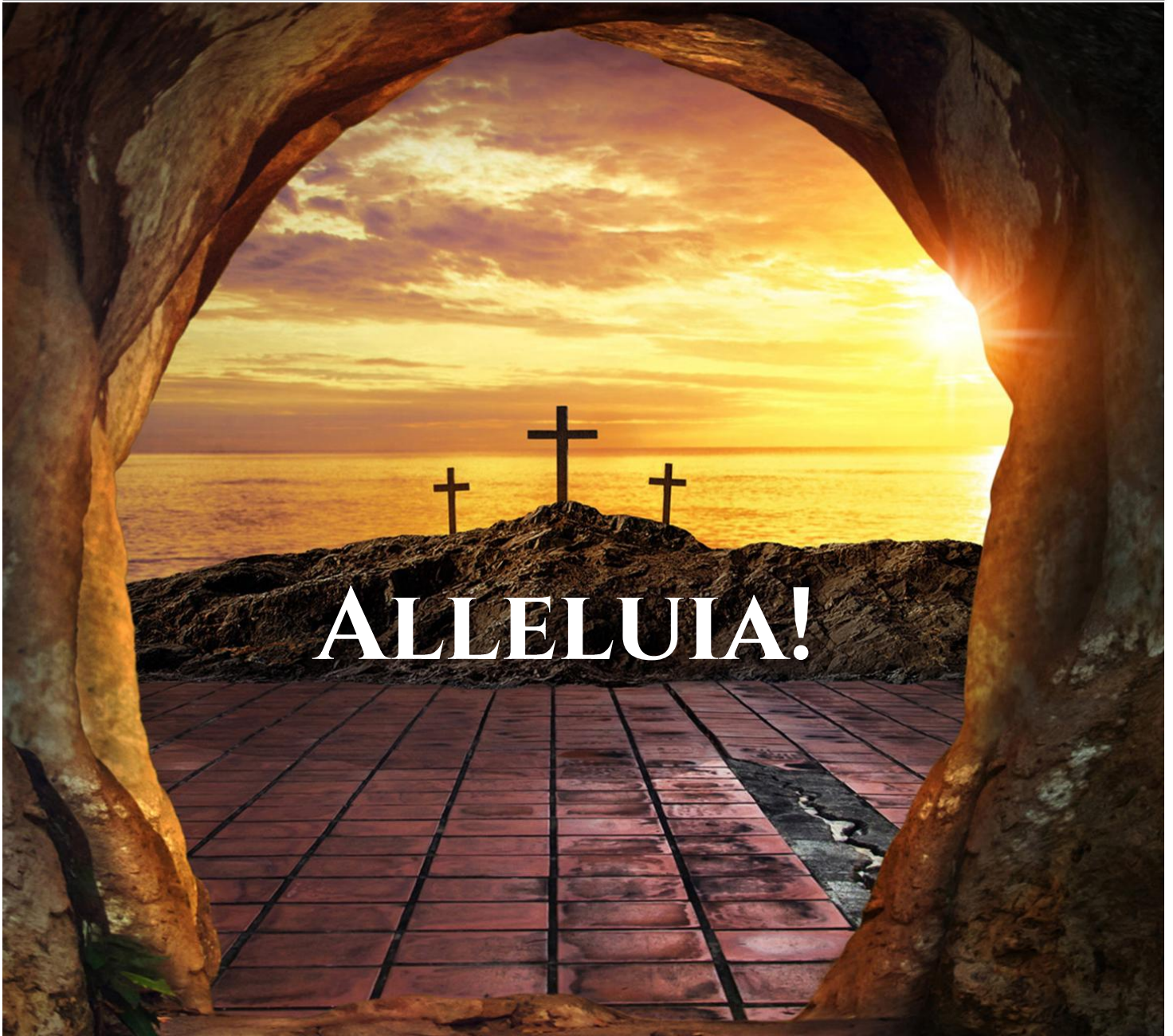




CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

EASTER SUNDAY
8:00, 9:00, & 11:00 A.M.



Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church:

www.christchurchcolumbia.org.

