



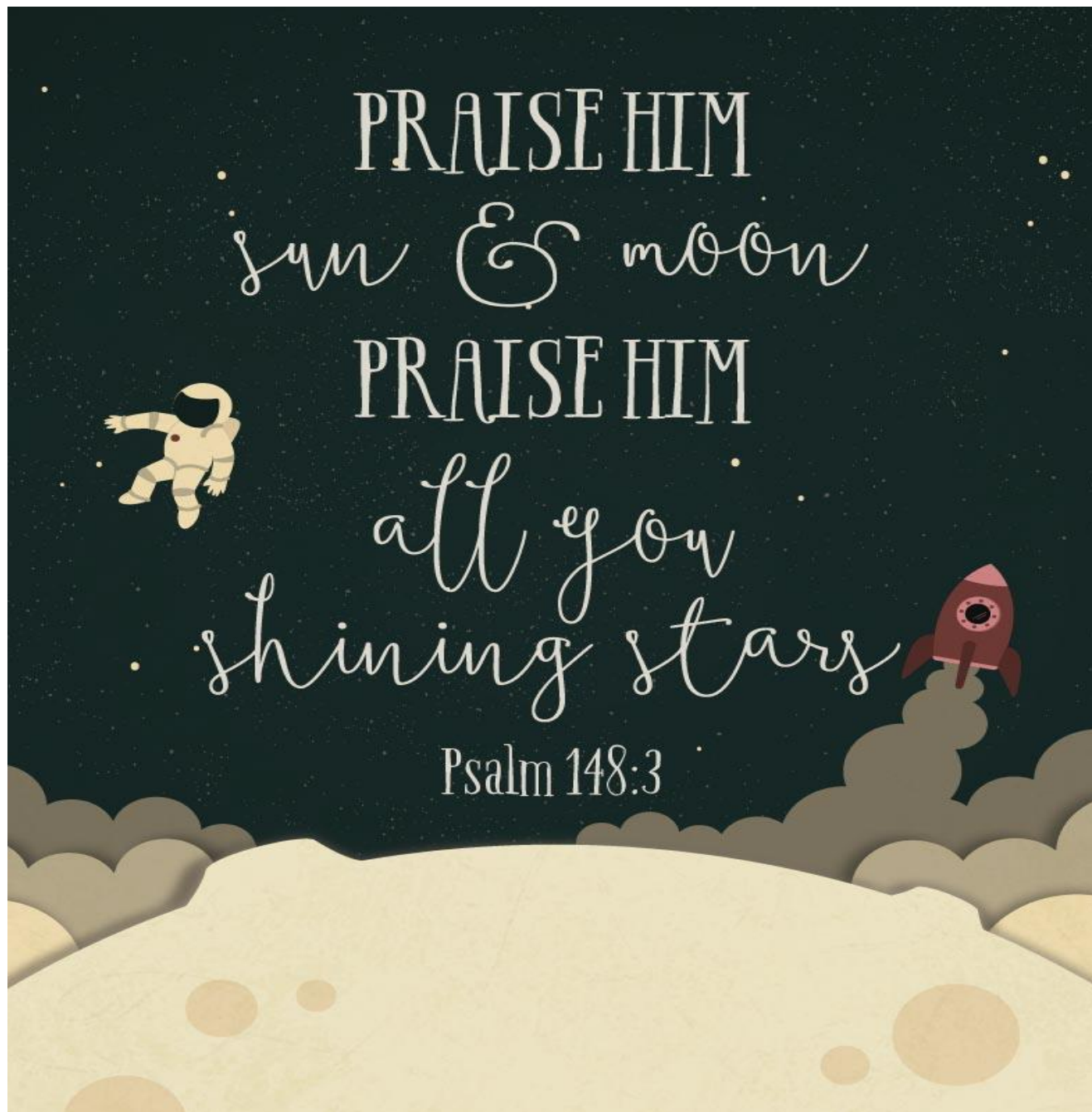
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, May 18, 2025 | Fifth Sunday of Easter



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 |

OPENING HYMN 191 | Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and Voices Heavenward Raise

Lux eoi

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,
4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
3 which with all its full a - bun-dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright-ness of thy face;
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:
3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

