

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, November 3, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.



Welcome Home!

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

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.

We are delighted you're here – welcome home!



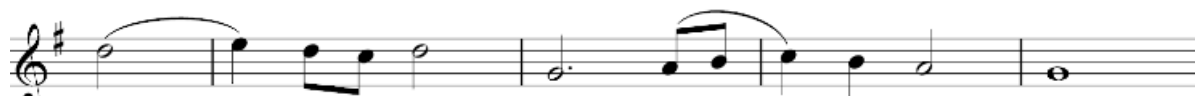
1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,—
 4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!—



thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
 We feeble - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
 thou, in the dark - ness dread, the one true Light.
 win, with— them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are— one in thee, for all are thine.



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



*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
 *6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful

dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are — brave a - gain, and arms are
war - riors com - eth rest; — sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

strong. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
blest.

*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host —

King of — glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

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

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
***People:* And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 |

Reader: A reading from Wisdom of Solomon.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,

and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 24 | *Domini est terra*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
**who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?" *
**"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?" *
**"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."**

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."

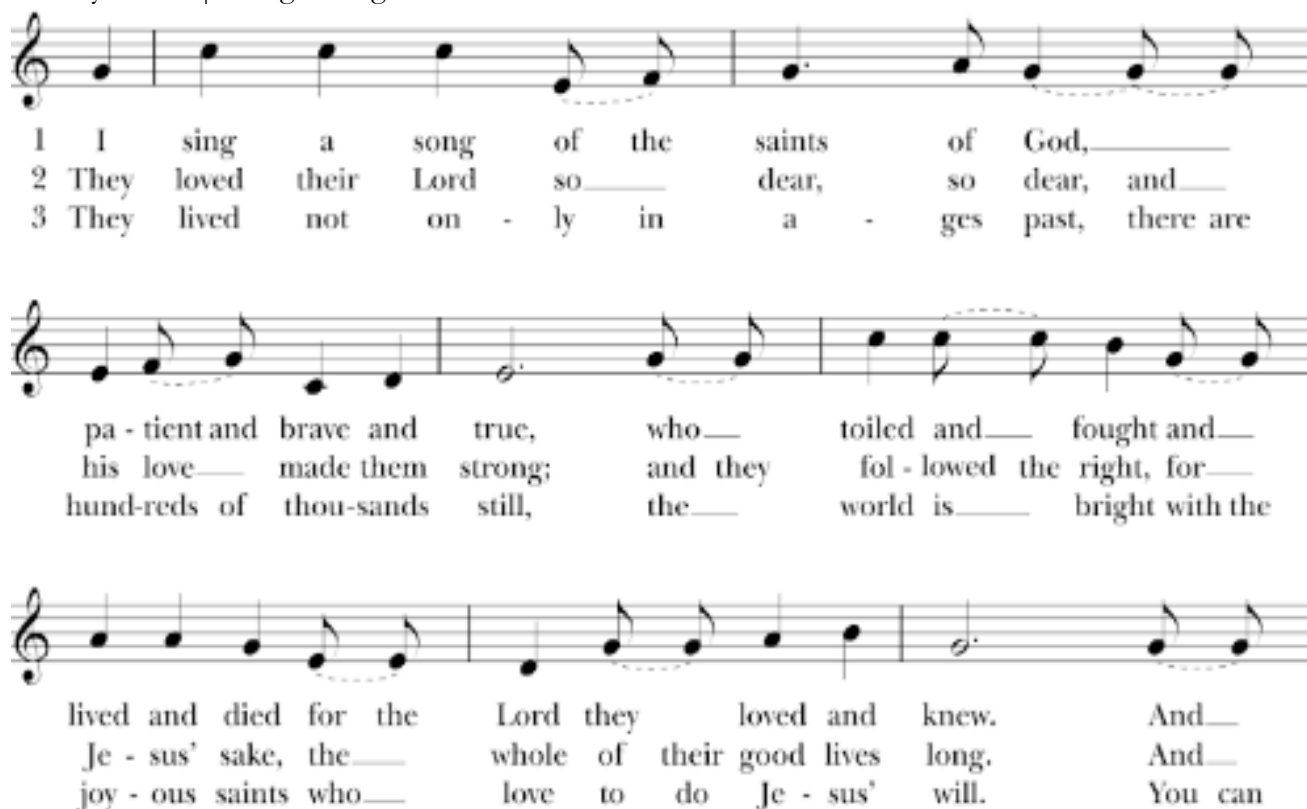
Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able. The following hymn is in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins today

