



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

PALM SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.



Sunday, April 13, 2025

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 community: 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.

We are delighted you're here - welcome home!

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT |

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL | Luke 19:28-40

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

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

BLESSING AND COLLECT |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSION from OLD BRICK to NEW BRICK led by Jim Schempp, BAGPIPES

PROCESSION HYMN W787 | Siyahamba (We Are Walking)

South African folk song



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: *A reading from Isaiah.*

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse at the 8:00 a.m. service and sung at the 10:30 service.

THE PSALM |

Psalm 31:9-16 | *In te, Domine, speravi*



Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in ¹ trouble; |
 my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my ¹ belly. ||
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with ¹ sighing; |
 my strength fails me because of affliction,
 and my bones are con- ¹ sumed. ||
I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
 a dismay to those of my ac- ¹ quaintance, |
 when they see me in the street they a- ¹ void me. ||
I am forgotten like a dead man, out of ¹ mind; |
 I am as useless as a broken ¹ pot. ||
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all a- ¹ round; |
 they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my ¹ life. ||
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O ¹ Lord, |
 I have said, “You are my ¹ God. ||
My times are in your ¹ hand; |
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who perse- ¹ cute me, ||
Make your face to shine upon your ¹ servant; |
 and in your loving-kindness ¹ save me. ||

THE EPISTLE | Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: A reading from Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
 he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death--
 even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 480 | When Jesus Left His Father's Throne

Kingsfold



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
 2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;
 3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.
 their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
 for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;
 Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
 Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
 thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
 Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

THE GOSPEL | 22:14-23:56

Celebrant: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Evangelist: When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

Jesus: I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Evangelist: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus: Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

Evangelist: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Evangelist: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

Evangelist: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

Jesus: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Evangelist: And he said to him,

Peter: Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

Evangelist: Jesus said,

Jesus: I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

Evangelist: He said to them,

Jesus: When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

Evangelist: They said, "No, not a thing." He said to them,

Jesus: But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

Evangelist: They said, Lord, look, here are two swords. He replied,

Jesus: It is enough.

Evangelist: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus: Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Evangelist: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus: Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

Evangelist: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

Jesus: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Evangelist: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

Evangelist: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Congregation: Lord, should we strike with the sword?

Evangelist: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus: No more of this!

Evangelist: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

Evangelist: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant-Girl: This man also was with him.

Evangelist: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: Woman, I do not know him.

Evangelist: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Challenger 1: You also are one of them.

Evangelist: But Peter said,

Peter: Man, I am not!

Evangelist: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Challenger 2: Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

Evangelist: But Peter said,

Peter: Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

Evangelist: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Congregation: Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?

Evangelist: They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Congregation: If you are the Messiah, tell us.

Jesus: If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Congregation: Are you, then, the Son of God?

Jesus: You say that I am.

Congregation: What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

Evangelist: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Congregation: We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Jesus: You say so

Evangelist: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Evangelist: But they were insistent and said,

Congregation: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

Evangelist: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Evangelist: Then they all shouted out together

Congregation: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

Evangelist: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Congregation: Crucify, crucify him!

Evangelist: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Evangelist: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

(Please stand if you are able)

Evangelist: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Evangelist: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Congregation: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

Evangelist: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Congregation: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Evangelist: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

First Criminal: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Evangelist: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Second Criminal: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong. "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Evangelist: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Evangelist: Having said this, he breathed his last.

(All are invited to a brief moment of silence. You may kneel if you are able)

Evangelist: When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent.

Evangelist: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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

THE SERMON | Rev. Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

The people stand as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

Intervessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***People:* That we all may be one.**

Intervessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***People:* That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intervessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***People:* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intervessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***People:* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intervessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***People:* That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intervessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***People:* That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intervessor: Give to the departed eternal rest.

***People:* Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intervessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***People:* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intersessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

The People may add additional petitions and thanksgivings.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect, to which the people respond “Amen.”

THE PEACE |

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

People: And with thy spirit.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |



THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | God So Loved the World

John Stainer

Please scan to give.



PRESENTATION 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Celebrant: 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."

