CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:00 A.M.

Thursday, November 26, 2026 | Thanksgiving Day



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.

PRELUDE|

OPENING HYMN 290| Come, Ye Thankful People, Come *Diademata*

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest-home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

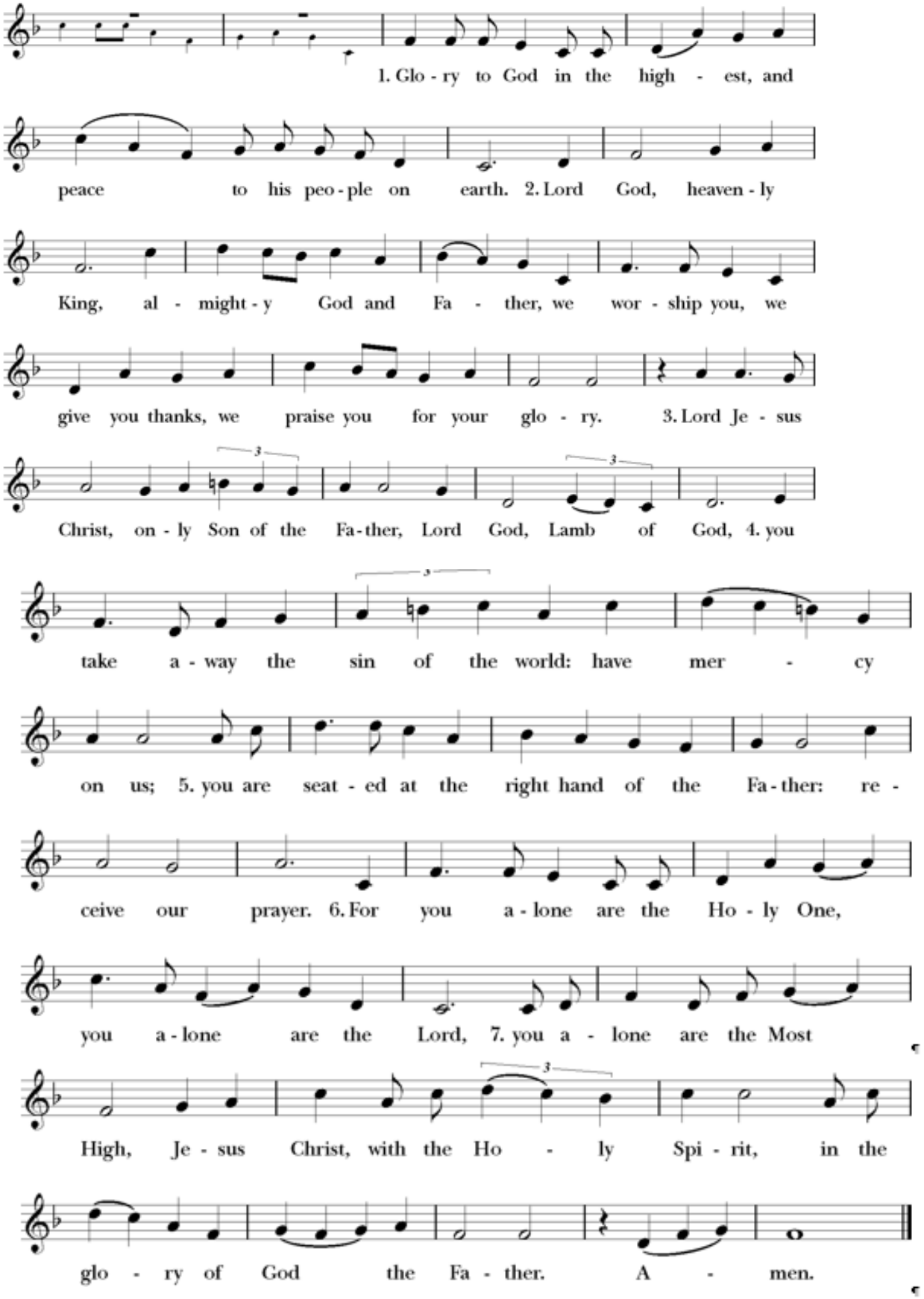
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to thy final harvest-home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, for ever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.

OPENING ACCLAMATION|

Celebrant: Blessed by 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. **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.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Reader: *A reading from Deuteronomy.*

Moses said to all Israel: For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

THE PSALM
Psalm 65| *Thanksgiving for Earth's Bounty*

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.

Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

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Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

THE EPISTLE | 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Reader: *A reading from 2nd Corinthians.*

