



**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I**  
8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, March 22, 2026 | Fifth Sunday in Lent

I wait for the Lord; my soul  
waits, and in His word,  
I put my hope.

Psalm 130:5

**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.

PRELUDE |

OPENING HYMN 150 | Forty Days and Forty Nights

*Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!  
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!  
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.  
*People:* His mercy endureth for ever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY |

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
**Lord, have mercy upon us**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with thy spirit**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON | Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Reader: A reading from Ezekiel.*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

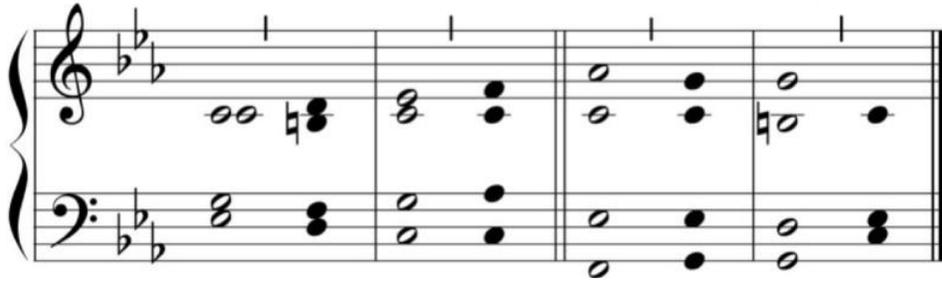
Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALM

Psalm 130 | *De profundis (From the depths)*



Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my | voice; |  
**let your ears consider well the voice of my suppli- | cation. ||**

If you, Lord, were to note what is done a- | miss, |  
**O Lord, who could | stand? ||**

For there is forgiveness with | you; |  
**therefore you shall be | feared. ||**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for | him; |  
**in his word is my | hope. ||**

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the | morning, |  
**more than watchmen for the | morning. ||**

O Israel, wait for the | Lord, |  
**for with the Lord there is | mercy; ||**

With him there is plenteous re- | demption, |  
**and he shall redeem Israel from all their | sins. ||**

## THE EPISTLE | Romans 8:6-11

Reader: *A reading from Romans.*

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 666 | Out of the Depths I Cry

St. Bride

1 Out of the depths I call, to God I send my cry; Lord,  
2 My soul with pa - tience waits for thee, the liv - ing Lord, my  
3 My long - ing eyes look out for thy en - liv - ening ray, more  
4 Let Is - rael trust in God; no bounds his mer - cy knows; the

hear my sup - pli - cat - ing voice and gra - cious - ly re - ply.  
hopes are on thy prom - ise built, thy nev - er - fail - ing word.  
du - ly than the morn - ing watch to spy the dawn - ing day.  
plen - teous source and spring from whence re - demp - tion ev - er flows.

THE GOSPEL | John 11:1-45

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

*(continued)*

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

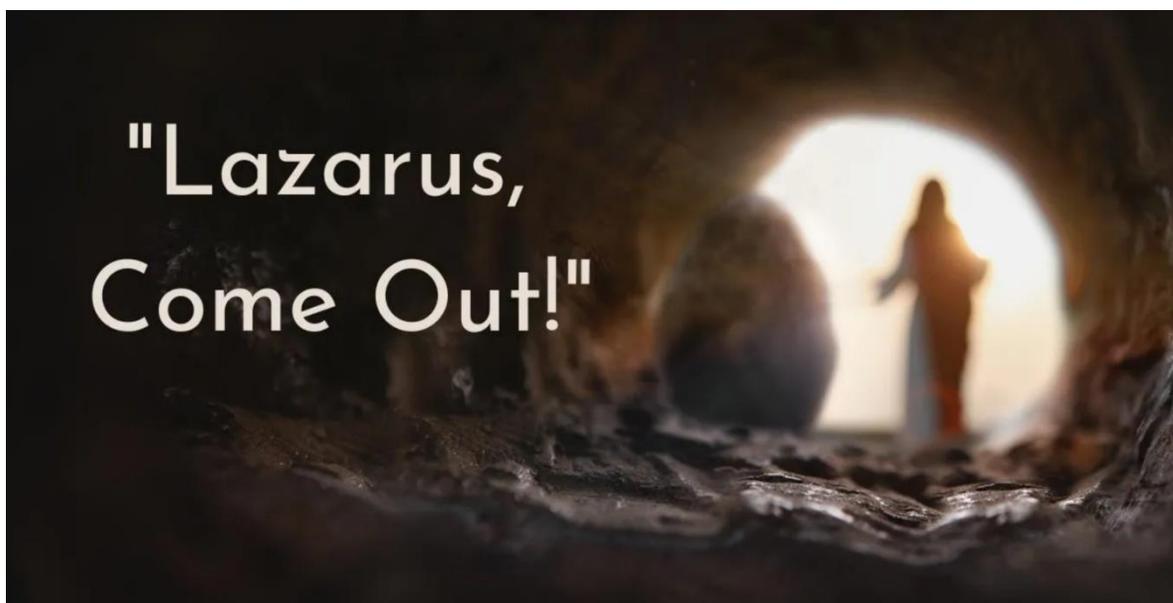
When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eousness,  
 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.  
 For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that  
 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

