

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Easter Day

with Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, April 17, 2021 | 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The wearing of face masks is recommended, but optional, at Christ Church
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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE – Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Bradley Kraus and Jackson Cummings, trumpet; Dorothy Lee, tuba

CHORAL INTROIT – With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.*

OPENING HYMN 207 – Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

James Chepponis



Choir:

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father *Refrain: all sing*

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory *Refrain: all sing*

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

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain: all sing*

OPENING COLLECT

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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A READING FROM ACTS 10:34-43

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino

(First time cantor, following times all)

Psalm tune by Walter Pelz



Refrain: This day the Lord has act-ed, we will re-joice and be glad.

Choir:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim, His mercy endures forever." **Refrain**

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" **Refrain**

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter." **Refrain**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. **Refrain**

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 205 – Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing

Gelobt sei Gott

We will sing stanzas 1-3 before the reading of the Gospel, and 4-5 after.

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We live in hope. God's power and love are embodied in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our faith is precious and our joy complete. We are given new birth and a remarkable purpose in our journey through life.

Glory to God, our souls rejoice.

Complete joy has been revealed through Christ's resurrection. Eternal life is His gift to all who reject self-centeredness, acknowledging our dependence on God, turning toward His Light and walking in the way of the Lord. This re-birth brings each one of us into a strong relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Him there is no darkness at all.

Let us hold fast to the ways of life modeled by Jesus. May we pursue peace and justice in all the world. We pray for all those living in countries devastated by war and violence, especially the people of Ukraine and in Afghanistan. We ask for protection of civilians and refugees in all worldwide conflicts.

Praise and thanks to our Lord forever.

We pray for the worldwide Church, Christ's body on earth. May the work of the Spirit be revealed in our lives. May God's blessing rest on the leaders of the Episcopal Church, especially, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; Emmanuel, our Rector; Marcia, our Associate Priest; Denise, our Deacon and Richard, our Rector Emeritus. Today we lift up in the Anglican cycle of prayer, the Church of Pakistan (United). We also pray for the Peace of Jerusalem. In Maryland, we pray for our sister parishes of Epiphany, Odenton; St. Alban's, Glen Burnie; and St. Andrew's, Pasadena.

Let us revel in the goodness and mercy of the Lord.

We extend a warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors to our congregation today. We hope to share our joy and the beauty of our worship with you and thank you for your presence.

Lord, we honor You always.

Our heartfelt prayers are raised for those who are ill, especially Bill, Mia, Megan, Roberta, Mildred, Jim, Kathleen, Chad, Caroline, Catherine, Mary Ann, Sherry, Rena, Kandi, Bradley, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those we name. We also are grateful for the family, friends and caregivers whose tender hands ease the pain and suffering of others.

Lord, we ask for Your healing in our lives.

We also pray for those who have died, especially those we now name. May God's light remain with them eternally. We remember all who are grieving and wish them peace and the warm embrace of our loving God.

O Holy God, remember us in Your kingdom.

As a church family, we celebrate wonderful occasions of joy in our lives this week. We give thanks for the birthdays of Sherry, Westley, Veronica, Robert, Ross & Alexander, the anniversaries of Alfreda & Ronald Baran and Errick & Patricia Henlon, and the birth of Kathy & Ray Lyon's granddaughter, Reese Lyon