This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE | Alleluia! Christ Is Risen
Praeludium on "Christ lag in Todesbanden"

Roland E. Martin
William Bradley Roberts

OPENING HYMN 207 | Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn
arr. William Bradley Roberts

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.**

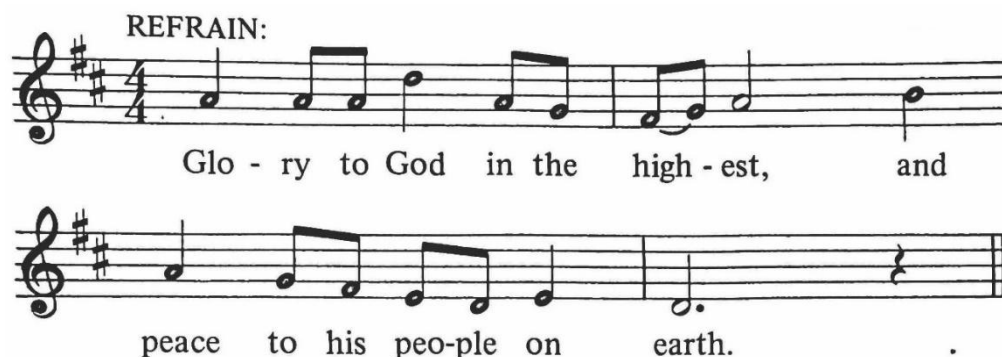
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY |

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. **Amen.**

MELODIC GLORIA |

James Chepponis

REFRAIN:



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*

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

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*

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*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

FIRST LESSON | Acts 10:34-43

Reader: *A reading from Acts*

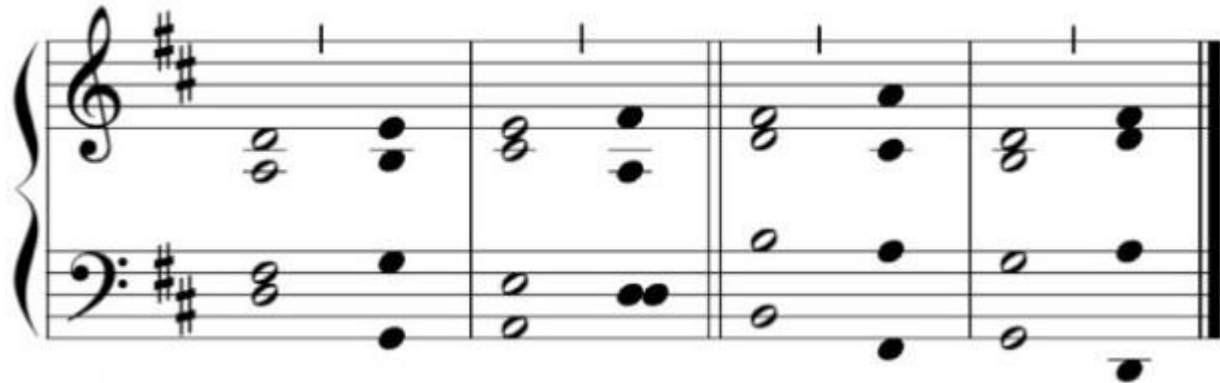
Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That 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.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 | *Confitemini Domino (Processional hymn for the Feast of Shelters)*



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is ¹ good; |
his mercy endures for ¹ ever. ||

Let Israel now pro- ¹ claim, |
"His mercy endures for ¹ ever." ||

The Lord is my strength and my ¹ song, |
and he has become my sal- ¹ vation. ||

There is a sound of exultation and ¹ victory |
in the tents of the ¹ righteous: ||

"The right hand of the Lord has ¹ triumphed! |
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord has ¹ triumphed!" ||

I shall not die, but ¹ live, |
and declare the works of the ¹ Lord. ||

The Lord has punished me ¹ sorely, |
but he did not hand me over to ¹ death. ||

Open for me the gates of ¹ righteousness; |
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the ¹ Lord. ||

”This is the gate of the ¹ Lord; |
he who is righteous may ¹ enter.” ||

I will give thanks to you, for you ¹ answered me |
and have become my sal- ¹ vation. ||

The same stone which the builders re- ¹ jected |
has become the chief ¹ cornerstone. ||

This is the Lord’s ¹ doing, |
and it is marvelous in our ¹ eyes. ||

On this day the Lord has ¹ acted; |
we will rejoice and be glad in ¹ it. ||



THE EPISTLE | Colossians 3:1-4

Reader: *A reading from Colossians.*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The people stand as able.