*The people stand as able.*

## THE NICENE CREED |

*All:*

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |**

*Intercessor:* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard & Marcia, and Seminarian, Yehinuel. that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our leaders; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Steve, Emmy, Brayden, Roger, Kristin, Carol, Kimberley, MaryAnn, Alta, Mark, Clarence, Diane, Natasha, Mildred, Nancy, Patrick, Winifred, Kayode, Rachan & Sherry, and those who care for them.

*The People may add additional petitions and thanksgivings.*

*Intercessor:* And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially Mollie McCoy, Priscilla Pitt and those you now name, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **AMEN**

## CONFESSION OF SIN |

*Celebrant:* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**All:** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1-2*

## 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 |

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | De Profundis (Out of the Depths)

*Georg Reutter (previously attr to Mozart)*

*Please scan to give.*



DOXOLOGY 380 vs 3 |

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



# THE HOLY COMMUNION



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I |

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up onto the Lord.**

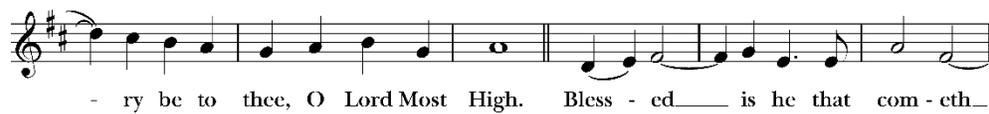
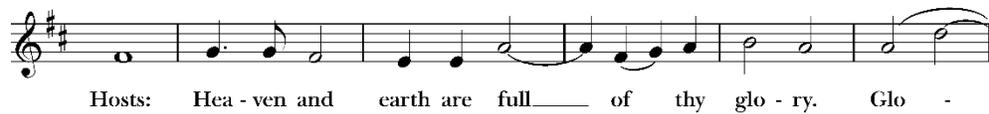
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. ...

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



*Celebrant:* All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

"Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER |**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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;  
*People:* **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**





1 I am the bread of life; they who  
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my  
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the  
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,  
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



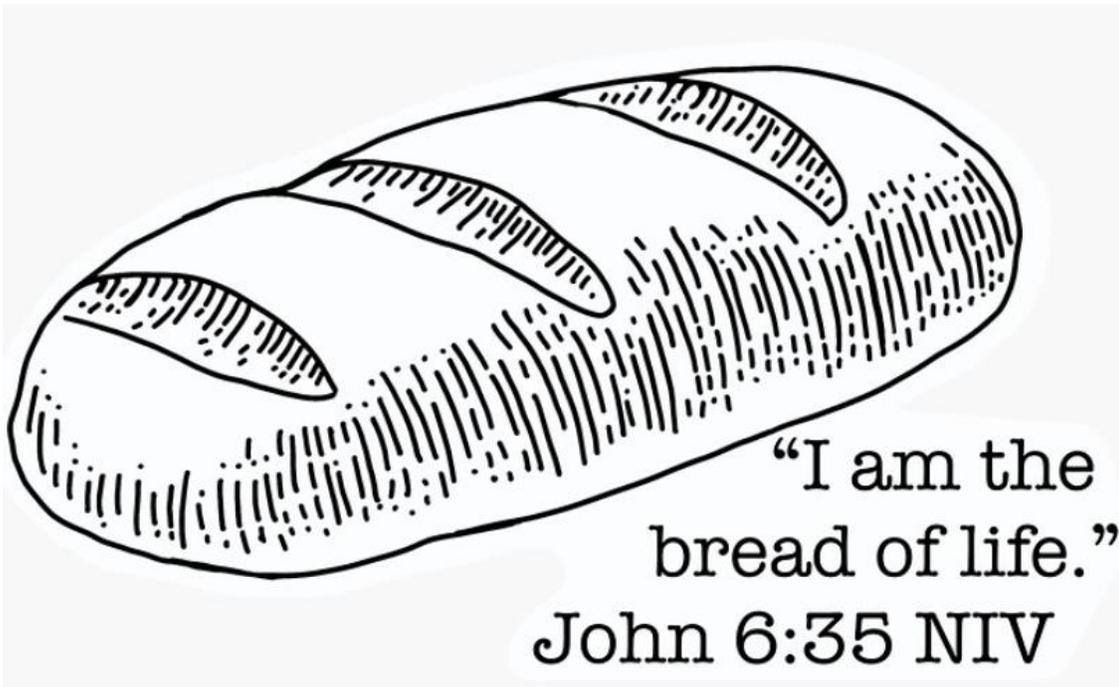
1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -  
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who  
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and  
 4 I am the life. They who be -  
 5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for  
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they  
 5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.  
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.  
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.  
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.  
 5 come in - to the world.