Sequence Hymn 293 | I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Grand Isle



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are

pa - tient and brave and true, who _____ toiled and _____ fought and _____
his love _____ made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for _____
hund - reds of thou - sands still, the _____ world is _____ bright with the

lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And _____
Je - sus' sake, the _____ whole of their good lives long. And _____
joy - ous saints who _____ love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was___ slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,
 herd - ess on the___ green: they were all of them saints of___
 by a fierce wild___ beast; and there's not an - y rea - son—
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of___ God are just
 God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
 folk like___ me, and I mean to be one too.

Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

The Gospel | John 11: 32-44

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

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

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

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

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates |

Celebrant: The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor **I present *James Meyer Berkson* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

The Celebrant asks the Candidate when presented

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate **I do.**

Then the candidates unable to speak for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and **I present *Jane Marie Weber* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Godparents:

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the sponsors, parents and godparents:

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the person you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors, Parents, **I will, with God's help.**

Godparents:

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help these persons to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors, Parents, **I will, with God's help.**

Godparents:

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the Spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all the sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

The celebrant then addresses the congregation:

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant |

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

***People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People:* I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate |

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intervessor: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intervessor: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intervessor: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intervessor: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intervessor: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intervessor: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intervessor: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

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

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

***People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who pours water upon the candidate, saying:

Celebrant: James, Jane I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The celebrant continues:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the candidates' heads, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:

James, Jane, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.
Amen.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
All: **We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**



All: Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. *Amen.*

The Peace |

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

People: And also with you.

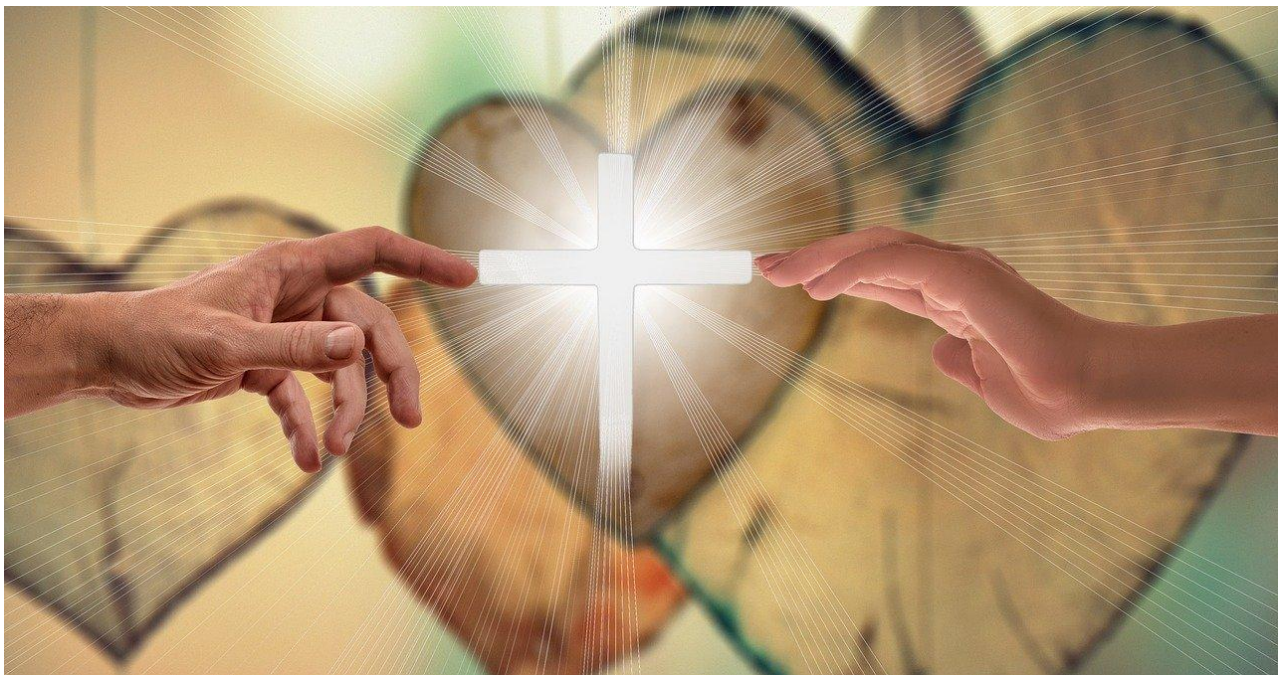
The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