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 28:1-10

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

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

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

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

THE SERMON | The Rev. Emmanuel Ato Mercer, Rector

The people stand as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

Our Redeemer lives! His Truth reigns forever! Our Lord loves us with an everlasting love. He is steadfast and faithful to his people. Through Christ's sacrifice our sins are washed away. Jesus is our strength and salvation. **Let us rejoice and be glad!**

Today, the entire world celebrates the magnificent message of Easter, Christ is Risen! God's power has overcome evil. His eternal light has conquered the darkness. Our Lord shows no partiality. All nations and people, who honor His name and walk in His ways, possess the keys of the kingdom of Heaven. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem. We pray for the worldwide Church, and especially in the Anglican Communion

for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico. In our own Diocese of Maryland, we pray for our sister parishes of Acension, Scarboro, Christ Church, Rock Spring, and Emmanuel, Belair. We are also thankful for the leadership of our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard & Marcia, and Seminarian, Yehinuel. We are appreciative of their heartfelt care and guidance. **Let us raise our voices in song**

We extend our warmest welcome to all visitors and newcomers who worship with us today. We are blessed by your presence. We hope that our Eucharist, prayers and glorious music have touched your soul. We celebrate our time together. **Let us walk in the newness of life**

Lord we ask Your healing presence who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Jim, Kaci, Kristin, Carol, MaryAnn, Alta, Mark, Clarence, Diane, Mildred, Kayode, Rachan & Sherry. May You comfort those who are ill and restore them to health. We ask your blessing on the caregivers who minister, with compassion and love. **Let us give thanks for God's grace in our times of need**

We remember those who have died, especially Priscilla Pitts. May they live in awe and wonder embraced by God forever. **We praise Christ for His gift of eternal life**

Our Parish expresses joy on special occasions in the lives of our Church family, especially the birthdays of Emmanuel, Ivy, Daniella, Gina, Patricia & Frederica, and baptismal anniversaries of Rhonda, Bob, Alfred, Amy, Donna, Diya, Brian, Kimberley, Laura, Dee & Luke. **Blessings abound as God's gift to us**

Our Lord of life and power triumphed over death. The empty tomb became a symbol of His resurrection. He instructs us all not To be afraid, but to witness in His name and to seek Him as we journey through life. **Let us recount the marvelous deeds of our Lord, Jesus Christ forever! AMEN**

THE PEACE |

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

People: **And also with you.**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | Now Glad of Heart

Kayron Lee Scott

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!**

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."

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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

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

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.

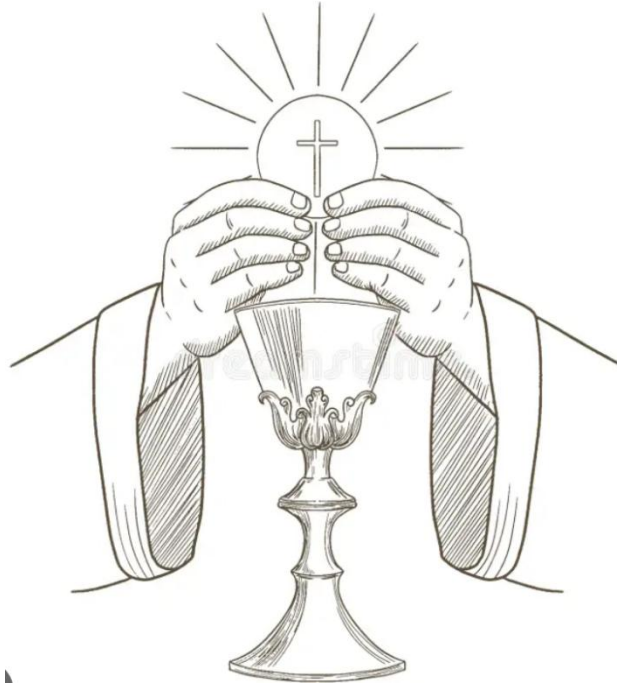
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

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!