All: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 158 | O Lamb of God, *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

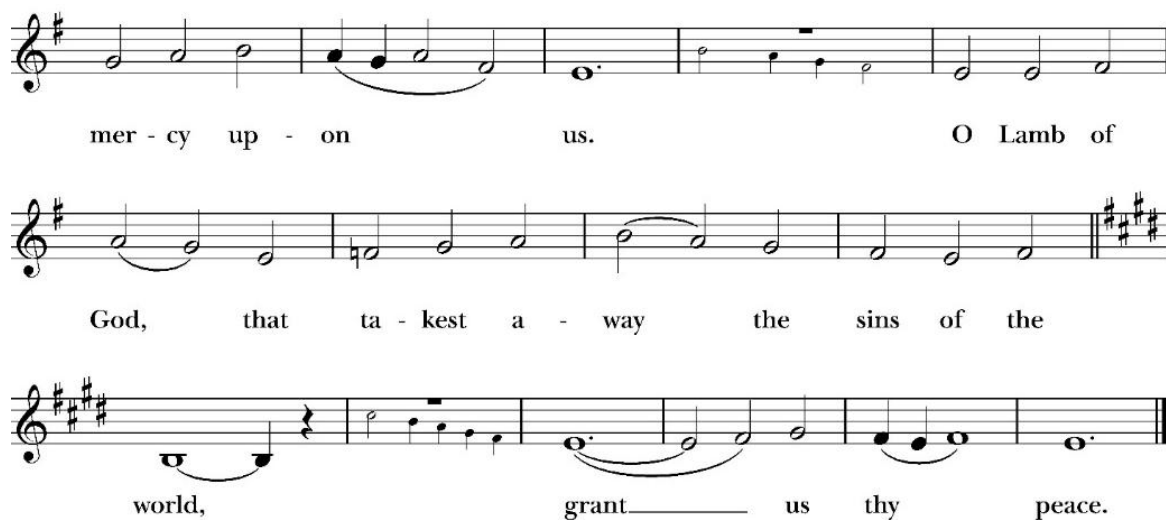
Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have



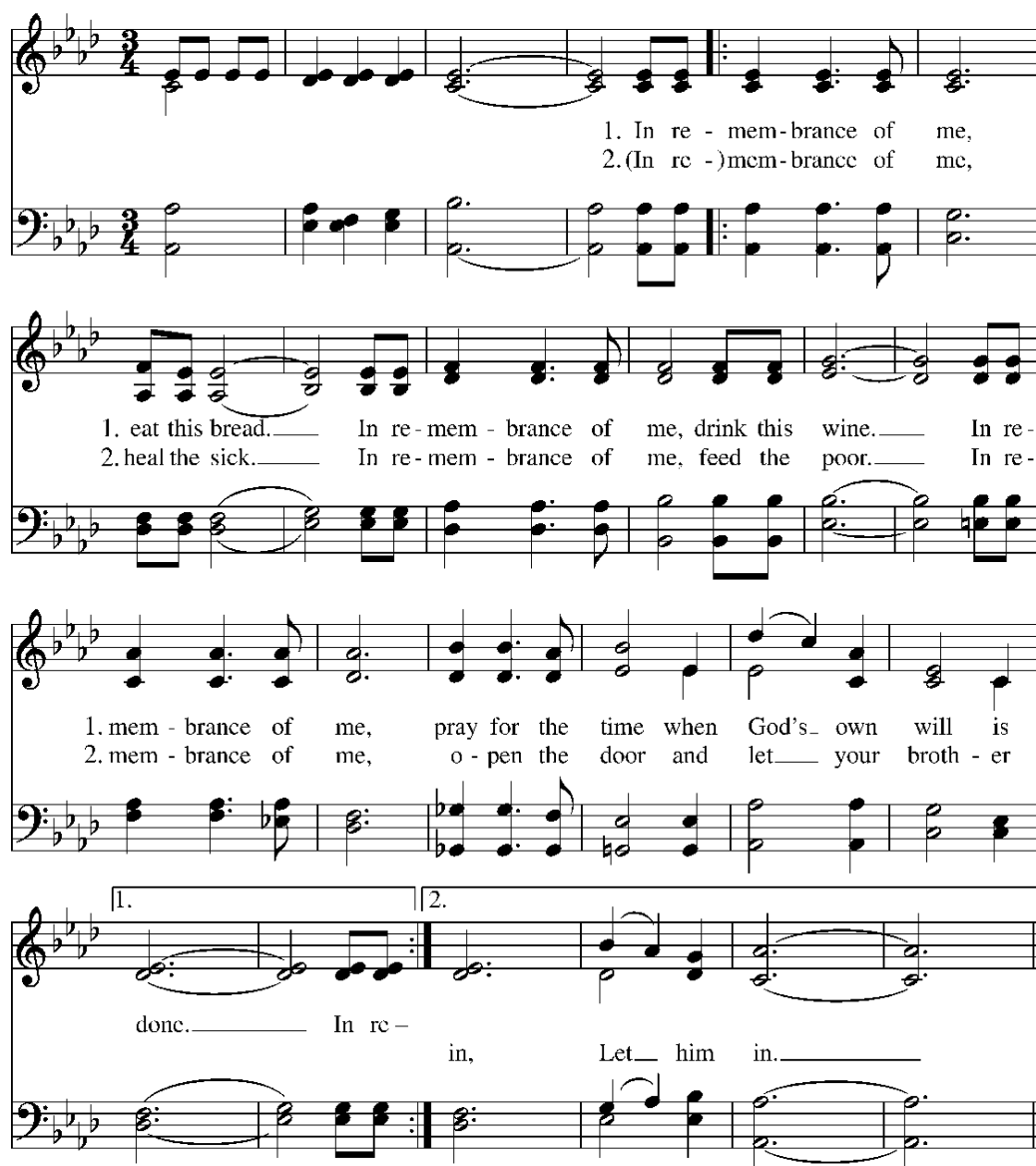
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS 149 | In Remembrance of Me

