



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, May 25, 2025 | Sixth Sunday of Easter – MEMORIAL 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](http://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.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRELUDE |

### OPENING HYMN 718 | God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

*National Hymn*

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y  
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay  
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,  
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,  
 our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

## 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*

REFRAIN: James J. Chepponis

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo-ple on earth.

**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**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON | Acts 16:9-15

*Reader:* A reading from Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

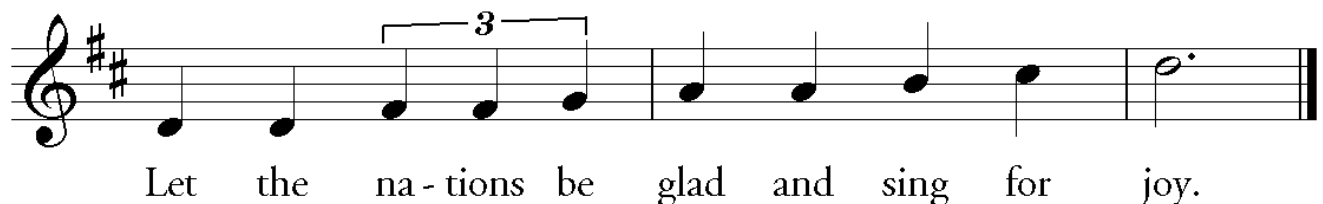
*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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

## THE PSALM

Psalm 67 | *Deus misereatur*



May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
**your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
**let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
**for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

*Antiphon*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
**let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
**may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

May God give us his blessing, \*  
**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

*Antiphon*

#### **THE EPISTLE** | Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Reader: *A reading from Revelation.*

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

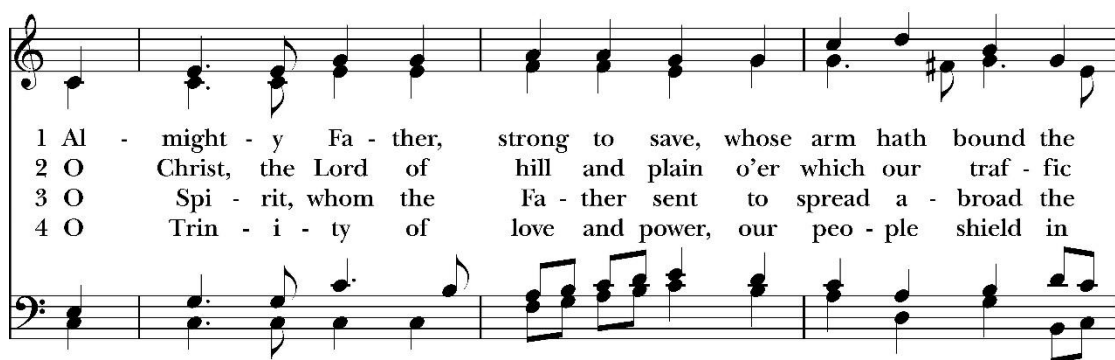
I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

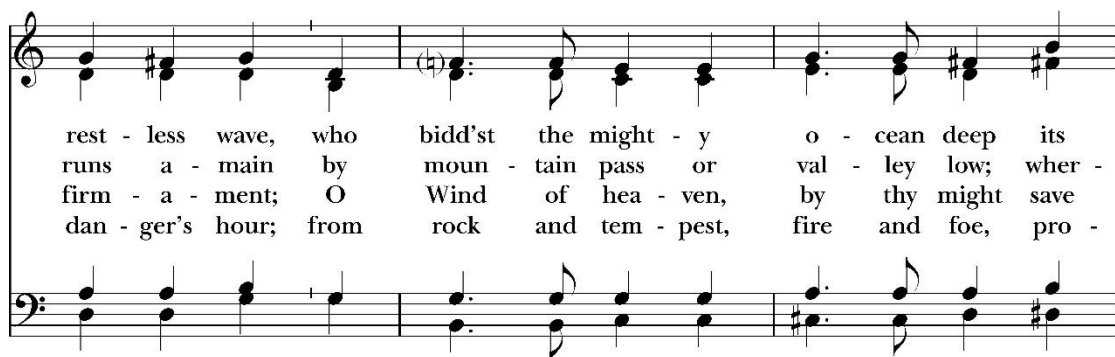
Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

