



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 A.M., 12:00 NOON, & 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday



FOR YOU ARE DUST,
AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.
GENESIS 3:19

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE |

The people stand as able.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

***People:* And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Joel 2:1-2,12-17

Reader: *A reading from Joel.*

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near--
a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains
 a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
 nor will be again after them
 in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the Lord,
 return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
 rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
 and relents from punishing.
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
 and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
 for the Lord, your God?

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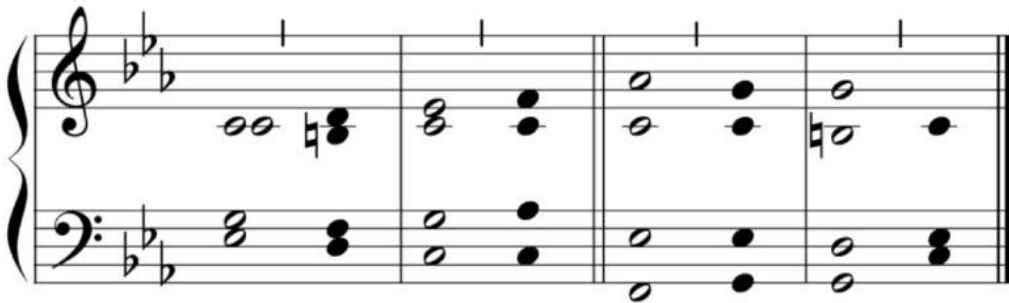
Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sanctify a fast;
 call a solemn assembly;
 gather the people.
 Sanctify the congregation;
 assemble the aged;
 gather the children,
 even infants at the breast.
 Let the bridegroom leave his room,
 and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar
 let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.
 Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord,
 and do not make your heritage a mockery,
 a byword among the nations.
 Why should it be said among the peoples,
 'Where is their God?'"

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 103:8-14 | *Benedic, anima mea (God is love)*



The Lord is full of compassion and | mercy, |
long-suffering and of great | goodness. ||
 He will not always | chide us, |
neither will he keep his anger for | ever. ||
 He has not dealt with us according to our | sins, |
nor rewarded us according to our | wickedness. ||
 For as the heavens are high above the | earth, |
so great is his mercy also toward those who | fear him. ||
 As far as the east is from the | west, |
so far has he set our sins from | us. ||
 As a father pities his own | children, |
so is the Lord merciful to those who | fear him. ||
 For he knows whereof we are | made; |
he remembers that we are but | dust. ||

THE EPISTLE | 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Reader: *A reading from 2nd Corinthians.*

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader: The word of the Lord.


People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 439 | What Wondrous Love Is This

Appalachian folk song


Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through c - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through c - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

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

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

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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 stand as able.

THE INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT |

Celebrant: Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept for a time, all kneeling as able.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES |

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Amen.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

HYMN DURING IMPOSITION OF ASHES 140 | Wilt Thou Forgive?

Donne

1 Wilt thou for - give that sin, where I be - gun,
2 Wilt thou for - give that sin, by which I won
3 I have a sin of fear that when I've spun

which is my sin, though it were done be - fore?
o - thers to sin, and made my sin their door?
my last thread, I shall per - ish on the shore;

Wilt thou for - give those sins through which I run,
Wilt thou for - give that sin which I did shun
swear by thy - self, that at my death thy Son

and do run still, though still I do de - plore?
a year or two, but wal - lowed in a score?
shall shine as he shines now, and here - to - fore.

When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
And hav - ing done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

Psalm 51 | *Miserere mei, Deus*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; *
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, *
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, *
and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; *
that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou shalt judge.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, *
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, *
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; *
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, *
and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, *
and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, *
and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, *
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; *
and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; *
but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion; *
build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; *
then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