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

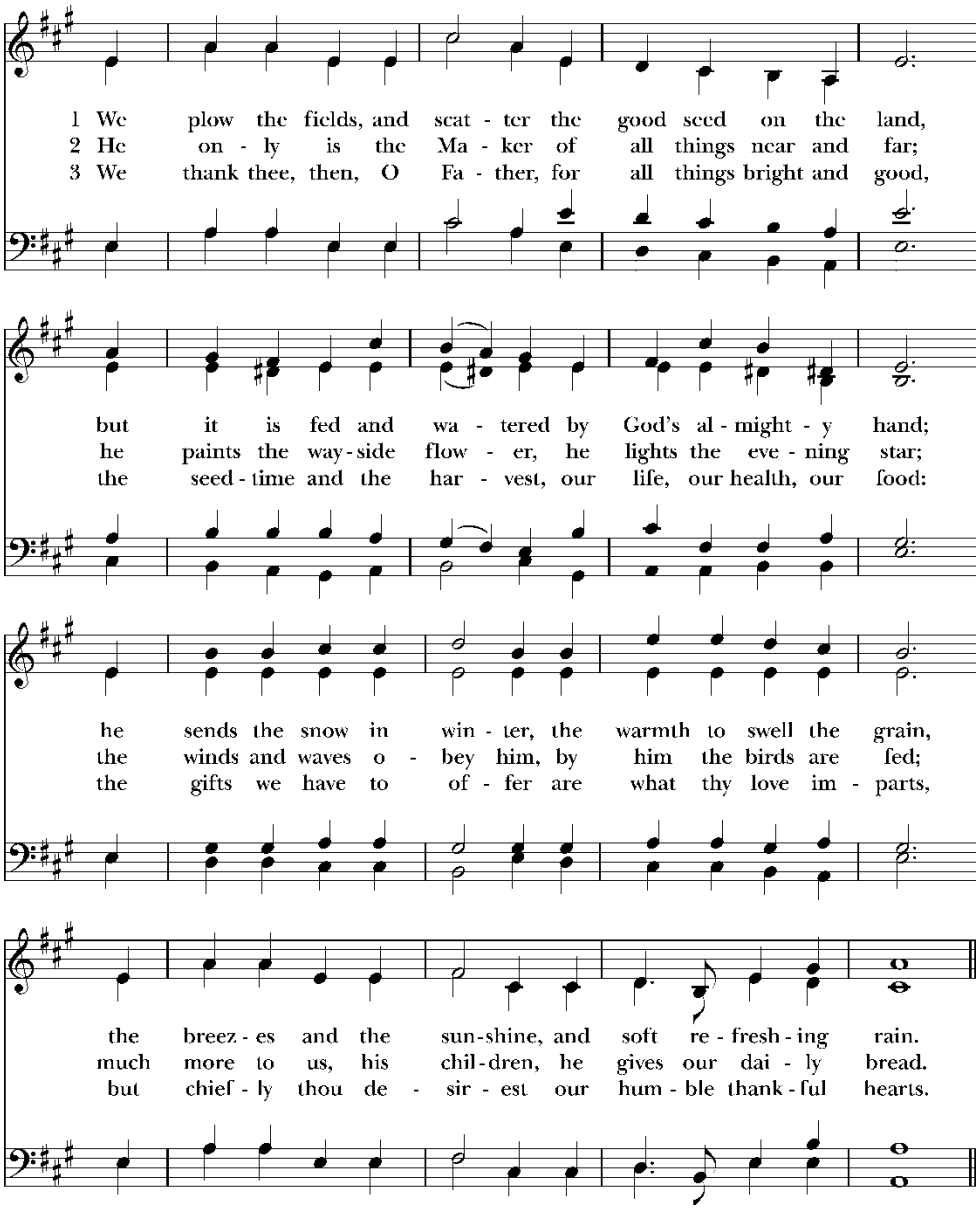
"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

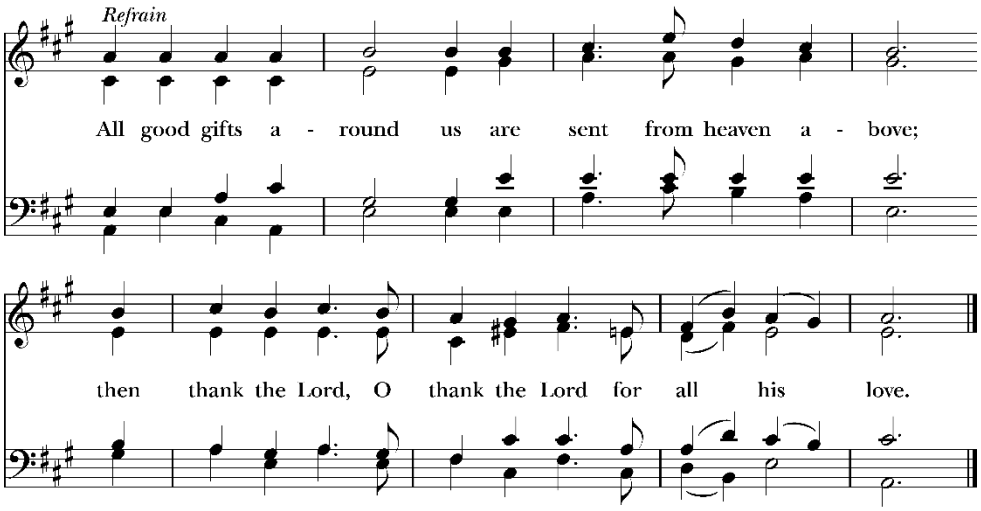
He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 291| We Plow the Fields *Wir pflugenn*