FRACTION ANTHEM S171 | Mode 6 melody;

adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

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.

Cantor



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



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

Cantor



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



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

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE |

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

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.

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.**

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. **Amen.**

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.**

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.**

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.**

CLOSING HYMN 210 | The Day of Resurrection

Ellacombe

Descant

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

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 round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

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;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

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,

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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.

THE DISMISSAL |

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

POSTLUDE |

**Thank you to all our
musicians, instrumentalists, and singers this morning!**

Instrumentalists

Jeff Lewandowski, trumpet
Phillip Johnson, trumpet
Kaci Lewandowski, horn
Anthony Colella, trombone
Matthew Dupree, timpani

Choir

Soprano

Phung Chau
Jan DeBoissiere
Catherine Hinton
Sara Kirkpatrick
Kim Mosier
Cathy Whittaker

Alto

Emily Aubin
Heather Duncan
Caitlin Gompf
Dorothy Lee
Nancy Schempp
Shahra Toth

Tenor

Bill Kirkpatrick
Louis Spencer
Jack Urian

Bass

Phil Bray
Christopher Diaz
Canh Ly
Jim Schempp
George Toth

EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC



Barbara Scott-Johnson, *in memory of Brady Scott-Johnson*

Theodore & Virginia Jarrett, *in memory of Ebidumi Onie-Williams*

Nathan & Jane Adams, *in thanksgiving for our family*

Michon Semon, *in memory of Robert & Paul Semon*

Patricia Daniel, *in memory of Alfred Daniel*

Judith Daffer, *in memory of Robert A. Daffer, and thanksgiving for Jill C. Terrell & Mark A. Daffer*

Nedra Gardner, *in thanksgiving for life*

Sheila Skojec, *in thanksgiving for my family*

Doris Addo Glover, *in thanksgiving for the birthday of Alfred Titus-Glover*

Cheryl Lucente, *in memory of Richard Lucente and thanksgiving for the many blessings God has bestowed on me, especially my friends & family*

Nathaniel & Jo Emily Knox, *in thanksgiving for Gordon & Jennifer Knox and Emily J. Know & Aaron Wilson*

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Assisting in Worship Today

8:00 a.m. Service

Chalicer: Sonni Aribiah

Lector/Reader: Sonni Aribiah, Kayode Fatodu

Usher: Michon Semon

9:00 a.m. Service

Acolytes: Allison Whong, Eli Wasula, Savannah Frederick, Ava Fox, Aston Fox, Corinne Frederick

Chalicians: Natalie Bedard, Trina Neff

Lector/Reader: Jason Whong, Elizabeth Everett

Usher: Andrea Lewis

10:30 a.m. Service

Acolytes : Abigail Boyer, Chloe Spencer, Hope Spencer, Wynstan Eguakun

Altar Guild: Cara Ocampo, Jan DeBoissiere, Maria Rios, Virginia Jarrett

Chalician: Kathy Lyon

Lector/Reader: Kathy Lyon, Chloe Spencer

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams,

Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah

Tellers: Cathy Gold, Rhonda Tomlinson

PARISH CALENDAR

APRIL 5 – 11, 2026

Sunday, April 5

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am – 9:30 am Coffee Hour
9:00 am– 9:30 am Family Worship – New Brick, UL
10:30 am Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
12:30 – 5:30 pm Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
1:00 – 5:00 pm Education for Ministry (EfM) – Zoom & Parish Hall, CR
4:30 – 7:30 pm Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL

Monday, April 6

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 8:30 pm Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, LL
7:00 – 8:00 pm Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm WOCC Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, April 7

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am– 12:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
7:00 – 9:00 pm MS Support Group – New Brick, LL
7:00 – 10:00 pm 300th Yr Race & Slavery Committee Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm CEC Book Club – Zoom

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom

Thursday, April 9

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
6:30 – 9:00 pm Education for Ministry (EfM): Fast Track – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL

Friday, April 10

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm Evening Prayer Livestream

Saturday, April 11

8:30 am – 12:30 pm Center for Spiritual Nourishment (CSN)
3:30 – 4:00 pm Altar Guild prep
2:00 pm AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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

No Sunday School this Weekend

Sunday School is off again this Sunday, April 5th, but classes will resume on Sunday, April 12th. If you have any questions, please email info@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Christ Church's Legacy Project Invites Your Input

As part of our 300-year anniversary, Christ Church is exploring a legacy project that will serve as a center of innovative and transformative ministries for our community and beyond. In seeking a way to help design our next century, we have engaged a consultant to help us begin this decision-making process. We invite you to take part by visiting CEEvents.org/FutureVision for a brief questionnaire, one that will help guide us.