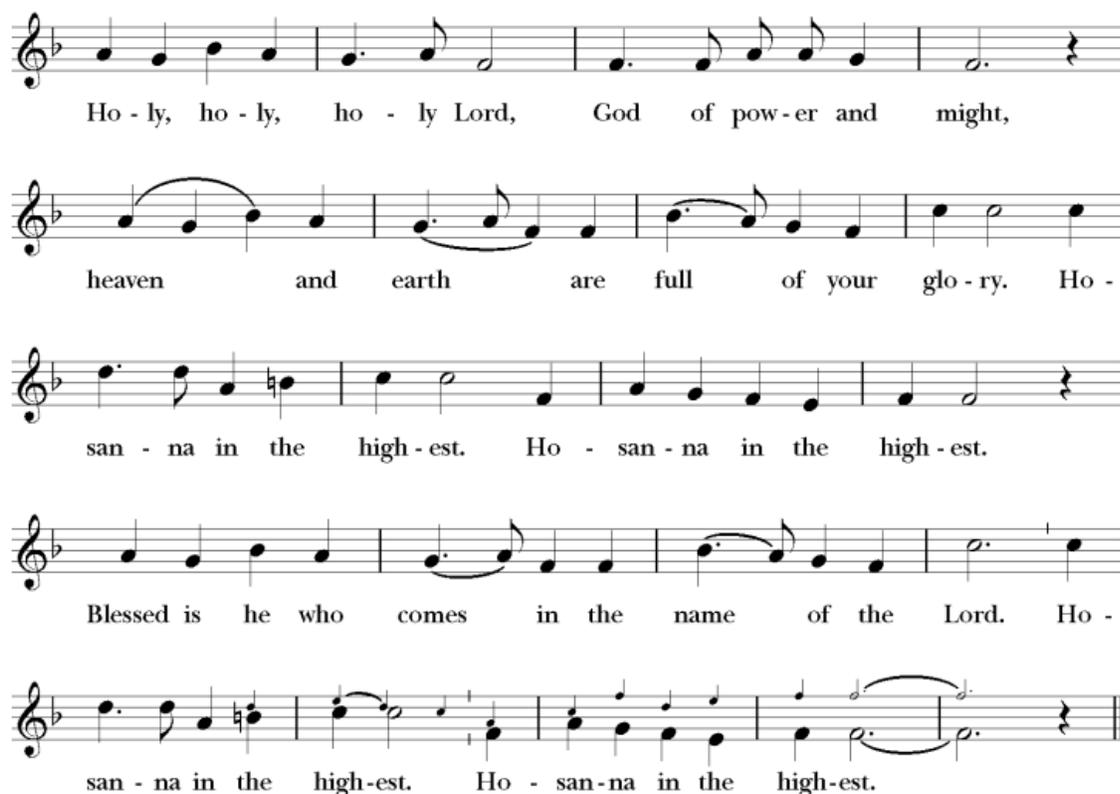
Lord, you bless us in so many ways.

We possess an everlasting inheritance through the incomparable gift of Jesus Christ. By faith, he entrusts us with the heritage of our Lord God. Jesus sends us into the world, to spread His word and His love throughout the Earth. **Amen.**

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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.

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.

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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, with 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.

People: **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 S 163 – Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Trills are indicated by a '3' over a group of notes. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes on each staff.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Duet: Sound the Trumpet

Henry Purcell

Hymn 178 – Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Alleluia No. 1

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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.**

EASTER BLESSING

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

DISMISSAL

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

CHORAL DISMISSAL – Hallelujah (from the Messiah)

G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE – March (from Floridante)

G.F. Handel

EASTER FLOWERS

Jane Adams, *in memory of*: my parents, Wu, Shang-Yun and Chen, Shiow-Mei and *in Thanksgiving for*: Good Health.

Dee Bauer, *in memory of*: Dr. Don Baker.

Ann Barnes, *in memory of*: my parents, Kitty and George Barnes.

The Basena family, *in memory of*: Rebecca Basena Kampi.

Oluwatoyin Fatogun, *in memory of*: Tomisin Alabi and Faith Aiyenugba.

Pam Foreman, *in memory of*: William and Laura Anderson, Chipper and Sally Anderson, Sophia Cuevas, Ed Danner, Mattie Belle Hairston, Patricia Houchins and *in Thanksgiving for*: my family and friends and God's grace for all of us all.

Ernest and Yvonne Grant, *in memory of*: our parents and *in Thanksgiving for*: the many blessings received.

Theodore & Virginia Jarrett, *in memory of*: our parents, Claude & Ayo Jarrett and *in Thanksgiving for*: Lloyd and Naomi Beckley.

Isaac and Janet Olajide, *in memory of*: Ukrainian children killed in war.

Pamela Parks, *in memory of*: Dr. Cedric Jimerson.

The Peart family, *in Thanksgiving for*: God's abundant blessings.

James & Nancy Schempp, *in Thanksgiving for*: the Couch and Schempp families.

The Yaksich family, *in memory of*: Kathy Yaksich, Phil and Vera Hawkins, Frank Satterfield, and our grandparents.

Dave and Suzanne Ziobro, *in memory of*: John and Veronica Ziobro, Harry and Dorothy Nines, John, Paul Joseph and Robert Ziobro, Eli Benitez, our Grandparents and *in Thanksgiving for*: DJ, Page, Parker, Preston, Pierce, Michon, Becky, Garnell, Wesley, Lindsey, Jordyn, Sierra, Brandon, Jessica, Rylie, Presley, Gaige, Brooke, Noelle, Jillian, Stephanie, Molly, Christine, Richard, Asa, Ian, Alexandra, Trey, Avery, Evelyn, Caleb, Daniel, Brittany, Brooklyn, Kelli, Krissy, Randy, our Christ Church family, and each other.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Easter Weekend Formation Classes | Please note that all Formation and Confirmation classes are taking a break for Holy Week and Easter. All three - Sunday School, Sunday Circle, and Confirmation Class - will resume on Sunday, April 24th.