Ragan Courtney & Beryl Red



1. In re - mem - brance of me,
2. (In re -) mem - brance of me,

1. eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re -
2. heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re -

1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is
2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

done. In re - in, Let him in.

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber

too. That this in my bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for

you, shed for you. In re - mem - brance of me

search for truth. In re - mem - brance of me al - ways love. In re -

mem - brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart

— look for God. Do this in re - mem - brance of me.

Please stand as able.

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 LEVAS 38 | The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,
2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
3. A won - drous beau - ty I see;
4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,
3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
2. To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
3. To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

old rug - ged cross_____

So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

Till my tro - phies at last I lay down;_____

old rug - ged cross,_____

I will cling to the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

And ex - change it some day for a crown._____

THE DISMISSAL |

The Deacon dismisses the People who respond:

Thanks be to God!

(The Alleluias are omitted in Lent)

POSTLUDE |

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Diane Phillips-LaGuerre

Ushers: Nancy Winchester & Michon Semon

Chalicerist:

9:00 a.m. Service

Ushers: Mary Oladipupo, Andrea Lewis, Yetti Lipede

Acolytes: Danny Jackson, Wynstan Eguakan

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Theo Jones-Quartey

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, , Cherry Williams, Betty Dagne, Yetti Lipede

Acolytes and Crucifer: Deepti Jackson, Anya Sheriff, Lucinda Banks

Chalicerists: Theo Jones-Quartey, Mary Vail

Altar Guild

Jan DeBoissiere, Virigina Jarrett, Cara OCampo

PARISH CALENDAR

APRIL 13 – 19, 2025

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Worship – New Brick
9:30 am	Youth Formation, Adult Forum: Sunday Circle, Sunday School
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David – Old Brick
1:15 – 5:45 pm	Sundays at Three – Parish Hall, Conference Room & Zoom
1:30 – 4:00 pm	EfM – Parish Hall, Conference Room & Zoom
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Meditation on the Passion of Christ – New Brick, upper level

Monday, April 14

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off – Parish Hall, lower level
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-off – Parish Hall, lower level
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Outreach Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, lower level

Tuesday, April 15

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
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Wednesday, April 16– Tenebrae