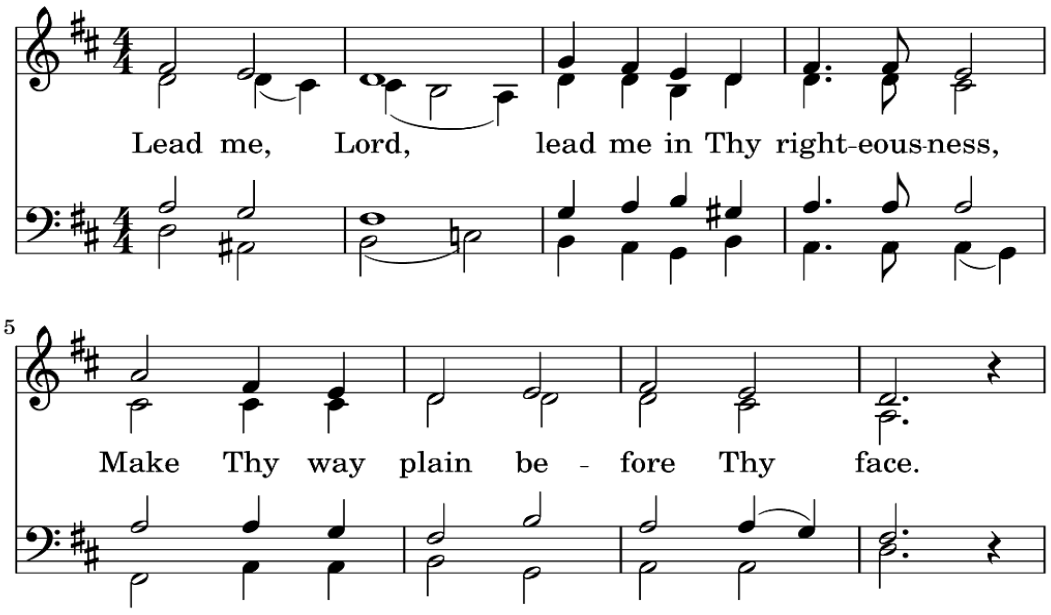
THE GOSPEL | Luke 17:11-19

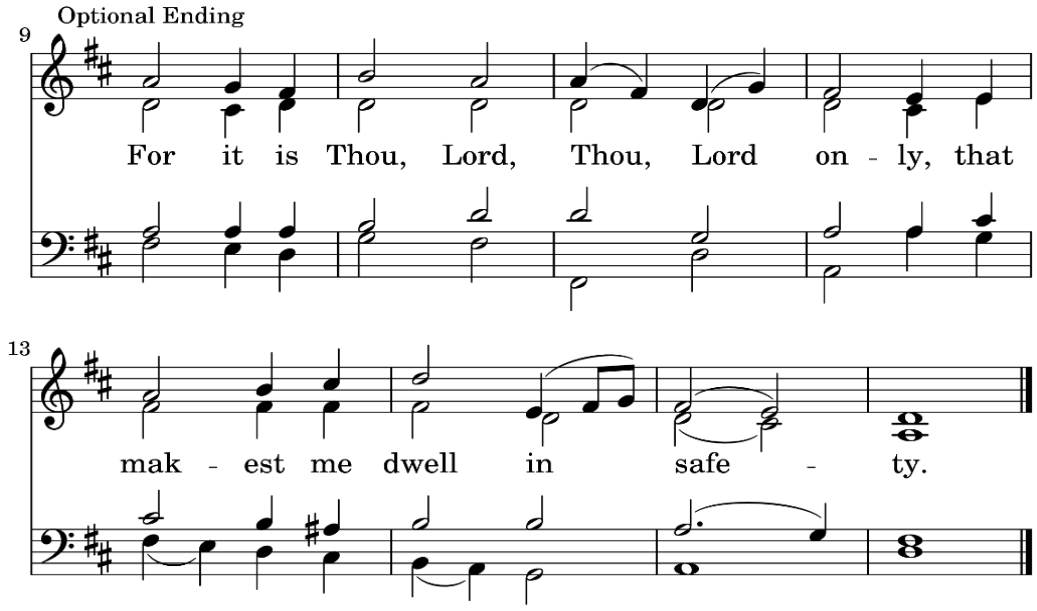
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord *Samuel Sebastian Wesley*





THE SERMON | The Rev. Natalie Tinner, *Associate Rector*

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED |

***All*:** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is 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 |

Heavenly Father, we give thanks and praise on our nation's day of Thanksgiving for the many blessings You have bestowed on us. We at Christ Church live in a country with many flowing streams and bountiful fields. Even so, we know that every day, many in our country and throughout the world go hungry. We pray for those whose streams are dry, whose fields are barren and whose cupboards are empty. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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We give thanks for the generosity of our Christ Church family so that other families may enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. We praise You for inspiring us to give cheerfully to those in need including adults and children in our nation, also in Uganda, Thailand , the Dominican Republic and everywhere in the world, where members of our parish help others through giving of time and treasure. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for Your saving grace and the hope for a better life for all. We lift up the ministries of the Anglican Church throughout the world and those local ministries of the Diocese of Maryland. We raise in prayer and in thanksgiving for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard, Marcia & Natalie. **Lord, hear our prayer**.

We remember all of who have died from gunfire in this country and from war and other forms of violence throughout the world. May their souls rest in peace and may their survivors find some comfort. We pray that world leaders find ways to end the senseless killing. **Lord, hear our prayer**.

We ask for Your comfort for those who will observe Thanksgiving without a loved one who has died. We remember Joi James and those you now name and give thanks for the time we shared with them. We also ask for Your blessing on those who are ill and their caretakers, including Phil, Jim, Paula, Nancy, Shannon, Ally, Sean, Maggie, Liam, Ashley, Kimberly, Lisa, Rita, Kaci, MaryAnn, Mark, Brandon, Clarence, Mildred, Kayode, Rachan & Sherry and those you now name. **Lord, hear our prayer**.

Lord, You have shared so abundantly with us. In addition to gathering with family and friends for today's holiday, we remember birthdays and anniversaries we celebrate this week, including Erin, Hope, Braeden, Tolu, Shawn, Audra, Diane & Dione; Ralph & Linda Stewart and Chester & Sydneya Dacres and Kristin, Jonathan & Dione. **Lord, hear our prayer**.