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

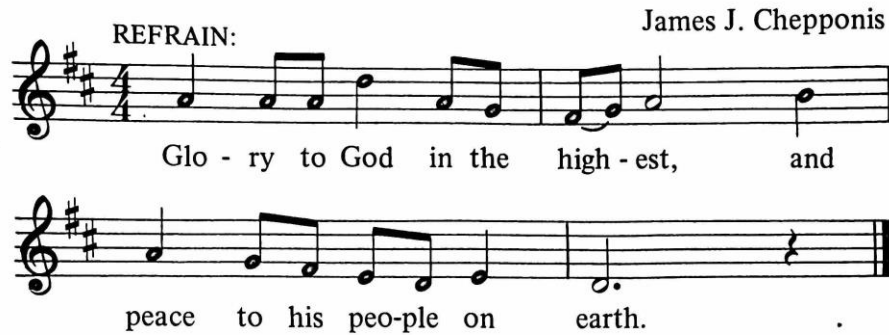
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY |

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

People: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO |

James Chepponis



Choir:

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

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

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

RECOGNITION OF THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2025 |

Amisha Chrzanowski, Ainsley Couch, Deepti Jackson, Caleb McKenna, Hope Oladipupo

THE FIRST LESSON | Acts 11:1-18

Reader: *A reading from Acts.*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

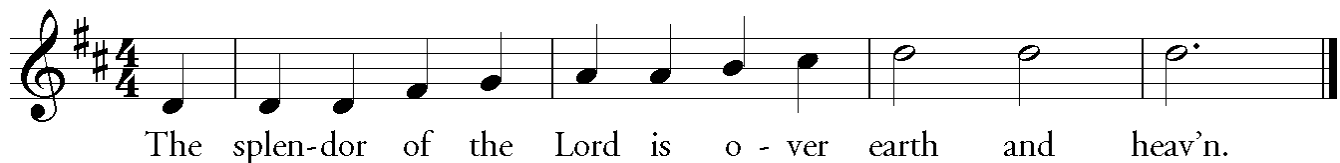
Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

THE PSALM

Psalm 148 | *Laudate Dominum*



Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Antiphon

Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Hallelujah!

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE | Revelation 21:1-6

Reader: *A reading from Revelation.*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 200 | Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Gaudeamus pariter

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

All stand for the Gospel

THE GOSPEL | John 13:31-35

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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-eousness,

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 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 |

We are God's people summoned out of darkness into light, with a calling to faith and forgiveness. Jesus has shown us the Way and the God of Truth is our strength in this calling. We pray that we may continue on the path of faithfulness to truly be a holy people, saying: **"Lord, lead us and guide us."**

We ask that the Holy Spirit guide the hearts and minds of our nation's leaders and of those who govern throughout Your world, that they may walk in Your ways for the good of all Your children. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ; The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for: St. Francis, Timonium, St. George's, Hampstead, and St. James', Monkton .We lift up our Church Leaders: Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Carrie, our Diocesan Bishop; Emmanuel, our Rector; Marcia, our Associate Rector Emeritus, Richard, our Rector Emeritus, Mike, our Seminarian; and Kiona and Rebecca, our Deacons. We are grateful to all the clergy who have ministered to us and shone Your Light. We pray: **"Lord, lead them and guide them."**

We pray that You may be a tower of strength and refuge for all who struggle every day throughout our world. We lift up our brothers and sisters who suffer from illness of body, mind, or spirit, and their families and caregivers, especially Jeanne, Rachan, Suzanne, Traci, Patricia, Sherry, Clara, Mark, Emmy & Danielle, and those you now name. We pray: **"Lord, make Your face to shine upon Your servants."**

With the firm conviction that those whose loss we mourn now dwell in their heavenly Father's house, we remember those you now name. We pray: **"Lord, be our comfort as into Your hands we commend the spirits of our loved ones."**

We welcome and give thanks for all who are new or visiting with us today and pray that you may find blessing and nourishment at the Lord's table with us. We rejoice and are grateful for the many occasions for celebrations in our Church family. This week, we remember the birthdays of Marie, Sarah, Alex, Leigh, Phillip, Stephen & Linda, wedding anniversary of Janelee & Lowell Sunderland, baptismal anniversary of King and graduation ceremonies of our seniors. We lift up our hearts, saying: **"Lord, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness and for each other."** *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 | The Storm Is Passing Over

Charles Albert Tindley, art. Barbara W. Baker

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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:

The musical score is written on five staves in G-clef (treble clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,'. The second staff contains 'heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff contains 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The fifth staff contains 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line.

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.

People: **Amen.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER |

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

Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal-low-ed 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.