LITANY OF PENITENCE |

- All:** **Most holy and merciful Father:**
We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and
deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
- Celebrant:* We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
- People:** **Have mercy on us, Lord.**
- Celebrant:* We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the
mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
- People:** **Have mercy on us, Lord.**
- Celebrant:* We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of
our lives,
- People:** **We confess to you, Lord.**
- Celebrant:* Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
- People:** **We confess to you, Lord.**
- Celebrant:* Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
- People:** **We confess to you, Lord.**
- Celebrant:* Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and
work,
- People:** **We confess to you, Lord.**
- Celebrant:* Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
- People:** **We confess to you, Lord.**
- Celebrant:* Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:
for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
- People:** **Accept our repentance, Lord.**
- Celebrant:* For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our
prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
- People:** **Accept our repentance, Lord.**
- Celebrant:* For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come
after us,
- People:** **Accept our repentance, Lord.**
- Celebrant:* Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
- People:** **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Celebrant: Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
People: **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Celebrant: By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
People: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: **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 |

The 7 a.m. service ends with the Lord's Prayer, blessing and dismissal.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | What Wondrous Love Is This

Charles Dupree

Please scan to give.



DOXOLOGY 380 vs 3 |

**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.**

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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 unto the Lord.

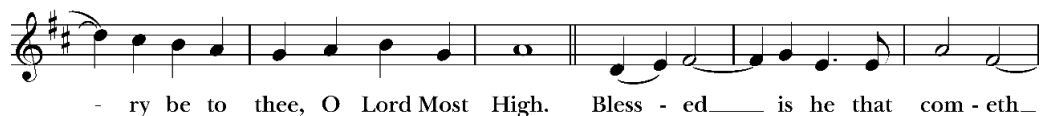
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord our God.

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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 has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

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

Spoken at the 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. services.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

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

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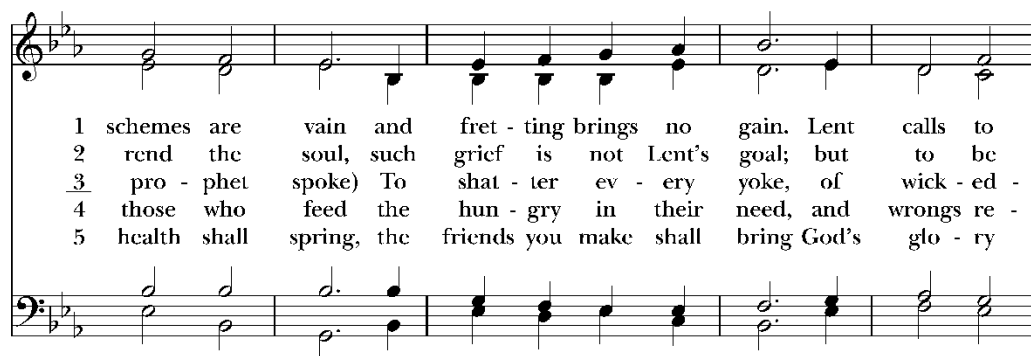
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS |

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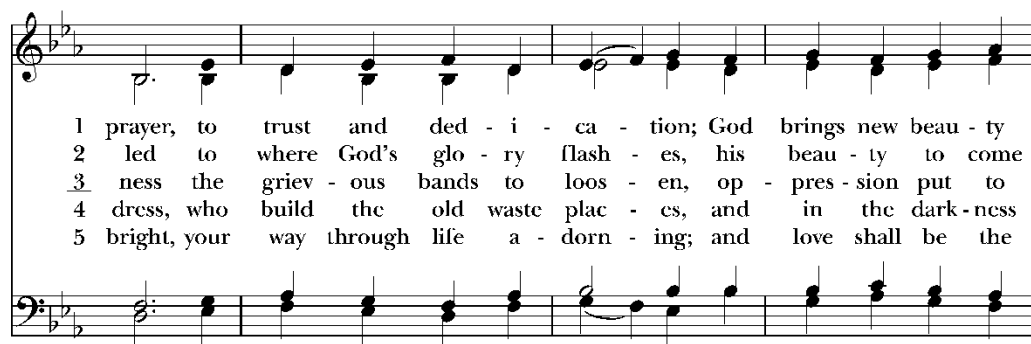
We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. AMEN.