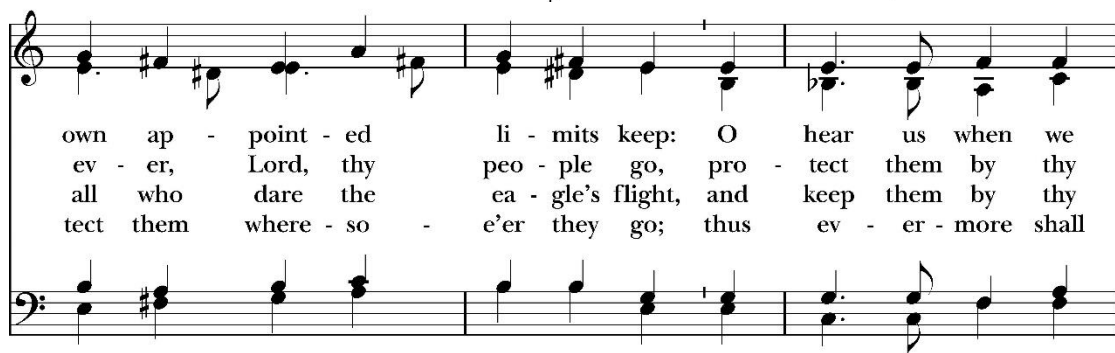
*The people stand as able.*



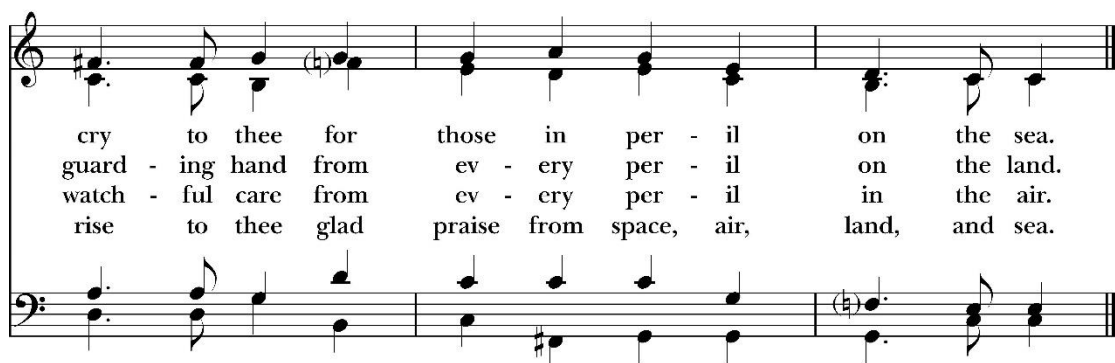
1 Al - mighty Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic  
 3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
 runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -  
 firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save  
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we  
 ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy  
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.  
 watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.  
 rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

**THE GOSPEL** | John 14:23-29

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

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN** | Lead Me, Lord

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

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

Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

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

mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

## THE SERMON | Michael Looney, *Seminarian Associate*

*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 |

As followers of Jesus, Christ is the center of our True Self. “In Him, we live and move and have our being”. It is an awesome thought that the Lord of Heaven and Earth lives within our souls forever. We are reminded that the Spirit of Truth abides in us. We are God’s offspring and through the power of His resurrection, we will remain in Him in eternal life. His love is all encompassed. Praise always with deep, endless gratitude to our magnificent Lord and Savior. ***Glory to the Lord Most High***

May we this week honor those countrywide men and women, who have given their lives in times of war and conflict, in many areas of the world ( in the Middle East-the Heartland of Christianity, Judaism and Islam) and in many areas of Africa and Asia, where violence and injustice prevail. Lord, please lead us in the ways of peace and compassion, that we may serve you in goodness and truth.

***Oh God, let us seek your righteousness***

We pray for the Church universal, for its unity and its wisdom. May we be servants of our Lord on this Earth. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for: St. John’s, Western Run, St Mark’s On-the- Hill, Pikesville and Trinity , Towson. We also ask God’s blessings for the leaders of our Church: our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Diocesan Bishops, Carrie, our Rector, Emmanuel, our Associate Priest Emeritus, Marcia, our Deacons, Kiona and Rebecca , our Seminarian, Mike and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. We give thanks for the Vestry and Lay members of our Congregation, who give us so much of their time and talent. ***Lord, may our words and actions proclaim your love***

We extend our warmest welcome to all visitors and newcomers, who share in our worship today. It is our desire to express our joy and reverence with hymns and prayers and to share the presence of Christ in the celebration of the Eucharist. We are blessed to be together on the Sabbath.