Passing the Peace | I Love You with the Love of the Lord

Jim Gilbert

I love you with the love of the Lord,
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.
I can see in you the glory of my King
And I love you with the love of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements |



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem | March. Handbell Choir

George Frederick Handel, arr SJMP

Please scan to give.



Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

**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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A |

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...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho-ly, ho - ly, - ho-ly, ho - ly - ho-ly - Lord God - of hosts -

- Heav-en and earth - are - filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in - the -

high - est - ! Bless-ed is the One who - comes in the name - of the Lord, -

- of the Lord - Ho - san - na - in the high - est, Ho - san-na

in - the - high - est. -

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Celebrant: 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

All: 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: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

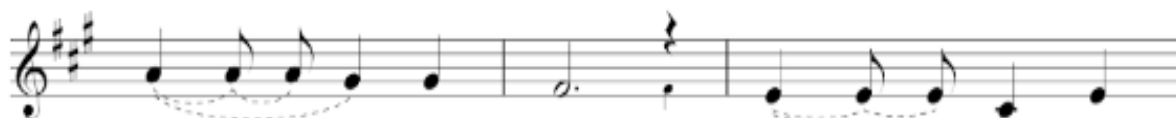




1 I am the bread of life;— they who
 2 (The) Bread that I will give— is my
 3 (Un-) less— you eat— of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve— that—



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.—

Continued

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, 1-4 Yes, day.

last day, 2 The 3 Un- day.

5 Yes, (t)

5 Yes, (t)

Final Ending

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

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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.

Eucharistic Visitors' Prayer | 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 718 | God of Our Fathers, *Prayer for Our Country during this Election Season*

National Hymn

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

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

Continued

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Words: Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907). Music: *National Hymn*, George William Warren (1828-1902).

Dismissal |

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

Postlude |

Today's Eucharist is offered in Thanksgiving for the lives of

Iquo Aribiah	Ed O'Connor
Anne Eaton	Ronke Bailey
Richard Hallow	Mike Bruggink
Ann Marie Leeman	Frances Warlow
Kathleen D. Leahy	Alfreda Baran
Farris Forsythe	Nana Banyin Arbuah
John West	Jeremiah Darden
Ronald A. Leahy	Ellis L. Lyon
Helen May Lyon	Marie Chrzanowski
Frances Annin	Francis Annin
Ama Spio-Garbrah	Christian Johnson

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Sonni Aribiah

Usher: Onyx & Kayode Williams

Chalicerist: Sonni Aribiah

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Kathy Lyon

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, Cherry Williams, Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah, Eva Oladipupo, Hope Oladipupo

Crucifer: Caleb McKenna

Chalicerists: Kathy Lyon

Altar Guild

Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah

Tellers

Cherry Williams Brian Fernandis, Yetti Lipede



Taizé: In Praise of Peace

Today at 6 p.m. in New Brick

Today - two days before Election Day - is our November Taizé worship, which will center around the vital importance of peace. Reverend Emmanuel Mercer and Canon Kristofer Lindh-Payne will lead us and share devotions. We will pray for the people of this nation: for acceptance, healing, and reconciliation. We'll ask the Lord to bind and unite us in the bonds of democracy, help us in our quest for justice, truth, and liberty, and remind us to engage with one another not with hatred or bitterness, but with love.