Lord, You made us to know hunger, in body, mind and spirit. But You also created us to know the goodness of Your provision. We give thanks for all we have and pray for those who share this world with us. May we leave today with the inspiration to spread the Good News and to do our part in ending hunger and violence wherever they occur. **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.

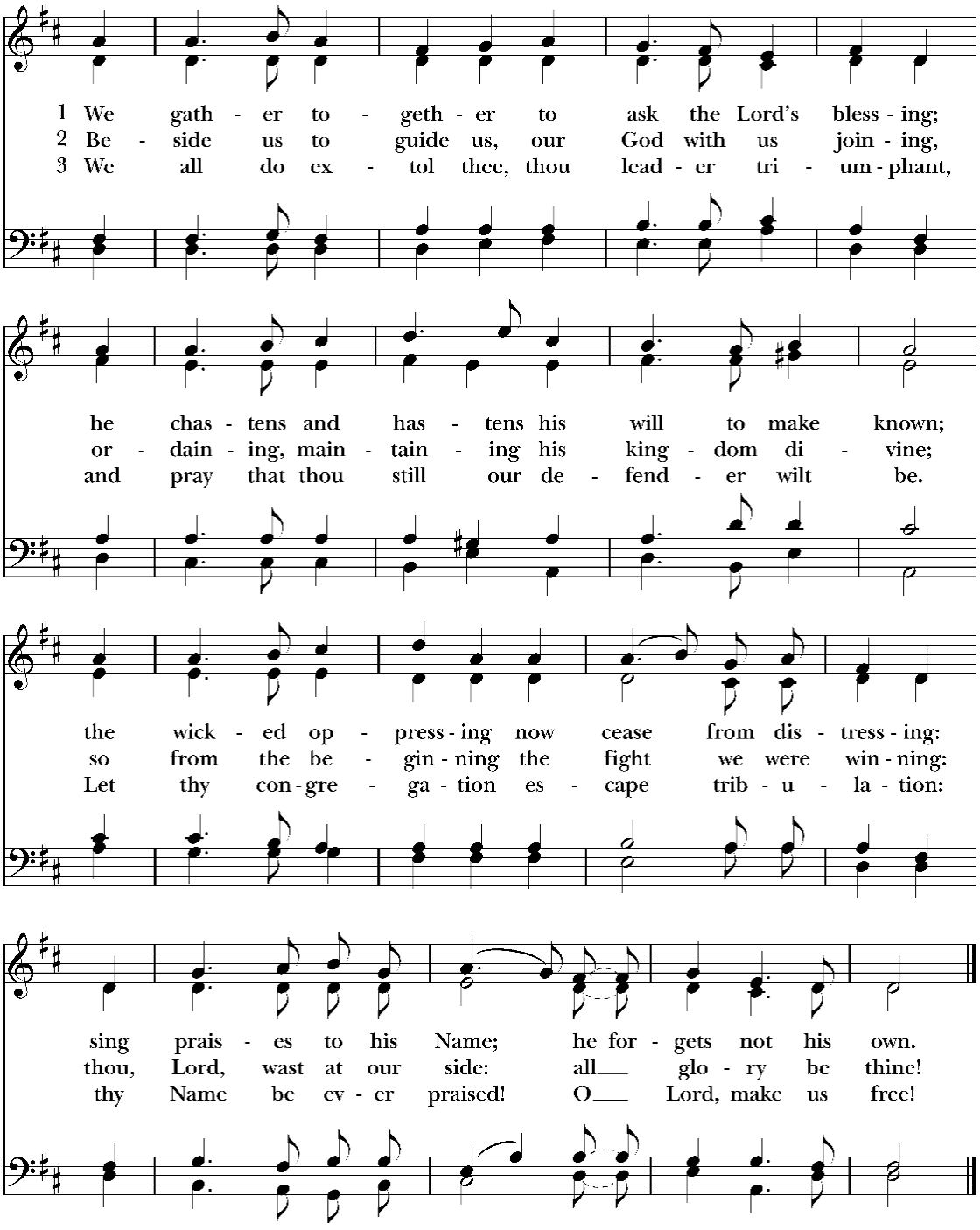
People: **And also with you.**

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

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |

OFFERTORY HYMN 433 | We Gather Together *Kremser*



PRESENTATION HYMN 380 vs 3 | *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.