***Lord, you alone are our portion and our cup***

Our prayers are offered in deepest care and concern, for those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, especially Jeanne, Rachan, Traci, Patricia, Sherry, Clara, Mark, Emmy & Danielle,. Our Lord listens and hears the words of our prayers. May God's touch come upon them and His peace be with them. We also give thanks for the wonderful families, friends and healthcare providers, who are the hands of mercy and love to those who suffer. ***Lord, be with those in need***

We pray for those who have died and entered into God's eternal Presence, especially those you now name. Our hearts are with those who grieve. ***Grant us hope and knowledge of abundant life in Christ***

We celebrate the wonderful occasions of joy in the lives of the members of our Parish. We extend our love and blessings to those with birthdays especially Aston, James, Havilynd, Karey, Carlo, Jodan, Brad, Jennifer, Luther, Rebecca, Steve, Patricia & Mtr. Marcia, wedding anniversaries of Ron & Kathleen Panzera, and baptismal anniversaries of Philip, Gardiner, Lorraine, Tolulope, Cindy & Alexander.

***Lord, thank you for the precious gifts to us all***

We pledge our Hearts to Christ, may we draw close to Him in his Holiness. May we always be able to give a reason for the hope within us and proclaim His purpose in our lives. Let us tell our accounts of how our Lord has transformed our Souls and minds. Alleluia.- ***AMEN***

## THE PEACE |

*Celebrant:* May the Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |

# THE HOLY COMMUNION



OFFERTORY ANTHEM | Amazing Grace

*Arlene Clarke*



*Please scan to give.*



**PRESENTATION HYMN 400 (v. 7) |**

*Laast Uns Erfreuen*

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

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B |**

*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. 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:



*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."

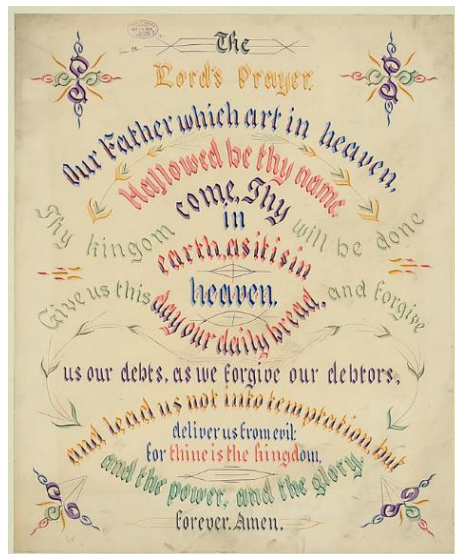
*All:* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

*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 |

*Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov*

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

*All:*

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

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

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

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

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

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

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

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*



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



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



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



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



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

## COMMUNION MEDITATION | And He Shall Feed His Flock

*G.F. Handel*

*Catherine Hinton, soprano*

*Ola Oladipupo, organ*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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

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

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

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

## THE BLESSING |

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

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!  
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
 and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

## THE DISMISSAL |

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

## POSTLUDE | Marche de Procession, Opus 41, No. 5

Alexandre Guilmant

## Assisting in Worship Today

### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Lectors/Readers:** Ron Baran

**Ushers:** Kayode Fatodu

**Chalicerist:** Dione Mahoney

### 9:00 a.m. Service

**Ushers:** Andrea Leeman, Yetti Lipede

### 10:30 a.m. Service

**Lectors/Readers:** Kathy Lyon

**Chalicerist:** Kathy Lyon, Mary Vail

**Ushers:** Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams,

Cherry Williams, Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah

**Crucifer & Acolytes:** Wynstan Eguakan, Kevin Mugo, Danny Jackson

### Altar Guild

Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett, Cara Ocampo

### Tellers

Catherine Miller, Kenny Okeke



ALMIGHTY GOD, WE COMMEND TO YOUR GRACIOUS CARE AND KEEPING THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES AT HOME AND ABROAD. AS WE REMEMBER THIS MEMORIAL DAY ALL THOSE WHO SACRIFICED THEMSELVES FOR OUR NATION'S IDEALS, DEFEND WITH YOUR HEAVENLY GRACE ALL WHO RISK THEMSELVES IN THESE TIMES; STRENGTHEN THEM IN THEIR TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS; GIVE THEM COURAGE TO FACE THE PERILS WHICH BESET THEM; AND GRANT THEM A SENSE OF YOUR ABIDING PRESENCE WHEREVER THEY MAY BE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

~ THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (REVISED)



# PARISH CALENDAR

## MAY 25 – 31, 2025

### **Sunday, May 25**

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1:30 – 3:00 pm	Lumen Christi practice – New Brick, upper level
1:30 – 4:00 pm	EFM – Parish Hall, conference room & Zoom

### **Monday, May 26**

All Day	Office Closed – Memorial Day
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level

### **Tuesday, May 27**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Vestry Meeting – New Brick, lower level

### **Wednesday, May 28**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
1:30 – 4:00 pm	Lumen Christi practice – New Brick, upper level
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

### **Thursday, May 29**

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

### **Friday, May 30**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
3:00 – 9:30 pm	Crystal Vocal Arts – New Brick, upper level
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Movie screening “Unlocking the Mystery of Life” – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

### **Saturday, May 31**

9:00 – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
2:00 – 5:00 pm	Ying-Shu Recital – New Brick, upper level
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild prep – Old Brick
4:00 – 12:00 am	Chrzanowski Graduation Party – New Brick, lower level
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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

## **Formation takes a Break this Sunday**

Because of the holiday weekend, there will be no formation classes, but they will all return next Sunday, June 1st.

## **Church Office Closed on Monday**

In observance of Memorial Day, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 26. It will reopen for business on Tuesday, May 27th. If you require pastoral care on that day, please contact Father Manny.

## **Kiona's Ordination - June 7**

Rev. Kiona was ordained a deacon this past December and will be ordained a priest on June 7th, so gather at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore to support her during this momentous occasion. Carpooling is encouraged, and representation of our beloved parish is always appreciated at diocesan events, so come out in great numbers to start an extraordinary chapter in Chaplain Kiona's ministry! We'll celebrate her time as a member of Christ Church's staff on June 29th, which will be her last in that capacity; after that, she'll spend more time with her family, focus on her hospice ministry, and make herself available for supply work throughout the diocese. Although her family will still keep Christ Church as their church home, please gather with us as she leads us in worship that final Sunday of June.

## **We Need Volunteers!**

Thank you to those who have recently stepped up to help volunteer - we are so grateful to you! We can still use some more people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish that it is. You can be a Teller, Acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, or choose to assist the Christ Church Altar Guild or Buildings and Grounds ministries. None of these require weekly assistance - both only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. For those specifically interested in the Altar Guild, please email [altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org) or speak with Pam Foreman or any other Altar Guild member setting up the altar on Sunday mornings. For those interested in assisting as a Teller, LEV, or Acolyte, please call the Church Office or speak with Yetti (Teller), Kathy Lyon (LEV), or Chaplain Kiona (Acolyte) on Sundays.

## **Join the New Christ Church Inreach Ministry**

Are you alone, or have family who lives far away or 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. Dedicated parishioners will reach out to ensure you're ok regularly, and they can call or text you - whichever is your preference. If you wish to be included in this program, please let us know, and we'll contact you. 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 would like more info or are interested in joining this ministry, please speak with Michon Semon or Ron Baran at church, complete the brief form at [cecevents.org/Inreach](http://cecevents.org/Inreach) or email us at [inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org).

## **WOCC Summer Tea - June 21**

On Saturday, June 21, the WOCC will host a Summer Tea at The Kate Pearl Tea Room in Sykesville, MD. Our tea gatherings are always memorable for everyone attending, and we hope you'll join us. The cost for this special event is \$45. per person, all inclusive, and the deadline to sign up and pay is June 13th, so look for the signup sheets in the Narthex and the rear of Old Brick. You can pay using Realm, choosing the WOCC fund, and writing "Summer Tea" in the memo line. We are limited to 35 people, so don't delay in reserving your spot!



### **Chuck Rees Memorial Service - June 22**

Chuck Rees was a beloved, long-time parishioner of Christ Episcopal Church, and we will soon have a memorial service in celebration of his life and his impact on all of us. Everyone is invited to gather with us for this service, which takes place on Sunday, June 22nd at 2:00 p.m. in the New Brick sanctuary. This will be followed by a repast downstairs in the Great Hall of New Brick, so please mark your calendars and gather together with us in love.