*Descant*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

*Refrain*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 5 Yes, day.

last day. 2 The  
3 Un- day.  
4 —  
5 Yes,  
(?)

*Final Ending*

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All:** Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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*

**CLOSING HYMN 542** | Christ Is the World's True Light

*St. Joan*



1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,  
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;  
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway;  
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

**THE DISMISSAL** |

*The Celebrant dismisses the people who respond:*

**Thanks be to God!**

*(The Alleluias are omitted in Lent)*

**POSTLUDE** |

## Assisting in Worship Today

### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Chalicerist:**

**Lector/Reader:** Ronald Baran

**Ushers:** Michon Semon, Nancy Winchester

### 10:30 a.m. Service

**Acolytes :** Lucinda Hart, Ava Fox, Aston Fox

**Chalicerist:** Theo Jones-Quartey

**Lector/Reader:** Theo Jones-Quartey, James Mercer

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

**Altar Guild:** Cheryl Lucente, Leigh Smith, Pamela Foreman

**Tellers:** Brian Farnandis, Kenny Okeke

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## PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH 22 – 28, 2026

### Sunday, March 22

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

9:30 am – 10:30 am

Sunday School, Sunday Circle

10:30 am

Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL

**12:00 pm**

**Parish Beautification Day – *help us make our campus look its best!***

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

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Lenten Vespers – New Brick, UL

### Monday, March 23

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

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Refugee Ministry Meeting – Zoom

8:00 – 8:30 pm

Lenten Compline with Mtr. Marcia – Facebook, YouTube, Website

### Tuesday, March 24

7:00 am

Morning Prayer Livestream

11:00 am– 12:00 pm

Weekly Staff Meeting

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Vestry Meeting – New Brick, LL

7:30 – 9:00 pm

CEC Book Club – Zoom

**Wednesday, March 25**

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
6:00 – 9:00 pm Wednesday Evening Lenten Supper Series – New Brick, LL

**Thursday, March 26**

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
12:00 – 1:00 pm Lenten Healing Eucharist – Old Brick  
6:30 – 9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 – 9:00 pm Education for Ministry (EfM): Fast Track – Zoom  
7:30 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL

**Friday, March 27**

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
7:00 pm Evening Prayer Livestream  
7:00 – 11:00 pm MOCC Family Night Out! – Lucky Strike Bowling, Columbia  
8:00 – 8:30 pm Lenten Compline with Mtr. Marcia – Facebook, YouTube, Website

**Saturday, March 28**

10:00 am – 2:00 pm WOCC Labyrinth Walk – St. John’s, Ellicott City  
10:30 – 12:30 pm Winter Exercise Group – New Brick, LL  
2:00 pm AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL  
3:30 – 4:30 pm Altar Guild prep  
5:00 – 9:00 pm Washington Chamber Orchestra Concert – New Brick, UL

**GATHER WITH US AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE TODAY...**





## 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**

### Help Beautify Our Campus for Easter – This Afternoon

This is a callout to all who love our campus and have expressed interest or involvement with Building & Grounds. Next Sunday, March 22, we'll gather a half hour after the close of the Sunday service and begin beautifying the campus for the spring. We'll be picking up trash, branches, and other sundries, cleaning windows, doors, and sidewalks, and readying the inside of both "Bricks" for the Passion Week and Easter celebrations. Snacks and drinks will be served to keep you refreshed. This is a great time to get kids involved and teach them that the important items we love also need to be cared for. We hope that you'll help us spread the message. Thank you!