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

Thursday, April 17– Maundy Thursday

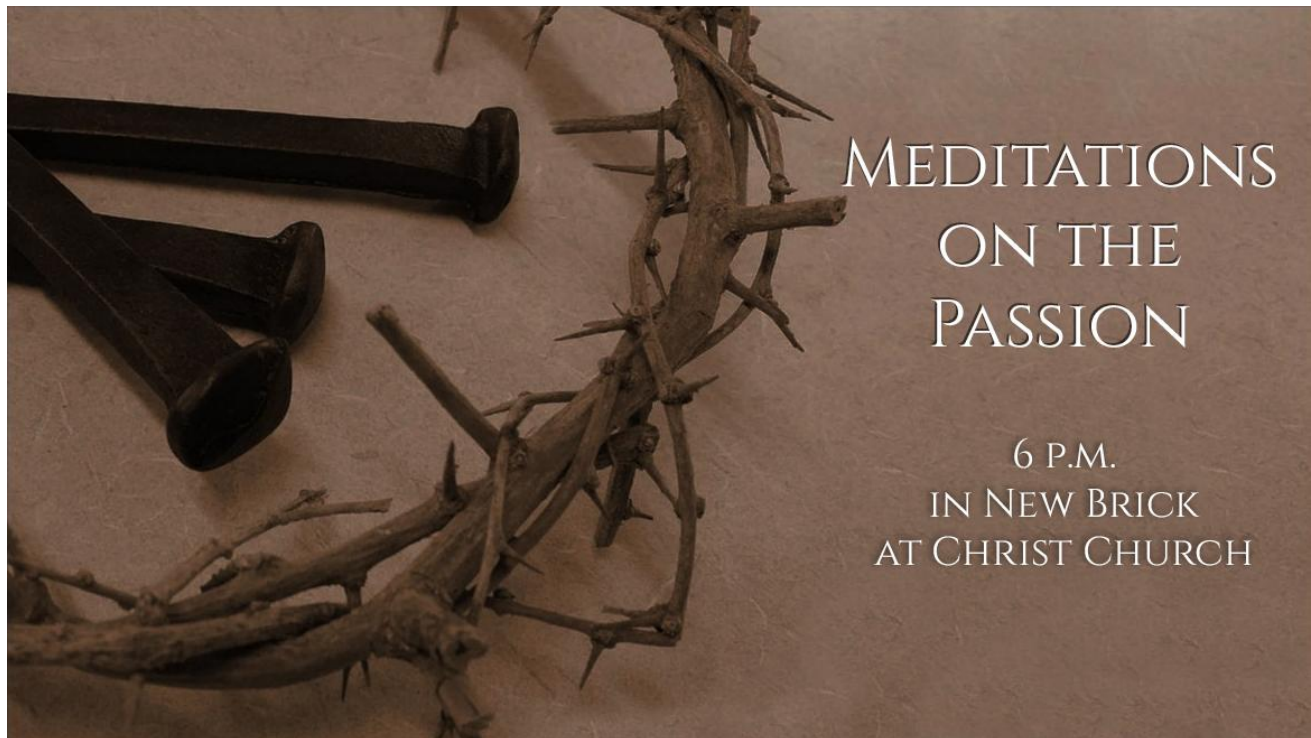
8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Seder Service – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 11:59 pm	Vigil in Old Brick Begins

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday – Church Office Closed

12:00 am – 12:00 pm	Vigil in Old Brick Ends
7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Good Friday Service – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Good Friday Service – New Brick, upper level

Saturday, April 19– Holy Saturday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick
9:30 am – 11:30 am	MOCC Breakfast
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Decorating of the Church – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 4:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild Prep – Old Brick
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil Service – New Brick, upper level



This evening, Christ Church will host Meditations on the Passion, a special service of poems, readings, dance (with our Lumen Christi liturgical dance ministry), song, and prayer. Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the New Brick Sanctuary as we contemplate the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ in a way that makes us realize the immense love He has for each one of us, a love that is capable of suffering and death in order to free us from our sins.