### **VBS&CC Registration is Open Now**

Christ Church's Vacation Bible School and Choir Camp will take place in late June, gathering daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. At VBS&CC, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and making new friends while seeing old ones again! Snacks, lunch, and refreshments are served daily, and the program is staffed by our wonderful Christ Church parishioners, many of whom have been involved with VBS&CC for years.

The registration form for VBS&CC can be completed here. If you have multiple children to register, please complete a separate form for each child. The tuition is \$30 per child or \$75 per family, and you can process your tuition payment here. Volunteers are also very much needed, so join us and have fun! Please email us if you'd like to assist with the program or have any questions. And you can always visit our website to register later, as well - [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/vbs](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/vbs) - but don't delay for too long... the deadline for signing up is June 13th, and spaces do fill up fast!

### **Christ Church Takes Over Camden Yards! - June 24**

Once again, it's baseball season, and it wouldn't be complete without an annual Christ Church outing to Oriole Park at Camden Yards! This year, it takes place on Tuesday, June 24th at 6:35 p.m. as the Orioles take on the Texas Rangers. We've secured a block of tickets in Section 76, right down by the field, and a perfect place to catch a home run! Whether you'd like one ticket or several, you can sign up in the Narthex this Sunday - but act fast, as they are going quickly! The cost is \$30. per person, and we ask that you pay in cash this year. You can either place it in an envelope and give it to Yetti at church on Sunday, or bring it to the office during business hours. Transportation is left to you, or you can carpool with others who are going, if you wish - speak with Jenn Atkins or Yetti to see who else is headed to the game.

### **Soon, It'll Be Crab Feast Time! - July 2**

We have one final FWF before the summer break, so mark your calendars and come and join us for fantastic food, friends, and fun! It will be our incredibly popular annual Crab Feast, a crab and BBQ extravaganza that will leave no taste buds unhappy, followed by summer fun and games. If you'd like to indulge in some crabs, mark Wednesday, July 2nd at 6 p.m. on your calendar. The cost for crab is \$25. per person and there will be a signup sheet in the Narthex soon. With options for crab eaters and non-crab eaters alike, there's surely something for everyone.

### **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. The Zoom link is here, the Meeting ID is 817 6254 3177, and the Passcode is CP. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church, or by emailing [centering@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:centering@christchurchcolumbia.org).

### **Christ Church Choirs - Thursday Evenings**

The Christ Church Choirs rehearse in New Brick on Thursday evenings through June 12, and anyone can join us. Handbell Choir meets from 6:45-7:30 p.m., and Adult Choir meets from 7:30-9:00 on that same night. You don't need to know how to read music, so whether you have previous experience or are ready to commit long-term or not, there's a place for you in our choirs. Why not give it a try? If you're interested, speak with Larissa at church.

### **Organ Donations Save Lives – Including Those of Parishioners. See if You Can Help.**

Parishioner Jim Berkson, who was baptized at the age of 61 here at Christ Church last year, requires a kidney transplant. He is on the transplant list for a deceased donor, but a living donor has many advantages, including a longer lifespan, being able to avoid dialysis, and being guaranteed a transplant. Jim is going through Johns Hopkins, one of the best transplant centers in the country, and at Hopkins, you don't have to be a perfect match to be a donor. The transplant is likely years away, but Hopkins likes to start the education and testing process early. Please consider giving the gift of life. If you are interested or curious about Jim's case, please speak with Jim at church, speak with Father Manny or Deacon Rebecca, or call the Johns Hopkins Transplant Center at 443-326-1089 for details on their kidney donor program. Thank you very much.

### **Community Action Council Turns 60; Gets Funds to Help People in Need**

In response to community needs, the Outreach Commission at its May meeting approved sending \$500 to the Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC). The latest in a series of donations for various services will go toward eviction prevention. These are Vestry-approved funds derived from parishioners' pledges and contributions. Thank you for helping others when they need it most! The recent donation came in the same month that the nonprofit organization marked its 60th birthday with a celebration held on Tuesday, May 20. "Born from the War on Poverty in the early 1960s, CAC was founded on the promise that all families deserve the opportunity to thrive," states the program for the event. A message from Christ Church was displayed in the program and projected on screens at the venue, Reckless Shepherd Brewing Co.