Sign Up for Coffee Hour | Coffee Hour is back! The Green Omicron phase permits us to resume those activities where we serve food. This includes our Coffee Hour, and so we hope you'll join us for refreshments and fellowship time between services this Sunday, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. If you'd like to help by providing light refreshments for a future Coffee Hour, [please sign up using this link](#) or scan the QR code on the Coffee Hour posters in the Narthex.

Church Office Closed | Please note that the Church Office will be closed for business on Friday, April 15th, and Monday, April 18th, in observance of Easter. It will resume business on the morning of Tuesday, April 19th.

Adult and Children's Choir News | There are no choir rehearsals next week. We will resume later this month and announce the date in upcoming *Gatherings* editions. If you've ever been interested in joining our choir, now's that time... and this invitation is open to every parishioner. No experience is necessary. Generally, the Children's Choir meets on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Adult Choir meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Please email music@christchurchcolumbia.org to learn more.

Lectionary Bible Study – Wednesdays | Bible Study takes place on Zoom each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., discussing and reflecting on the readings for the coming Sunday. Our next gathering's readings are located at LectionaryPage.net. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and we'll all study and learn together. The Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is 885 9287 2661 and the Password is CECBible.

CEC Book Club – Fridays | The CEC Book Club takes this week off for Good Friday and resumes on April 22nd at 7:30 p.m. with our discussion of the book *Why I Believe in a Personal God: The Credibility of Faith in a Doubting Culture* by George Carey. We're always welcoming new members to join our virtual gathering. For about an hour, we discuss a specified section of the current book and plan future readings and ideas. We hope that you'll find time to join us for this engaging and enlightening group discussion.

Women of Christ Church News for April | Mark Your Calendars: 12:00 p.m., Saturday, April 23rd, we'll be meeting at the Robinson Nature Center to have lunch and conversation followed by a walk through their trails. We'll meet at the outside tables near the Center's front door. It's free to use the trails, and if you want to visit the exhibits, it will cost \$5. Bring your lunch, and join us for a spring walk!

Our trip to Seafarers has been changed from April 7th to April 21st, so you still have time to donate, if you'd like to. This will be our last donation trip before autumn. They are in need of men's shirts, especially flannel shirts, sizes M-L, and are also in need of warm socks, sized men's medium. As always, they are grateful for calendars, magazines, and notecards. If you'd like to donate, the Seafarer's bin is under the table in the tower room of New Brick. There are several other WOCC news items this month, so [please be sure to check the WOCC page on the Christ Church website for those](#).

Christ Church's Grief Support Group | If you are grieving a loss and would like to occasionally join a group of others for mutual support and learning, please let us know. Christ Church is planning on creating a Zoom gathering, led by Mother Marcia, for those who might find comfort in sharing &/or listening to experiences of processing loss. This group would meet on a schedule that's most convenient for all participants. Mother Marcia is also happy to meet individually to offer pastoral care and counseling, so if you're interested in taking part in either gathering, [please email](#) or speak to her at any time.