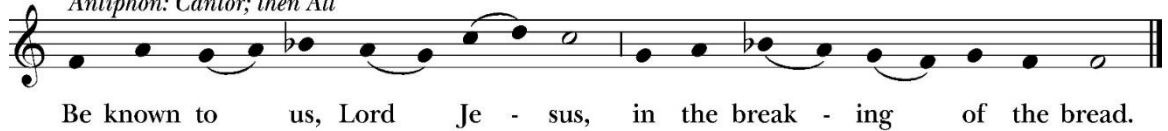
The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, while the bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are placed between the staves of each system.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

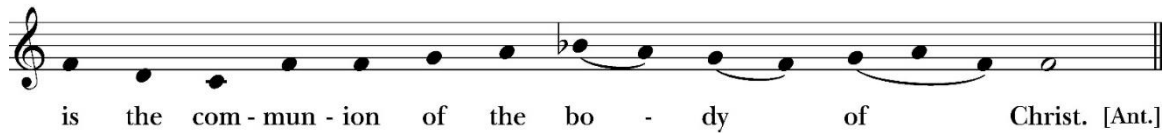
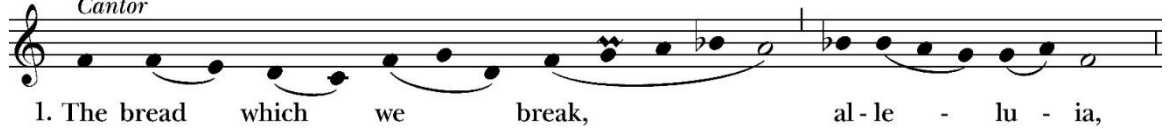
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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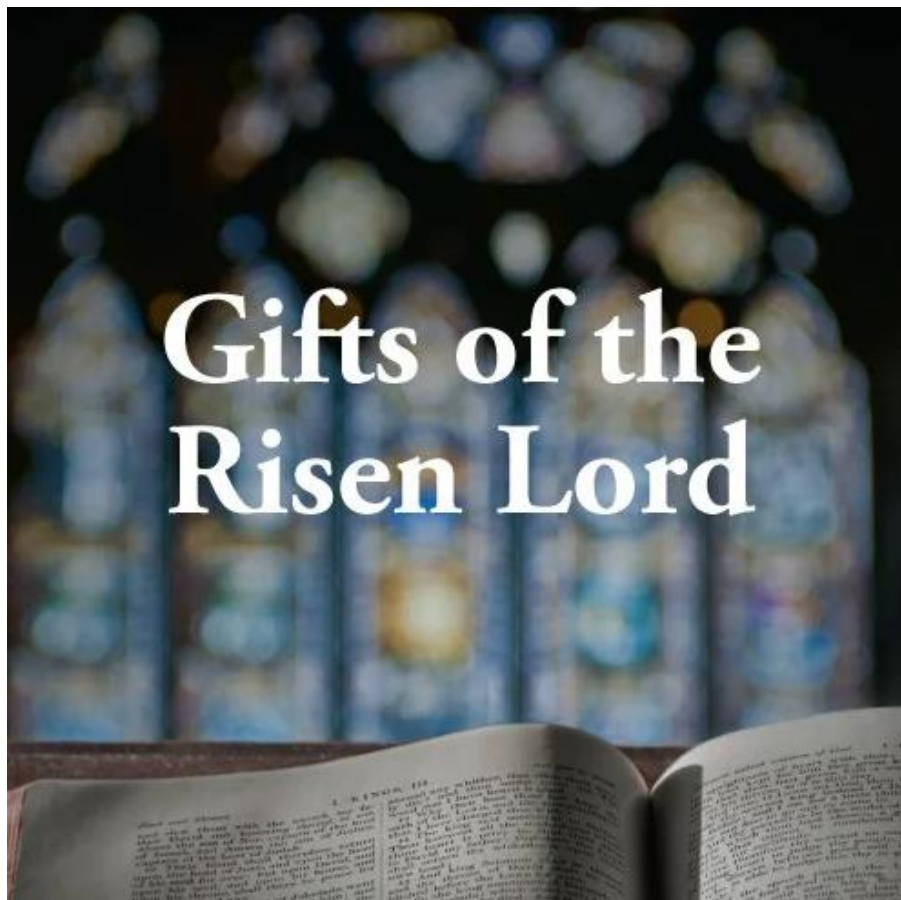
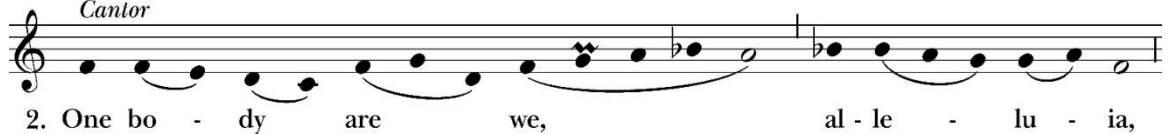
Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Cantor



Cantor



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
 one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
 who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;

in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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 Deacon offers a blessing, and the People respond Amen.