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



Holy Week at Christ Church

Palm Sunday is the service that signals the coming of Holy Week, and it takes place on Sunday, April 13th. Between that day and Easter, Christ Church has nearly a dozen worship opportunities, and we hope that you'll join us throughout the week. Our website's Lenten season page has times and details for all our worship services, so be sure to check our website at <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/holy-week> for all of the information.

The Easter Challenge

Easter is our celebration of rebirth - we celebrate the risen life of Christ and open ourselves to rise with Jesus. This Easter, we challenge each parishioner to lead another person to the resurrection experience. Invite a loved one, a friend, a neighbor, a colleague, or even a total stranger to church to experience the joy of rebirth. Let's share this experience with as many as possible. Easter will be celebrated on April 20 and the services are 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m., and you can send your new guest(s) a link to www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lent so they can learn more about Christ Church and our upcoming Lenten season.

Easter Altar Flowers and Music

Easter Sunday is a special time when we honor, remember, or give thanks for someone or a blessing in our lives by donating flowers or requesting hymns to adorn our worship spaces as we celebrate our risen Lord.

If you want to present Altar gifts this Easter, use our online form at CECevents.org/EasterOffering. Be sure to place the dedication name(s) in the *MEMO* line. You can also drop your donation in the plate on Sunday or at the Church Office during the week; include the same dedication information on the *MEMO* line if you use a check, please.

Lenten Evening Prayer - Weeknights at 8 p.m.

During Lent this year, Mother Marcia Davenport presents us with a nightly evening prayer livestream, and if you haven't tuned in to any of these yet, you're truly missing out. She leads us in a brief worship using different prayer books from around the world, followed by a unique, personal reflection. They go live at 8:00 p.m. each weeknight, but you can view them all on our website at <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lenten-evening-prayer>, our YouTube page, or our Facebook page at any time. Don't miss this beautiful way to worship in your own time at home during Lent, as it's a perfect way to wrap up your day.

Maundy Thursday Vigil - April 17 & 18

On Maundy Thursday, we recount the story of Jesus sharing his last meal with his friends by having a Seder meal in the Great Hall and Eucharist in the sanctuary of New Brick. We also remember that night with a Vigil in Old Brick, which runs from Thursday at 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 noon the next day, Good Friday. During each hour, we invite parishioners to participate in the Vigil by signing up for a time of your choosing. The sign-up sheet is here, and you're welcome to sign up for just an hour or stay for a couple of hours.

The rest of the Holy Week schedule is on our website - <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/holy-week>.

Help Get Your Church Ready for Easter - April 19

During major holidays throughout the year, the Altar Guild welcomes and appreciates volunteers who come to our special preparation events. The Christ Church Altar Guild invites all parishioners to join us in our Easter preparations and help us prepare the sanctuary and altar for this most blessed time of year. Stop by New Brick on Saturday, April 19th at 11:00 a.m. Thank you!

Christ Church Needs Tellers

There are many roles in the church that most people don't think of regularly – or at all. But the truth is it requires a LOT of work by many people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish that it is. One way to help out your church is as a Teller - someone who counts the gifts given during church each Sunday to help make sure every cent is accounted for. Without Tellers, we would have great difficulty in satisfying this important need.

We need more Tellers, and we need them now. It's only a role needed for an hour or so every occasional Sunday after church, so if you can spare the time, let us know. Please speak with Father Manny, the Wardens or Vestry members, or Yetti to learn more about how you can help. Thank you.

Join the Christ Church Inreach Ministry!

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

Help Us Provide Eucharist to Those Unable to Travel to Church. Become a Lay Eucharistic Visitor.

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

Church Office Closed for the Holiday

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Friday, April 18th (Good Friday) and Monday, April 21st (Easter Monday). It will reopen on Tuesday, April 22nd.

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.

Christ Church Book Club is On Hiatus

Book Club has just completed their book for Lent, and is taking a break until after Easter. Would you like to join us then? We read a few chapters each week of a book, and then gather virtually for an hour or so on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. to share thoughts and have lively conversations.

You're welcome to simply jump on Zoom and join us. If you're interested in reading and discussing great works with a friendly, engaging, and welcoming group of fellow parishioners, the CCBC might be for you.

