENDAR

## JULY 20 – 26, 2025

### **Sunday, July 20**

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – New Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – New Brick
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:45 am – 1:45 pm	Altar Guild Meeting
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

### **Monday, July 21**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

### **Tuesday, July 22**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Vestry Meeting – New Brick, lower level

### **Wednesday, July 23**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

### **Thursday, July 24**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

### **Friday, July 25**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
9:00 – 11:00 pm	Movie Screening “I Can Only Imagine” – Parish Hall, lower level

### **Saturday, July 26**

9:00 – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick & PHLL
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	Columbia Conjurers – New Brick, lower level
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild prep – Old Brick

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to share with the church,  
Please send to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org) by Tuesday evening.



***SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & LINKS***

## Join the Christ Church Vestry

The nomination of candidates from our flock to stand for election to the Christ Church Vestry has begun. This year, four (4) slots are open, and if you are a baptized Christian who is 16 years or older and a giving member of record at Christ Episcopal Church, you are qualified to become a candidate. We need your unique gifts to help us, so we hope you'll consider submitting your name. The election will be held at our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th. To offer to stand for election, contact our Vestry Nomination Committee by emailing [nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org), and they will let you know what's needed for this process. Thank you for your consideration.

## Confirmation 2025

This year, the Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland, Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, will visit Christ Church on Sunday, November 30th, and she will confirm all the Christ Church candidates who have completed the confirmation process. The Confirmation Classes will be hybrid (in person and online) and begin on Sunday, August 3rd at 12:00 noon. Speak with Father Manny if you are interested.

## 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. We are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings.

## Yoga Camp - Tuesdays and Thursdays

This summer, Jane Adams will host Yoga Camp at Christ Church for all parishioners and members of the public. Jane is a yoga expert with decades of teaching experience and leads every session. We gather every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m., and each session is one hour long. Yoga Camp is open to those already involved in yoga and those interested in trying it for the first time. You can sign up for each date using our online form at [cecevents.org/YogaCamp](https://cecevents.org/YogaCamp).

## Sign Up for Toby's Dinner Theater!

The WOCC and guests will attend *Jersey Boys* at Toby's Dinner Theater on Friday, September 5th, at 6:00 p.m. Friends and families are all welcome to join in the fun, food, and music, but act now - the deadline to sign up and pay is Sunday, August 3rd. Sign up in the Narthex, or talk to any WOCC member. For payment, make checks payable to Christ Episcopal Church (*WOCC Toby's* in the memo line) or pay via Realm (select the *WOCC* fund and write *Toby's* in the memo line). We've got a discounted group rate of \$79 for adults and \$74 for children (5-12). See you there!

And don't forget about our other upcoming events - we'll have our next WOCC meeting on Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall and on Zoom (details coming later this summer), and we have the Community Flea Market and Craft Fair on Saturday, September 20th - our largest fundraiser of the year. Gather with us for both!

## Parish Festival and Ministry Fair – Sunday, August 24

Christ Church's Parish Festival & Ministry Fair is back! There's only one worship service that day, August 24, so join us in New Brick at 10:00 a.m., followed by a fantastic festival of faith, food, fellowship, and FUN! We'll have BBQ goodies, fun for all ages, and an opportunity to learn about the many ministries that make Christ Church a very special place.

Ministry leaders, this is your opportunity to speak with every parishioner about your beloved ministry and get them to join and assist your group in the coming year. If you have had a ministry trifold or flyer in the past, please prepare any new information to send to Chris by August 2nd so that he can get you an updated document in time for the Fair. And if your ministry would like a flyer or trifold but hasn't had one before, please email him at [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org) so he can arrange a time to discuss it with you.

### **The 2025 Flea Market - September 20**

Soon, it'll be time for that wonderful Columbia summertime tradition, the Christ Church Flea Market and Craft Fair, presented by the WOCC. This year, it's on Saturday, September 20th from 9am to 2pm (rain date 9/27), and takes place on the Christ Church campus. This community event is open to the public, so come see what your neighbors have to offer. You can have your own space in the market, or if you're cleaning out closets or garages the church will be sponsoring the white elephant tables & welcomes your unwanted treasures. Visit [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/flea-market](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/flea-market)

### **InReach Ministry**

Christ Church's Inreach Ministry is taking shape and welcomes both those in need of our services and those wishing to help others by volunteering for this ministry. You can learn a bit more about our Inreach Ministry on our website at [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/inreach](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/inreach) or by emailing [inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org).

### **Christ Church Gives a “Home Sweet Home” Kit to a Client Going from Homeless to Housed**

A group from Christ Church was the center of attention at a recent event held by the [Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center](#) honoring its many volunteers. As staff members of Grassroots' Day Resource Center (DRC) and others applauded, parishioner Shahra Toth presented a “Home Sweet Home” kit of household essentials and an assortment of gift cards to a DRC client who – at long last – was moving into an apartment. The single mother of two, including an adult son who has special needs, had been living in her car. The bright spot during this period of homelessness was the DRC in Jessup, where the family could visit the pantry, take a shower and do laundry, and – most importantly – enjoy the hot meals and camaraderie provided by staff and volunteers.

Outreach member Toth leads a Christ Church team that each month serves a hot midday meal at the DRC and provides dinner for Grassroots' Emergency Shelter. She is vice president of the Women of Christ Church (WOCC), which sponsors “Home Sweet Home” to help give people a fresh start in their new homes. To read about the WOCC's ongoing effort, go to the [Outreach Blog of Sept. 19, 2024](#). Thanks to all who pitched in!

The grateful DRC client expressed her thanks to Christ Church during the event for volunteers, held on June 13 at The Meeting House in Oakland Mills (see photos). Since then, the Toths and other parishioners also have extended a helping hand by obtaining a donated sofa, lamps, and other items to help furnish the family's apartment. This is the second “Home Sweet Home” kit that WOCC has given to a DRC client; the first went to a 73-year-old man. At Grassroots' appreciation luncheon, Christ Church was represented by Shahra and George Toth, Diane Phillips LaGuerre, Rita Seeley and Patricia Fanning, who all participate in providing meals on the second Monday of every month. (To participate, go to the [DRC online signup form](#) or the [Grassroots online signup form](#).) Grassroots posted its thanks to volunteers, saying, “Last year, our 822 volunteers gave 8,423 hours of service across the emergency shelter, crisis center, Day Resource Center and Cold Weather Shelter. That's hundreds of thousands of moments of care and reminders that kindness exists in this world.” See photos and read more about the event in [“Volunteers Make Waves”](#) on the Grassroots website.

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