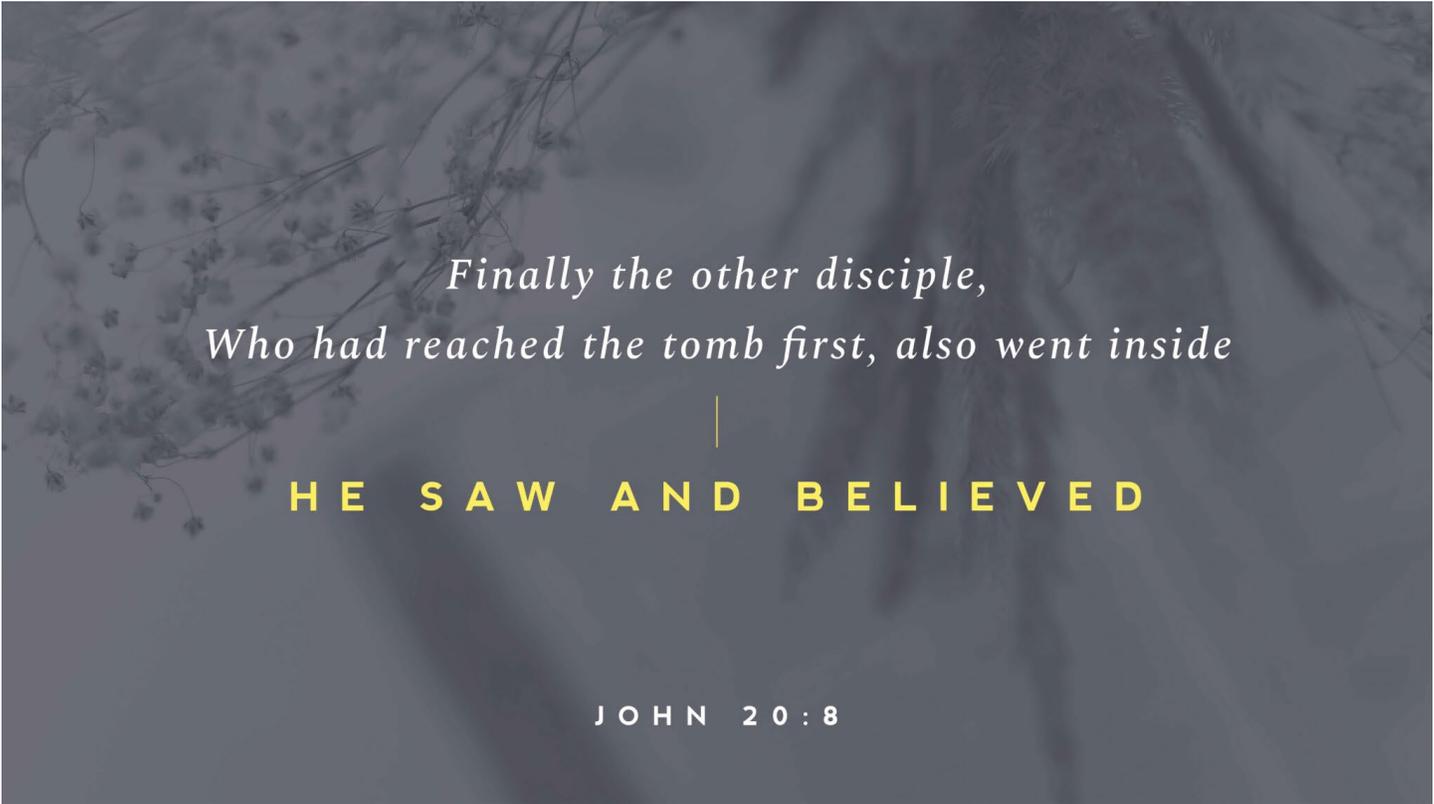
A Message of Gratitude from our Afghan Refugee Family | Each member of the Afghan refugee family who has been under Christ Church's care and support since late December is so full of gratitude for what we have done, and continue to do, to help them. Anwar, the oldest son, recently wrote this poem for us and chose the accompanying photo. You can view this in last week's blog post on the Christ Church Outreach page.

On Sundays May 8th and May 22nd, the family will be at Christ Church between the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services so they can meet more of us, and so more of us can meet them. Please plan to come.

And please continue to pray for this family and for refugees everywhere. Thank you for giving so generously. Thank you for your help in so many ways. To talk about what is needed to support this ministry and what you can do, please contact Deacon Denise, Jan DeBoissiere, Cherrylyn Williams, or any member of the Afghan Refugee Ministry committee.

Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway | Organizers for FISH of Howard County are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill its shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.



*Finally the other disciple,
Who had reached the tomb first, also went inside*

HE SAW AND BELIEVED

JOHN 20:8



WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank *YOU*. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us.

We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness. Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving, and so as we celebrate the season of giving, we want to highly encourage all who have not fully completed their pledge for 2021 to remember their faithfulness. We also want to appeal to all who have not as yet returned their pledge for 2022 to remember their faithfulness.

TEXT GIVING: You can now give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text *CECGIVING* to **73256**, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

ONLINE GIVING: You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing towards your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our overview page for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org



Summer is coming... and so is Vacation Bible School, back at Christ Episcopal Church for 2022! At VBS, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and friends! Snacks and refreshments will be served daily.

VBS will be held the week of June 27th to July 1st from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for all children ages 3 (must be potty-trained) through 5th grade. After the 10:30 a.m. July 3rd service, we'll have a celebration with ice cream and snacks for all participants.

Registrations are due by Saturday, June 18th, so visit [the VBS page of the Christ Church website](#). The cost is \$20 per child or \$50 per family, and there's a link for processing this on the VBS page. Scholarships are available for those in need.

Volunteers are more than welcome, so come and have fun with us!

Email us at ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org if you're interested in registering your child, want to help us with the program, or if you have any questions about the registration process.

See you this summer!



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