Come and Support Rebecca - May 3

Over the last few years, we have been blessed to witness one of our own parishioners, Rebecca Warlow, walk down a new path in her life, a path towards ordination. Soon, a very special day will be here.

Everyone is invited to gather on Saturday, May 3, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore to support Rebecca as she is ordained by Bishop Carrie Schofield-Broadbent into the diaconate of the Episcopal Church. You can gather in person or participate online by visiting <https://bit.ly/edomlive>.

What a Blessing! Our Spring Food Drive at River Hill Giant Supermarket Collects More Than a Half Ton of Food for Two Howard County Pantries

A streamlined team of Christ Church volunteers succeeded during the Spring Food Drive on Saturday, April 5, in collecting more than a half-ton of items for the Howard County Food Bank. The collection filled the bed of the Bray family's pickup truck and amounted to 1,166 pounds at the weigh-in. A ton weighs 2,000 pounds.

Volunteers working in shifts of two at any one time approached shoppers, who responded by purchasing hundreds of canned goods, bags of rice and beans, baby food, diapers, and more. Some customers preferred to give cash, contributing a total of \$77 to the Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC).

CAC operates the Food Bank, which offers family-choice shopping at a grocery store to meet the needs of hungry residents. At the weigh-in on Tuesday, the staff especially welcomed the replenished jars of pasta sauce because the Food Bank had run out.

Its partner pantry, SAFE, provides free gluten-free and allergy-safe foods to low-income households. We collected four bins, weighing 126 pounds, of gluten-free food for SAFE. In response, a SAFE leader wrote: "These donations will make a difference to the many clients we serve. Please convey our appreciation to all...congregants who participated in the food drive on our behalf."

Some Christ Church volunteers did their part beforehand or afterward. Others sorted and packed as the drive progressed. Some parishioners chose to stay from noon until 4 p.m. – all doing God's work. Thanks to each and every one!

Help the Homeless on Monday, April 14: Bring a Dish for Grassroots' Emergency Shelter or Serve a Meal at Its Day Resource Center

On the second Monday of each month, Christ Church provides a hot midday meal for the homeless at the Day Resource Center (DRC) and drops off dinner for about 70 residents at its Emergency Shelter.

Both are operated by the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center. A team led by Outreach member Shahra Toth makes side dishes and desserts that we serve in person after carpooling to the DRC in Jessup. To help this coming Monday, April 14, please check our DRC online signup form, which describes the procedure. Drop-off time is 12:45 p.m. in the parking lot near Old Brick for DRC's side dishes. Later, parishioners who cook or shop for the evening meal at Grassroots' shelter arrive in the Old Brick parking lot between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. Get details in our Grassroots online signup form. Grassroots staff serves the evening meal. It's efficient to provide for both venues on the same day. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried chicken entrees. Thank you!

Recently, your generosity helped ease life for our homeless neighbors, who rely on sundries from the DRC pantry. In response to a DRC request, the Outreach Commission approved spending \$105 for 74 pairs of men's underwear. These were purchased with funds donated to the church by parishioners who give to "General Outreach." A hearty thanks!

FISH Asks for Volunteers As Well as Groceries and Toiletries in its Bin and Basket

FISH of Howard County is calling for new volunteers. If you are interested, ask parishioner Andy DeLong, who is FISH treasurer and a board member of the nonprofit, which provides committed support to Howard County residents. Please continue to put non-perishable foods and toiletries in the FISH basket at the altar or in the bin on the breezeway. The neighbors you help are grateful for all you do in their support.

Columbia Community Care Turns 5, Continues to Request Our Support

When the pandemic hit and Maryland entered a lockdown in March 2020, many students were going hungry without the school meals that they had grown to depend upon. That's when a local teacher founded Columbia Community Care (CCC) to collect and distribute essentials to families in need. After individual parishioners began helping, Christ Church became a regular supporter in June 2020. CCC marked "5 Years of Community" this month with a post on its Facebook page. It distributes groceries, diapers, and personal care items at three sites on Saturday mornings and delivers to those without transportation. To volunteer, go to "Volunteer Opportunities." Those who need help are urged to go to "Get Help" on CCC's website. Please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin marked "CCC" inside the Parish Hall. Our point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bin and delivers its contents.