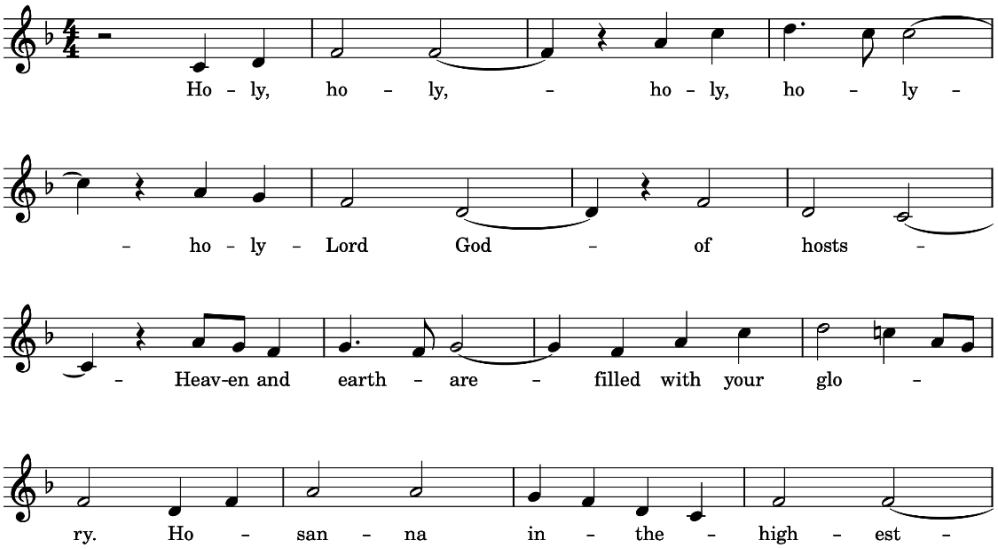
THE HOLY COMMUNION

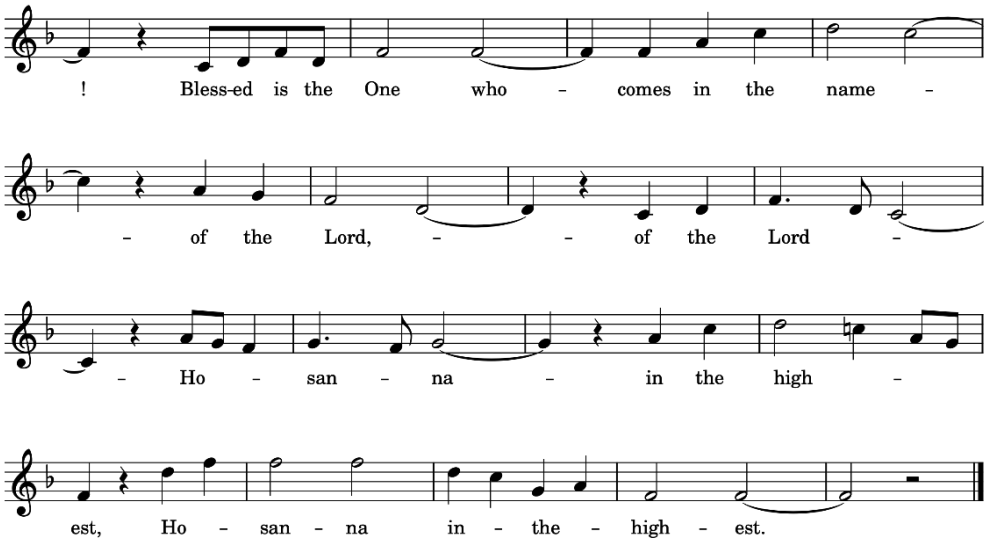


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A |

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:





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."

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.

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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

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

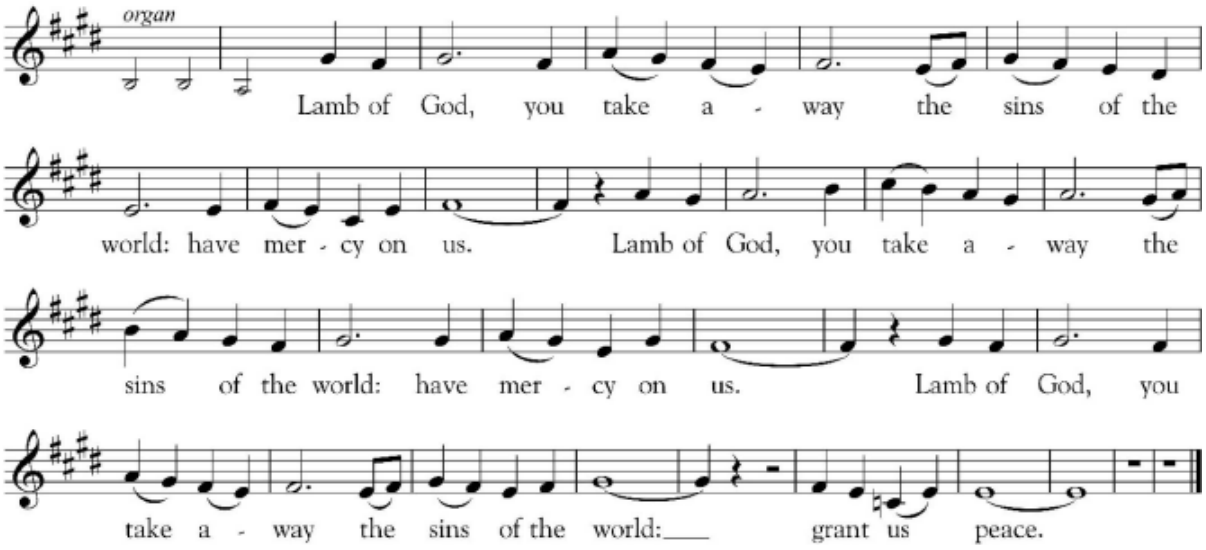
***All*:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