The CAC is Howard County's designated anti-poverty organization and provides multiple services as described in its 2024 Impact Report. County Executive Calvin Ball spoke at the event along with CAC President Tracy Broccolino, who thanked supporters, including Christ Church. We were represented by Deacon Kiona Lookingbill, Christ Church's Director of Youth and Family Ministries; Patricia Fanning, Chair of the CEC Outreach Commission, and Phil Bray and Joe Bray, volunteers at the recent Spring Food Drive, who provided the truck and helped deliver the food to CAC's Howard County Food Bank. Seminarian Mike Looney and Anne Looney also attended, and we want to thank each of you for being there for Christ Church! Christ Church has been holding food drives at Giant supermarkets since 2018; you can read about the most recent effort in the Outreach Blog of April 9, 2025. In the fall, we collected Thanksgiving sides and donated \$750 for protein components of CAC's holiday meal kits, as described in the Outreach Blog of Oct. 31, 2024. Besides food and housing aid, CAC programs provide weatherization, help with utility bills, and early childhood education through Head Start and pre-K locations for low-income families.

### **DreamBuilders Spring Fundraiser and 50/50 Raffle - Next Wednesday**

Come out and support DreamBuilders' summer mission and projects by gathering for a mid-week happy hour/dinner evening at the Bushel & A Peck Restaurant, 12250 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville, MD. Stop by any time between 4 and 9 p.m. that Wednesday evening, May 28th, and Bushel & A Peck will be giving DreamBuilders a percentage of all sales of food and drink. We will also have a 50/50 cash raffle that evening, and you can buy raffle tickets at the restaurant or in advance through Cathy Gold (see her at church or email [heycathy@verizon.net](mailto:heycathy@verizon.net)). You don't have to be present to win. DreamBuilders merchandise will also be on sale at the restaurant, so if you haven't got your DreamBuilders T-Shirt yet, come on down and get one! Reservations are not needed, but are welcome, especially for large parties.

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

FISH of Howard County is calling for 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 Takes a Break on Memorial Day Weekend**

Columbia Community Care (CCC) will close its pantry and distribution sites this Saturday, May 24, for the Memorial Day weekend. But you can still donate baby-care items and diapers. Sizes 5-6 are in the greatest demand. Please collect these along with sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sundays. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bin and delivers its contents.

CCC offers home deliveries to those without transportation. That process requires a shopper to fulfill grocery lists at the pantry and then deliver goods to the recipients' homes. To volunteer at the sites or as a translator or shopper, go to "[Volunteer Opportunities](#)." Those who need help are urged to go to "[Get Help](#)" on CCC's website. Find updates on the [CCC Facebook](#) page.

### **Oakland Mills Middle School Academic Fundraiser**

The MOCC is seeking your support for their April "Random Act of Kindness" initiative, which aims to encourage students at the local Oakland Mills Middle School to strive for academic excellence. OMMS celebrates students who have demonstrated exceptional effort during the school year, and those who earned straight A's during the year are treated to a trip to a Baltimore Orioles baseball game at Camden Yards. This year, the MOCC's spring RAK is spearheading a fundraising drive to help raise \$2000 to support 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!

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### **PenteFeast- a New Christ Church Tradition Sunday, June 8 at 10:00 a.m.**

In past years, Christ Church has celebrated Pentecost Sunday in many different ways, and now we're incorporating several of these to make it a day that's all our own. That Sunday, June 8th, gather with us in the New Brick sanctuary for just one service - at 10:00 a.m. - as the choir processes through the aisles while we all sing "We Are the Church" in full voice. Be sure to wear some red to celebrate the Day of Pentecost (red is the liturgical color of that day), and everyone is invited to wear clothing that reflects their heritage and culture, as well.

In an expression of this beautiful "melting pot" we have at Christ Church, we'll gather together after worship to enjoy PenteFeast, a culinary celebration! Prepare and bring a dish to share with others, one that reflects your family's tradition. Make it something extraordinary in your life - perhaps a recipe that has been passed down for generations, or a dish that proudly displays your culture or upbringing. We'll provide salads and refreshments; you provide the main course or dessert. Let's celebrate the start of Pentecost together in a unique way!





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