Oakland Mills Middle School Academic Fundraiser

OMMS celebrates students who have worked hard during the 2024-2025 school year. Those who earned all A's for the year are treated to a trip to a Baltimore Orioles baseball game at Camden Yards. This year, the MOCC's spring "Random Act of Kindness" is spearheading a fund-collecting drive to help sponsor this event, and you are invited to contribute to this worthy cause. You can donate through the MOCC fund in Realm (write "RAK Orioles" in the MEMO line) or write a check to Christ Church (write "RAK Orioles" in the memo line). Either way, we appreciate your generous support!

DreamBuilders Spring Fundraiser - May 28

Save the date - Wednesday, May 28th - for DreamBuilders' Spring Fundraiser at Bushel and A Peck Restaurant. We'll enjoy an evening of dining, refreshments, and fellowship supporting DreamBuilders! A portion of the proceeds from your meals and drinks will go directly toward funding the materials for DreamBuilders to build three homes in Hazard, Kentucky, this summer. More details to come!

May 4th is Youth Sunday

Please sign up for the various roles needed. Seniors, please stay tuned for communication from Mrs. Stacey Frith regarding sermon prep. The reading for the services can be found here. Consider what you want to talk about and bring your creative energy, especially if we want to go with the Star Wars theme, *May the Force Be With You*.

It's Easter Egg Time!

Join us next Saturday, April 19th (Holy Saturday), from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall of New Brick to decorate eggs for the Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be following the 9:00 a.m. Family Service on Easter Sunday (April 20th); and takes place in the field across from New Brick playground.

We Need Acolytes

Every Sunday, we need acolytes to help serve, so please sign up here. An acolyte is a helper, an assistant – which, in the Kingdom of God is the position of highest honor, the place our Lord himself took among his friends. In worship, acolytes have the greatest variety of tasks to do – which makes for more things to remember, but also the most interesting jobs! The basic duty of an acolyte is to do his or her assigned tasks, and also be alert for whatever else might need to be done to make the service 'flow' better. We can always use more acolytes, so please sign up. Thank you!

Mother's Day Flower Arrangement Sale Preparations

We will make Mother's Day flower arrangements as our final fundraiser of this program year. Using cut flowers, ribbons, and glass containers, we'll create beautiful arrangements to be sold on Mother's Day Sunday (May 11th). We will gather on Friday, May 9th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in New Brick's Great Hall. Please start collecting glass jars, and bring any vases you are willing to part with.

Hersheypark Arrangements

We will be going to Hersheypark on May 10th. If you cannot RSVP in time, please contact Chaplain Kiona by the end of this week, and let her know. All participants need to pay ahead of time using any of the following payment methods (In order of preference):

1. Realm (select the *Youth Ministry* fund; write "Hersheypark" in the *MEMO* line).
2. Make a check out to Christ Episcopal Church; Memo: "Youth Group - Hersheypark"
3. If you need to use Venmo, Zelle, or pay cash, please speak with Chaplain Kiona.

We hope you can make it to Hersheypark with us!



HOLY WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 13 AT 8:00, 9:00, AND 10:30 A.M.

MEDITATIONS ON THE PASSION
SUNDAY, APRIL 13 AT 6:00 P.M. IN NEW BRICK

TENEBRAE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 AT 7:00 P.M. IN NEW BRICK

MAUNDY THURSDAY
THURSDAY, APRIL 17 AT 5:00 P.M. SEDER MEAL IN THE GREAT HALL
EUCCHARIST AT 7:00 P.M. IN NEW BRICK
800 P.M. TO 12:00 NOON FRIDAY FOR VIGIL IN OLD BRICK

GOOD FRIDAY
FRIDAY, APRIL 18 AT 12:00 AND 7:00 P.M. IN NEW BRICK

HOLY SATURDAY
EASTER VIGIL, LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE, AND BAPTISM
SATURDAY, APRIL 19 AT 7:00 P.M. IN NEW BRICK

EASTER SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 20 AT 8:00 IN OLD BRICK
9:00, AND 11:00 A.M. IN NEW BRICK



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