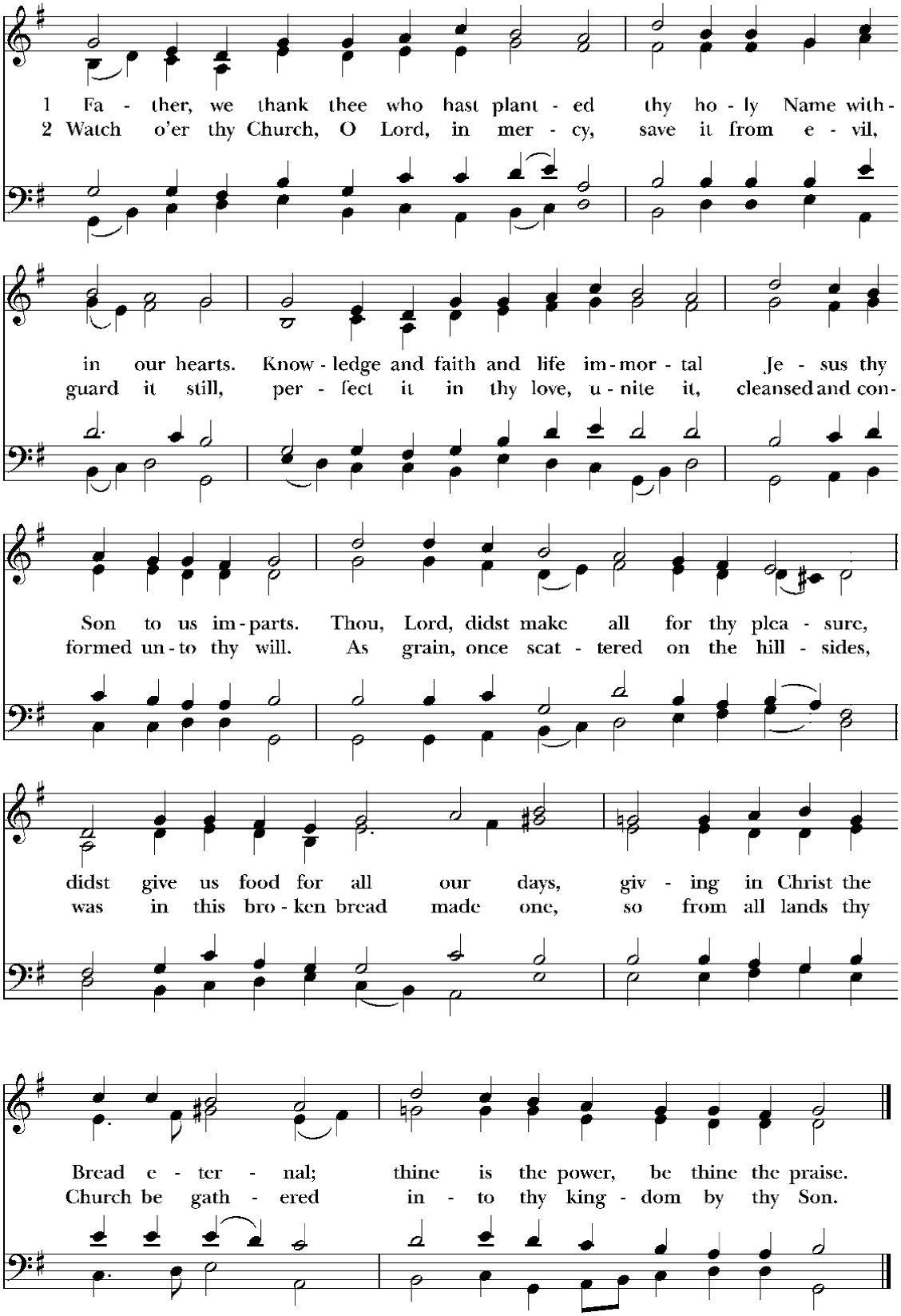
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



FRACTION ANTHEM LEVAS 270| Lamb of God *Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis*