1 Now quit your care and anx - ious fear and wor - ry; for
 2 To bow the head in sack - cloth and in ash - es, or
 3 For is not this the fast that I have cho - sen? (The
 4 For right - eous - ness and peace will show their fac - es to
 5 Then shall your light break forth as doth the morn - ing; your

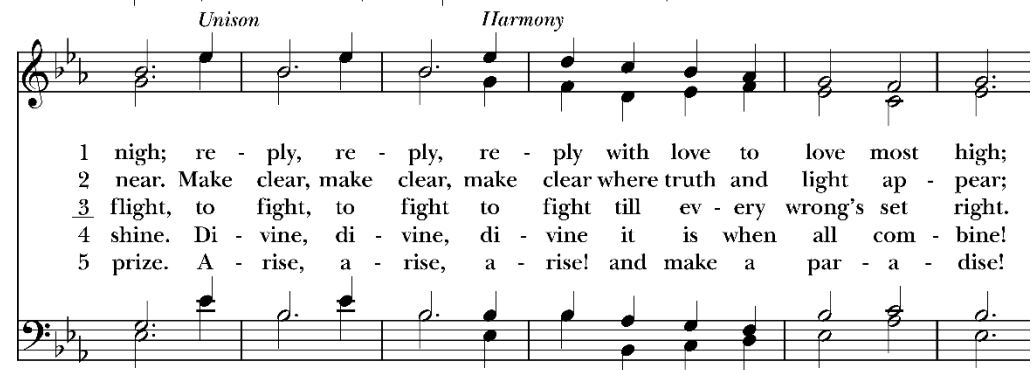


1 schemes are vain and fret - ting brings no gain. Lent calls to
 2 rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be
 3 pro - phet spoke) To shat - ter ev - ery yoke, of wick - ed -
 4 those who feed the hun - gry in their need, and wrongs re -
 5 health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring God's glo - ry



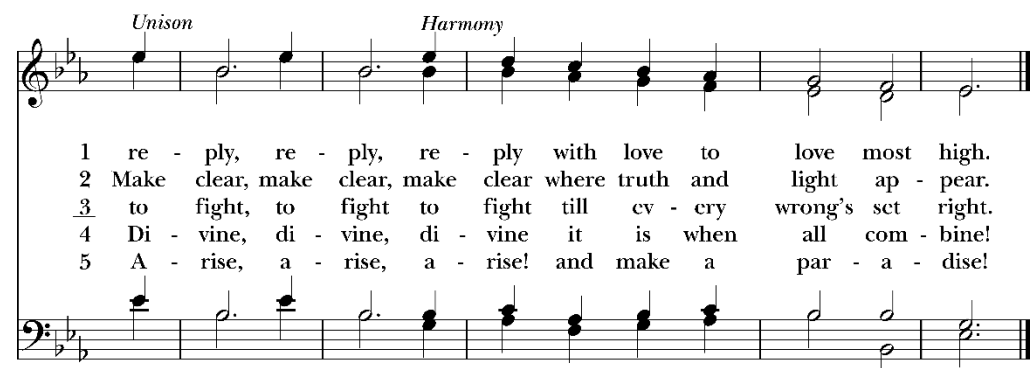
1 prayer, to trust and ded - i - ca - tion; God brings new beau - ty
 2 led to where God's glo - ry flash - es, his beau - ty to come
 3 ness the griev - ous bands to loos - en, op - pres - sion put to
 4 dress, who build the old waste plac - es, and in the dark - ness
 5 bright, your way through life a - dorn - ing; and love shall be the

Unison *Harmony*



1 nigh; re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high;
 2 near. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear;
 3 flight, to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.
 4 shine. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
 5 prize. A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

Unison *Harmony*



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 3 to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.
 4 Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
 5 A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

Celebrant: Let us pray.


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

THE BLESSING |

The Celebrant offers a blessing, and the People respond Amen

CLOSING HYMN 143 | The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt uns, Herr



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to

1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold

1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

THE DISMISSAL |

The Celebrant dismisses the people who respond:

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE |

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Assisting in Worship Today

6:00 a.m. Ashes to Go

Clergy: Rev. Michael Looney

7:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Joan Harvey

Ushers: Yeti Lipede

12:00 p.m. Service

Altar Guild: Cheryl Lucente, Leigh Smith, Pamela Foreman

Chalicerist: Joan Harvey

Lector/Reader: Joan Harvey

Ushers: Nancy Winchester

7:00 p.m. Service

Altar Guild: Cheryl Lucente, Leigh Smith, Pamela Foreman

Chalicerists: Theo Jones-Quartey, Sonni Aribiah

Lector/Reader: Sonni Aribiah

Ushers: Betty Dagne, Jo Emily Knox, Michon Semon

PARISH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 18 –21, 2026

Wednesday, February 18

All Day	Ash Wednesday
6:00 am	Ashes to Go - Driveway
7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 7:45 am	Ash Wednesday Service – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service – New Brick, UL
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service – New Brick, UL

Thursday, February 19

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, February 20

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:45 pm	Vigil Prayer with Mtr. Marcia – New Brick, UL

Saturday, February 21

8:30 am– 12:00 pm	Lenten Reflection Day – Old Brick
9:30 – 11:30 am	MOCC Breakfast – Another Broken Egg, Elkridge
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild prep
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Eguakun Event – New Brick, LL



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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The Beginning of Lent

at Christ Episcopal Church

The practice of Lent has been observed by Christians around the world since the early centuries of the church. It is a season of spiritual preparation in which we remember Christ's temptation, suffering, and death. To practice Lent is to draw near and better understand Jesus Christ. We also practice Lent to bond more closely with fellow Christians who are on the same journey - not only with those at Christ Church but also with all those around the world. Along the way, our sins and habits are put to death, and we learn to internalize and share in Christ's resurrection power.

At Christ Church this year, there are opportunities for worship and fellowship for everyone. Whether you are already joining us or this is your first time, we welcome you with open arms and hope that you'll take part in some of our many gatherings, both in-person and virtual. Those listed below take place this week - some of them occur each week throughout Lent - but be sure to visit our website's *Lent at Christ Church* page for details on everything to come.

<https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lent>



LENTEN
HEALING EUCHARIST
THURSDAYS AT 12:00 NOON

OLD BRICK
AT CHRIST CHURCH
6800 OAKLAND MILLS ROAD
COLUMBIA, MARYLAND

Lenten Healing Eucharist with Father Manny

Thursday, February 19 at 12 noon in Old Brick

Beginning February 19 and gathering each Thursday during Lent, we offer a midday Healing Eucharist in Old Brick. The Rev. Emmanuel Ato Mercer 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.

LENTEN EVENING COMPLINE

WITH MOTHER MARCIA DAVENPORT



MONDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M.
ON OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, AND YOUTUBE

Lenten Evening Compline with Mother Marcia

Mondays and Friday evenings throughout Lent

beginning this Friday, February 20 at 8:00 p.m.

on YouTube, Facebook, and www.ChristChurchColumbia.org

The Rev. Marcia Davenport leads this series of online worship, now a Christ Church tradition that you can participate in from the comfort of your own home. Each service is unique, featuring liturgy from a different prayer book, and contains Mother Marcia's personal reflections and messages relevant to the Lenten season. Don't miss this personal way to begin and end each busy week with a peaceful evening of Lenten worship.

JOIN US FOR
LENTEN REFLECTION DAY

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
8:30 A.M. IN OLD BRICK**

**LED BY
THE REVEREND KIRK KUBICEK**

PRESENTED BY THE CHRIST CHURCH SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION



Lenten Reflection Day

Saturday, February 21 at 8:30 a.m. in Old Brick

Christ Church's Spiritual Life Commission presents Lenten Reflection Day this Saturday, February 21, and we hope you'll join us for this very special morning. We are proud to welcome back Reverend Kirk Kubicek, who will lead us as we prayerfully reflect on topics centered around our 2026 theme, *Building Relationships through Love*. Lenten Reflection Day includes a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m., is followed by the day's program, and then wraps up around noon with an informal Eucharist.



**LENTEN
TAIZÉ VESPERS**

**SUNDAYS AT 6 P.M.
IN NEW BRICK**

**JOIN US AND
MEDITATE AND REFLECT
ON GOD'S LOVE AND PRESENCE**

Lenten Taizé Vespers

Sunday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. in New Brick

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 each Sunday evening during this Lenten season with the hope of offering different opportunities for prayer, music, and reflection. This service offers a chance to meditate and reflect 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.

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TODAY





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