We are also inviting parishioners to be interviewed after completing this form, and so if you feel God's sense of call to be interviewed or have any questions, please reach out to Fr. Manny at revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org or by calling the office at 410-381-9365.

MOCC 50/50 Raffle - Begins April 5

On Easter Sunday, the MOCC is launching a 50/50 raffle, and everyone is invited to take part. One-half of the proceeds from this raffle will be split among three winners, with the other half going toward supporting the MOCC's Random Acts of Kindness in the community.

You can purchase one ticket for ten dollars, but if you buy two, you get a third for free - that's three tickets for twenty bucks! And of course, the more that people take part, the larger the winnings.

The MOCC will pick the winning tickets at the April 25th Family Picnic and BBQ (see those details below in this email). See any MOCC member at church on any April Sunday, or you can email them at MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org if you'd like a ticket or three. They'll reserve any number of tickets you'd like.

WOCC Dinner Meeting - April 6

The day after Easter, the WOCC will have its monthly meeting, but at a special location. Bring your appetite and gather with the WOCC on Monday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at **The Corner Stable restaurant** - 8630 Guilford Rd, Columbia, MD 21046

If you have any questions before the meeting, please speak with Shahra, Jan, Emily, Amanda, Carol, or any WOCC member at church on Easter. You can also email WOCC@ChristChurchColumbia.org, and they will get back to you.

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. 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**.

Noonday Healing Eucharist - Thursdays

Each Thursday throughout the year, Christ Church offers a midday Healing Eucharist in Old Brick. A member of our clergy leads this service of readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Parishioners and community members are all welcome to join in a prayerful time in the presence of God, and to share in the wonderful mystery of God's love whilst we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones. Please come in to reflect and pray in our beautiful, historic chapel.

Faith Film Friday - April 10

Gather with us on Friday evening, April 10 at 7:00 for a screening of the film *The Case for a Creator*. The film's synopsis is this: Has science discovered God? During his academic years, Lee Strobel became convinced that God was outmoded, a belief that colored his ensuing career as an award-winning journalist at the Chicago Tribune. Science had made the idea of a Creator irrelevant - or so Strobel thought. At the very least, it's giving faith an immense boost as new findings emerge about the incredible complexity of our universe. Lee Strobel re-examines the theories that once led him away from God, and, through his compelling account, you'll encounter mind-stretching discoveries in cosmology, cellular biology, DNA research, astronomy, physics, and human consciousness that present astonishing evidence for a Creator. Bring movie munchies and meet us in the lower level of the Parish Hall (office building).

Center for Spiritual Nourishment - April 11

Easter isn't just something we celebrate - it's something we live! Journey with us as we discover the ways we resist joy and look into how we may be called to bring life, healing, and hope to others. The 2nd Saturday Center for Spiritual Nourishment (CSN) provides opportunities for us to be in a closer relationship with God through an array of experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit. Programs for April center on the theme ***Living the Resurrection*** and include sessions on meditation, spiritual direction, mindfulness in nature, and discovering your calling after Easter - all topics that are perfect for the spring season. We will also have a screening and discussion of the film *The Case for Christ*, so there's truly something for every spirit seeking nourishment. You can find all the details at **CECevents.org/CSN**, or sign up for the CSN mailing list at our website: **christchurchcolumbia.org/spiritual-nourishment**.

Father Ginnever at Christ Church - April 12

The Rev. Richard A. Ginnever, Christ Church's Rector Emeritus, will celebrate at the Sunday worship on Sunday, April 12. Both Father Manny and Mother Marcia will be away, so we are thrilled to welcome back Father Ginnever for a Sunday of worship and fellowship.