COMMUNION HYMN 302| Father, We Thank Thee Who Has Planted *Remdez à Dieu*



POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

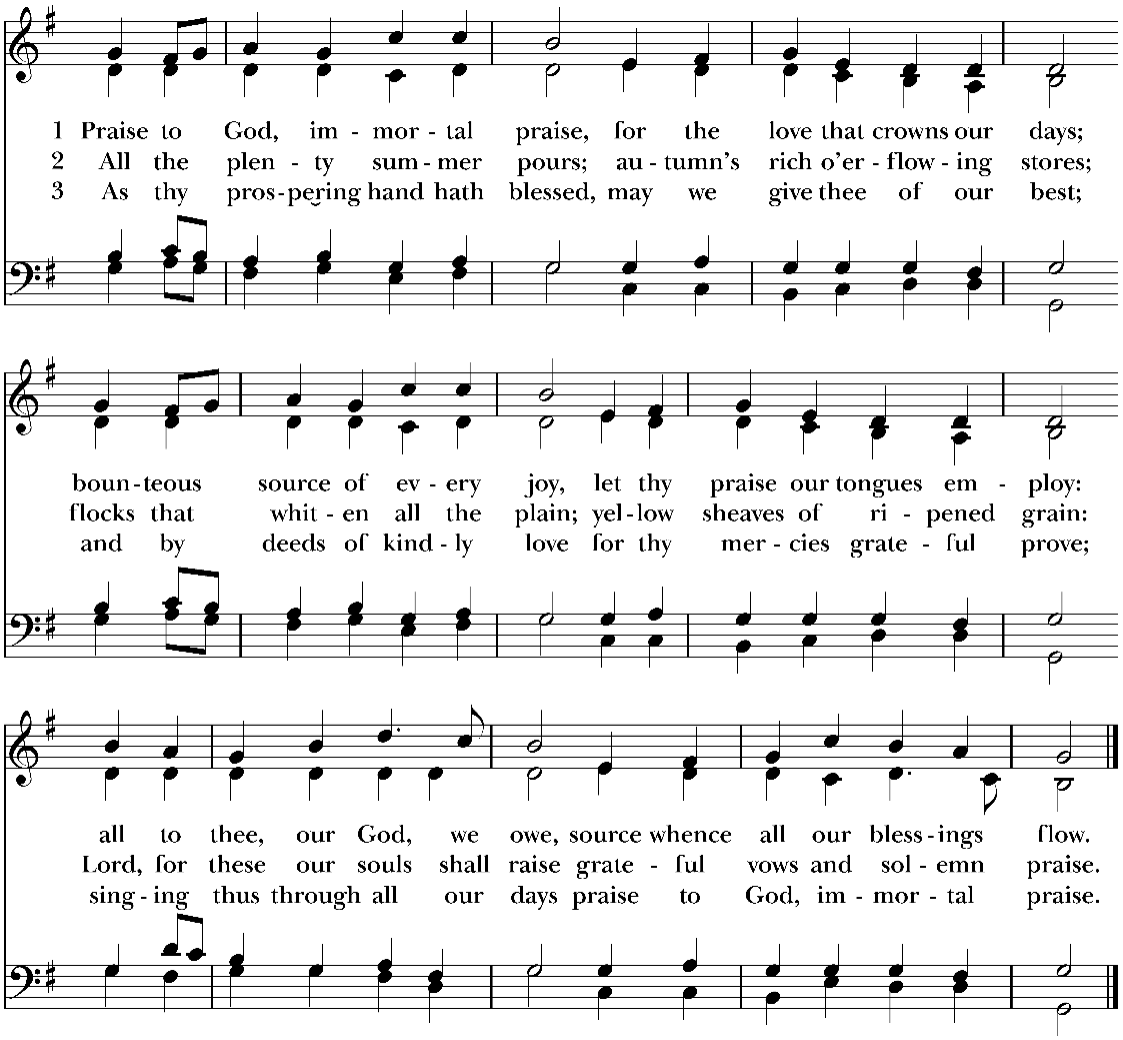
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

CLOSING HYMN 288 | Praise to God, Immortal Praise *Dix*



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

10:00 a.m. Service

Altar Guild

Cara Ocampo, Jai Jones, Jan DeBoissiere

Chalicist: Natalie Bedard

Lector/Reader: Sandra Griffin

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

Tellers

Amanda Kirkpatrick, Andy DeLong

PARISH CALENDAR
NOVEMBER 26 – 28, 2026

Thursday, November 26

All Day	Thanksgiving Day
10:00 am	Thanksgiving Service – New Brick, UL
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL

Friday, November 27

All Day	Office Closed
7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream

Saturday, November 28

8:00 – 10:00 am	Altar Guild prep
2:00 – 4:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild prep

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to share with the church,
Please send to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.

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

Thanksgiving Day at Christ Church - Next Thursday, November 26

Come join us for the 10:00 a.m. **Thanksgiving Day Eucharist in New Brick**. Everyone is welcome to gather with us, and we will also livestream the service on our website, YouTube, and Facebook pages so you can worship and give thanks wherever you are.

Church Office is Closed on November 26 & 27

The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, in observance of Thanksgiving, and it will reopen on Monday, November 30, at its usual time.

WOCC Christmas Feast - Sign Up by Next Sunday, November 29

Join the Women of Christ Church's Christmas Feast, taking place on **Sunday, December 6 at 1:00 p.m. at the Kings Contrivance Restaurant**. The cost is $66 per person for a delicious 3-course meal and non-alcoholic drinks, all-inclusive (fancy drinks can be purchased from the cash bar). Sign up in the Narthex **or online** by Sunday, November 29. Subsidies are available, should you need them - please speak to Father Manny. We'll also be collecting unwrapped gifts for Springfield Hospital again this year, and **you can find their wish list on our website**. We really hope to see you there!

The Youth Group Christmas Wreath Sale is On Now!

Christ Church is holding a Christmas Wreath Sale, with all proceeds benefiting the Christ Church Youth Group. The cost of each wreath is $25, and you can sign up in the Narthex, **or you can sign up online here**. Remember to let us know how many wreaths you would like on the sign-up form. The order deadline is November 30th, so be sure to sign up soon! The wreaths will then be delivered at church on Sunday, December 6th, and payment is due upon pickup. You'll then have a wreath that provides beauty throughout the entire Christmas season.

Giving Tuesday - December 1

Music is such a vital element of our worship experience. It uplifts us, comforts us, and helps us to pray and praise God. We are incredibly blessed to have so many musically gifted members at Christ Church and in our community who selflessly share their time and talents with us. Throughout the year at Christ Church - and especially during the upcoming festive season of Advent and Christmas - our Music Ministry incorporates many beautiful voices and instruments into each liturgy, enriching the experience of everyone who joins us in worship and celebration.

#GivingTuesday2026, a global call to radical generosity that invites us to give to a charity of choice, is today. We at Christ Church hope that you will consider sharing your generosity through kind support for our always-growing Music Ministry. Please visit **cecevents.org/GivingTuesday**, donate what you can, and help us continue to make a joyful sound. Every gesture - no matter what size - will help us deepen and strengthen our parish and community.