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

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

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

THE DISMISSAL |

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

POSTLUDE |

Assisting in Worship Today

8:00 a.m. Service

Lectors/Readers: Joan Harvey

Ushers: Jo Emily Knox

Chalicerist: Joan Harvey

9:00 a.m. Service

Ushers: Mary Oladipupo

10:30 a.m. Service

Lectors/Readers: Theo Quartey-Jones

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams,

Cherry Williams, Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah

Crucifer & Acolytes: Mikailu Sheriff, Ava Fox, James Mercer

Chalicerist: Theo Quartey-Jones, Ivy Amponsah

Altar Guild

Pam Foreman, Cheryl Lucente, Sarah Mugo, Leigh Smith

Tellers

Maggie Thompson, Brian Fernandis

PARISH CALENDAR

MAY 11 – 17, 2025

Sunday, May 18

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 am	Sunday School – New Brick & Parish Hall, lower levels
9:30 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick & Zoom
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1:30 – 4:30 pm	EFM – Parish Hall, conference room & Zoom
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Weems Recital – New Brick, upper level

Monday, May 19

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Tuesday, May 20

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Lumen Christi practice – New Brick, upper level
5:30 – 8:00 pm	Larissa Photoshoot – New Brick – upper & lower levels

(continued)

Wednesday, May 21

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
6:30 – 8:30 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, May 22

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 23

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
3:00 – 10:00 pm Movie Screening “I Can Only Imagine” – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 pm Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm CEC Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, May 24

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 – 10:00 pm Nimo Mugo Event – New Brick, lower level
3:30 – 4:30 pm Altar Guild prep – Old Brick
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 by Tuesday evening.



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

Sunday Circle: Easter Season and the Resurrection

Join our new deacon, Rebecca Warlow, as she leads us in exploring the significance of the Resurrection and the first years of the Church's life after the Resurrection as recounted in the last chapter of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. This week, we examine the life of Peter after the Resurrection, so gather with us in Old Brick, or remotely on Zoom, at 9:30 a.m. (email info@christchurchcolumbia.org for the Zoom link)

We Need Volunteers All Around Christ Church!

There are many roles in the church that most people don't think of regularly – or at all. However, the truth is that it requires a great deal of work by many people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish that it is. Three ways to help your church are by volunteering to be a Teller, Acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, or assisting 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 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 at office@christchurchcolumbia.org or speak with Yetti (Teller), Kathy Lyon (LEV), or Chaplain Kiona (Acolyte) on Sundays.

PenteFeast - a New Tradition at Christ Church – June 8

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.

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 this special way!

Reverend Kiona Lookingbill Resigns from Christ Church

For the past two years, Rev. Kiona has been a constant presence at Christ Church, supporting our Families and Youth Ministries while seeking ordination in the Episcopal Church. Rev. Kiona was ordained a deacon this past December and will be ordained a priest on June 7th. Thereafter, she plans to visit her parents in Korea and return to the United States on June 27th.

We will celebrate her ministry with us on her last Sunday, June 29th, where she will celebrate the Eucharist. She plans to spend more time with her family and focus on her hospice ministry. She will make herself available for supply work throughout the diocese. Her family will still keep Christ Church as their church home. Please extend our appreciation to her and her family when you see her, and also join us in honoring her ministry on June 29th after the 10:30 service. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

WOCC Summer Tea - June 21

On Saturday, June 21st, at noon, the WOCC will host Summer Tea at **The Kate Pearl Tea Room** in Sykesville, MD. Our tea gatherings are always memorable for everyone attending, and you are welcome to 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

As you know, we recently lost a beloved member of the parish family. Chuck Rees was a long-time parishioner of Christ Episcopal Church, and on Sunday, June 22nd at 2:00 p.m. in the New Brick sanctuary, we will have a memorial service to celebrate his life, followed by a repast. Please mark your calendars and gather with us in love.

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. 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. Speak with Jenn Atkins or Yetti to see who else is headed to the game.

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! 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 pay using Realm or by sending a check to the church office. Volunteers are also very much needed, so join us and have fun! **Please email us** if you'd like to assist with the program. And you can visit our website to register later, as well - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/vbs - but don't delay for too long.... spaces do fill up fast!

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, is in need of 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 Hopkins, one of the best, if not *the* best transplant center in the country. 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 interested or curious, please speak with Jim at church, speak with Father Manny, or call the Johns Hopkins Transplant Center at 443-326-1089 for details on their kidney donor program.

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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