Christ Church Book Club Returns April 14

The CECBC takes a break for the holiday and returns on Tuesday, April 14th. This might be a perfect time to join us, as we will be starting a new book. If you're new, the Christ Church Book Club is an informal online conversation that selects a book and discusses it as a group, offering diverse perspectives and experiences. Email **bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org** and let us know that you're interested, or just log on later this month - everyone is welcome to take part, and we always welcome a few more participants!

Theology on Tap - April 15

Theology on Tap returns after Lent, and on April 15, it'll take place from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at **Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd** for great food, drink, and conversation. If you are not familiar with Theology on Tap, this is a time where adults gather for fellowship in a casual, fun environment. Topics can range from current to historical events; nothing is off the table - we welcome all ideas - and everything should inspire lively, insightful dialogue. All adults are welcome and encouraged to join us, and be sure to invite your neighbors and friends as well. If you have any questions, speak to Ed Chrzanowski or any MOCC member at church, and then meet us at 8895 McGaw Road in Columbia for a fun evening!

Spring Family BBQ and Picnic - April 25

The Men of Christ Church is excited to announce our Spring Family BBQ and Picnic. This event is our fellowship effort, designed to connect generations, celebrate our church family, and hopefully kick off the warm weather. We will have a moon bounce for the children and fun for all ages.

We are reaching out to you for your support in making this event the best possible community gathering of the year. **Please sign up to contribute to the event** and bring your donations to church by Friday, April 24. Put them in the New Brick kitchen, labeled "MOCC Family BBQ." If you have any questions, please reach out to Duane at 301-467-9695 or email us at **mocc@christchurchcolumbia.org**. Thank you!

Grassroots Offers Community Members a Two-Day Workshop on Skills to Help Prevent Suicides

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center will hold a suicide prevention workshop for anyone who wishes to learn potentially life-saving skills. The ASIST Training is for individuals who want to feel more comfortable, confident, and competent in helping prevent the immediate risk of suicide.

"You don't need any prior training to attend ASIST, just a willingness to make a difference," says **the Grassroots' post** about the event.

The workshop takes place on Thursday, April 30, and Friday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Participants must be 18 or older and are expected to attend in full on both days. The sessions will be held at Grassroots' administrative offices, 6700 Freetown Rd., Columbia, Md. 21044.

Training will be provided by certified ASIST trainers from Grassroots. ASIST, which is listed as a **resource** by a federal agency, is an acronym for Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.

The cost of \$50, plus internet fees, includes lunch and materials. The **registration website** describes the techniques as widely used by professionals and the general public. Participants will learn how to recognize and assess the risk of suicide, use an effective suicide-prevention model, and define and maximize community resources.

Many parishioners are familiar with Grassroots' help for the homeless. But that's only one part of its broader mission, which includes mental health services. For example, it provides 24-hour crisis intervention that includes a **supportive counseling hotline**.

Christ Church got an overview and learned about Grassroots' recent expansion during a visit last fall by Anna Katz, Grassroots director of grants and support. Read a recap of the visit in the **Outreach Blog of Oct. 9, 2025** and view a **YouTube video** of her Zoom presentation during Sunday Circle on Sept. 21, 2025.

Bring Items for FISH/CCC, and Consider Volunteering to Take Calls from Home


FISH and **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) partnered last year and merged their pantries. CCC continues to hand out food at three sites on Saturday mornings and by home delivery to Howard County residents. For information, go online to **Get Help**. For updates on other community services such as **youth programs**, check CCC's **Facebook page**.

FISH continues to pick up donated goods from Christ Church and others. Please put non-perishable food and personal care products in the altar basket or in a bin just inside the Parish Hall. Look for a combo label "FISH/CCC". Please bring baby

wipes and diapers, especially large sizes.


FISH will continue to provide telephone support to Howard County residents to provide guidance and financial support because the personal touch is very important when people are in crisis. For information, ask parishioner and FISH treasurer Andy DeLong (see photo) or email him at andydelong.fish@gmail.com.

You could be the one to lend a helping hand, by lending an ear! As a phone volunteer, you can help from your home by giving just one day a month to assisting those who could benefit from financial assistance from FISH. Training is provided. Thank you always for your support.



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