It's an Ugly Christmas First Wednesday Fellowship! - December 2

Get your "ugly" Christmas sweaters out of storage and get ready for a fun First Wednesday Fellowship to cap off the year. At our FWF on December 2, we'll have a special **Pie Contest** - make or bring your favorite sweet or savory pie, and the best one wins a prize! We'll provide hearty soups, bread, and refreshments to go with your pies, and we'll all enjoy a fun, flavorful, final FWF of 2026. Of course, this event wouldn't be complete without our traditional **Ugly Sweater Party**, but you'll definitely have to get creative - we've seen some AMAZING sweaters in past years, so bring your funniest, your silliest, your ugliest! It's a night of hearty laughs, full bellies, and huge smiles - be sure to join us!

Angel Tree Drive Will Brighten Christmas for Howard County Children

You're invited to purchase new clothing and special items to complete Christmas gift "packages" for a dozen young angels. We are supporting children ages 10 to 13, as identified by the Howard County (Central Maryland) division of **The Salvation Army**. The nonprofit organization oversees the Angel Tree initiative here and elsewhere.

To participate, please provide one or more gifts for an angel. Visit **CECevents.org/AngelTree** to view the list, make your choices, and find instructions. The deadline to bring **unwrapped** gifts is noon on Friday, Dec.11. Please put them under the tree in the Narthex or in the Parish Hall Conference Room.

Each child will receive an outfit, consisting of pants and a top. There are three other categories for each angel: Need, Wish, and Favorite item. Some people prefer to sign up for just one slot, such as the practical (need) category for a single child. Some desire to complete the entire "package' for an angel by signing up in all four categories. Another person may choose the outfit (clothing) category for several angels.

In keeping with tradition, you can also see the choices by gazing at the tags on our Angel Tree. Please leave the tags on the

tree. You'll also find the angels' names, ages, and wishes on a nearby spreadsheet. For worshippers in Old Brick, we'll bring the list to you. In either location, please sign up for your angel by using the online form. An Outreach volunteer can give you a slip showing the child's name, ID, and wished-for gift.

If you prefer to give of your time, please volunteer on Dec. 11 to help with sorting, potential shopping, or other tasks. To volunteer, email **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**. With your help, we'll lift the hearts not only of the angels but of their families. Parents obtain the unwrapped gifts from The Salvation Army to prepare for a Christmas that will be much brighter than they could otherwise afford.

Advent Quiet Day - December 5

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us for Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 5. This important Christ Church tradition, presented by the Spiritual Life Commission, marks the start of the Advent season and helps us focus and maintain perspective during these hectic weeks leading up to Christmas.

We'll gather in Old Brick for an informal breakfast and conversation at 8:30 a.m., then the Rev. Randy Callender, Canon for Mission at the Diocese of Maryland, will lead us through a morning of readings, spirited discussion, shared community, and quiet meditation. Our retreat then concludes around 12 noon with an informal Eucharist. It's a memorable gathering each year, and we hope that you'll join us as we let the Light enter our feelings and actions to help make this a remarkable and joyous Christmas season. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks, but mark your calendars for this special morning of reflection now.

MOCC's Annual Christmas Dinner - December 12

Mark your calendars and join us as we close out the year in warmth and fellowship! Celebrate the joy of the season with good food and good friends at the MOCC's annual Christmas Dinner. Whether you're a regular or joining us for the first time, we'd love to share a festive evening together ahead of the holiday rush. We'll gather at The King's Contrivance Restaurant on Saturday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. for a fantastic menu of holiday favorites. The cost is $75. per person, and you can pay via check payable to Christ Church ("MOCC Christmas Dinner" in memo) or **by using Realm** (choose *Men of Christ Church* in the fund dropdown and write "Christmas Dinner" in the memo line). Sign up in the Narthex or by emailing **MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org,** but RSVP soon - the deadline is December 6, so reserve your spot now!

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. Be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church or by emailing **centering@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Noonday Healing Eucharist - Thursdays

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.

Join the Christ Church Choir - Thursday Evenings

Get ready, all you singers and music lovers! The choir has resumed rehearsals in New Brick on Thursday evenings - Handbell Choir at 6:45 and Adult Choir at 7:30 - and all adults are welcome to join us. Whether you read music or not, have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit full-time or not, there's a place for you to give it a shot in our

handbell &/or vocal choirs. If you're interested, please speak with Larissa at church on Sundays or email her at **music@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

We Need Your Photo!

As our church community continues to grow and flourish, staying connected is more important than ever. Christ Church is creating a new to make it easier for everyone to reach out, connect, and care for one another, put faces to names, welcome newcomers, and help long-time members stay in touch across our services and ministries. The "faces to names" part of that is where you come in - we need your individual or family photo so we can add it to the Directory. Please email them to **office@christchurchcolumbia.org**, and we'll add them. A directory helps our clergy, staff, and lay leaders easily recognize, reach, and support parishioners when they need pastoral care or community outreach. Knowing one another also better builds a tightly knit, supportive spiritual home where everyone is truly seen and appreciated, so thank you in advance for helping make this Directory a reality.

Learn More About Your Parish - Read the Monthly Vestry Meeting Minutes

To provide complete transparency with our parish family, we share the minutes from each monthly Christ Church Vestry meeting. These minutes provide the parish family with full transparency into church leadership, decisions, and governance. They may include official updates, financial and stewardship updates, reviews of plans from ministries, groups, and programs, and information on upcoming parish events and strategic plans. We recently had our monthly Vestry meeting, and **a PDF of the latest Vestry meeting minutes is available here**. If you have any questions or wish to discuss something specific with a Vestry member, please stop by the Vestry Table at church on any Sunday morning.

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, so 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 require this service for yourself or someone you know, **please fill out this brief form**, or call the Church Office. We will ensure that Communion gets there.





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