### Lenten Taizé Vespers - Sunday Evening

Vespers is a liturgy of Evening Prayer that combines scripture readings, prayer, silent meditation, and rich music. Each Sunday evening, Christ Church offers a service of contemplative prayer and music in the tradition of the Taizé community of France. It offers this special service on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. in New Brick, offering different opportunities for prayer, music, and reflection. This worship of reflection offers a chance to meditate on God's love and presence in one's life, to offer prayer for oneself and others, and to share in a supportive community of fellow pilgrims on the way.

### Holy Week at Christ Church

Holy Week is when the foundational story of Christianity – Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection – is remembered and retold, both in words and in ritual actions, at services throughout the week. We gather together as a community of faith to journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, to stand with him before his accusers, to walk to Golgotha, and to stand at the foot of his cross. Finally, on Easter Sunday, we will joyously celebrate the resurrection of Christ, lifting our voices in praise of the hope that is ours and the world's. Visit our website for the details - [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/holyweek](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/holyweek) - and join us for all of it, if you can, remembering that without the journey of Holy Week, Easter loses its deep meaning.

### Easter Altar Flowers, Music, and Offerings

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. You can present gifts to support our Easter flowers and music here; be sure to place the dedication name(s) in the *MEMO* line. If you wish to give a general Easter Offering, you can do so here. For those wishing to submit a check, you can drop your donation in the plate on Sunday or at the Church Office during the week; please include the same dedication information on the memo line of your check. Whichever way you choose, we thank you for helping support the beautiful Easter services at Christ Church.

### Archdeacon Denise Schiavone Leads the Final WELS - March 25

Each year, the Wednesday Evening Lenten Supper Series is one of the most enriching experiences of the season. Next Wednesday, we are pleased to have our beloved Christ Church Deacon – now Archdeacon – Denise Schiavone present her perspective on our 2026 Spiritual Life Theme, *Building Relationships through LOVE*, with the meal being provided by

the Christ Church Spiritual Life Commission. We begin at 6:30 p.m. with a communal supper in the Great Hall, followed by our guest presenter. The evening then concludes with a brief, informal Eucharist. There's no other series like this at Christ Church throughout the year, and we highly encourage you to gather with us for this unique discussion and fellowship.

### **Lenten Healing Eucharist - Thursdays**

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

### **Family Night Out! – This Friday, March 27**

Gather the crew and lace up those bowling shoes - it's time for a night of fellowship, strikes, and spares! Whether you're a pro or just here for the snacks, we want to see you there on Friday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. Bring your family! Bring your friends! Just bring yourself! Everyone is welcome. Meet us at Lucky Strike Columbia - 7100 Carved Stone Rd. Columbia, MD 21045. Let us know by emailing [MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org), or speak with Duane at church, so he can reserve the right amount of bowling space.

### **WOCC Upcoming Events – Begins Saturday, March 28**

The WOCC has a ton of upcoming events and gatherings, so be sure to join us for as many as you wish!

- March 28 at 11:00 a.m. – Labyrinth Walk at St. John's Episcopal Church & lunch at Touche Touchet Café
- March 29 at 6:00 p.m. – Lumen Christi at the Meditations on the Passion service, Palm Sunday

If you have any questions, please speak with Shahra, Jan, Emily, Amanda, Carol, or any WOCC member. You can also email [WOCC@ChristChurchColumbia.org](mailto:WOCC@ChristChurchColumbia.org), and they will get back to you.

### **Palm Sunday and Meditations on the Passion – Next Sunday, March 29**

Palm Sunday has three worship services - the 8:00 worship takes place in Old Brick. Then, the 9:00 service will begin by gathering in the Great Hall (lower level) of New Brick and process up to the Sanctuary from there. Our final morning service at 10:30 a.m. will meet and begin worship in Old Brick, then collectively process across the campus during the service (if the weather is inclement, we will begin in the Great Hall).

And on that Sunday 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 of us, a love capable of suffering and death to free us from our sins.

### **No Sunday School for the Next Two Weeks**

Sunday School is taking place today but will take a break during the next two Sundays - Palm Sunday (March 29) and Easter Sunday (April 5). Classes will resume on Sunday, April 12th. If you have any questions, please email [info@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org).



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