Please gather with us for this brief service of prayer and music. Taizé Vespers is a very special worship that could not come at a more important time in November, so we encourage every individual - no matter where you might sit on the political spectrum - to gather and share in this prayerful gathering of peace and unity.

PARISH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 3 TO NOVEMBER 9

Sunday, November 3

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Worship Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick & Zoom
9:30 am	Sunday School – New Brick & Parish Hall
9:30 am	Parents Group – New Brick, lower level
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Auction Item Pickup – New Brick, lower level
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1:00 – 4:00 pm	EFM – Parish Hall, conference room & Zoom
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Taizé in New Brick

Monday, November 4

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 – 9:30 pm	WOCC Monthly Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, November 5

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
1:00 – 7:00 pm	Larissa Practice
7:00 – 9:00 pm	MS Support Group – New Brick lower level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	300 yr. Race & Slavery Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, November 6

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 8:00 pm	First Wednesday Fellowship – New Brick lower level
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	CCD zoom check in with Kristen Krantz

Thursday, November 7

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:45 – 7:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, November 8

All-Day	Diocesan Convention
7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Recital Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Health & Wellness Fair Setup – New Brick, lower level
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 9:00 pm	“The Pilgrims” Movie Screening – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, November 9

All-Day	Diocesan Convention
8:30 – 12:00 pm	Center for Spiritual Nourishment
9:00 – 11:00 am	“Metamorphosis” Movie Screening – Parish Hall, lower level
1:00 – 3:30 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Sheu Recital – New Brick, upper level
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Larissa & Friends Recital – New Brick, upper level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
email to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.
For a digital copy of this service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website.

Pledge to Christ Church for 2025

We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church. You may pick up a pledge card in the Narthex to complete, or you can safely complete one electronically on our website - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/pledge-2025

Digital Service Leaflets & Announcements

You might have seen our recent flyers around the church advertising a digital copy of the weekly service leaflet. In an attempt to be better stewards of the planet by saving paper while using your generous support of Christ Church in a more conscientious manner, we are downsizing the printing of this document. Beginning next week, some portions of the leaflet - including most of the announcements - will be available in digital format only. Everyone is encouraged to bring their phones or tablets to church, scan the QR code on the flyer, and download a copy of the service leaflet. If you do, you'll get a copy with working links and color images – and do your part to conserve our planet's resources.

Auction Winners, Please Grab Your Items Today

Thank you to everyone who joined us for last night's *An Evening in Paris* Auction event, as it was a great success and fun for everyone. Heartfelt thanks also to the volunteers, donors, and bidders, for without you this event could not happen. If you were a winning bidder on any item and did not take your item home, please do so today. They are located in the Great Hall; if you don't see yours, please ask Robin Bradley or any Auction Committee member. Thank you!

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God and a more powerful experience of God's presence in our lives. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. We are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. [The Zoom link is here](#), the Meeting ID is 875 9496 3596 and the Passcode is Centering! You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church, or by emailing centering@christchurchcolumbia.org.

WOCC November Meeting - Monday Evening

Mark your calendars for the next WOCC meeting - next Monday, November 4th at 7:30 p.m. It will be a hybrid event, so you're welcome to gather with us in New Brick or on Zoom - [the link is here](#), the Meeting ID is 843 0204 4790 and the Passcode is cecWOCC.

Costume and Pasta Party! First Wednesday Fellowship is this Week

November's FWF will be a costume and pasta party that celebrates Halloween/All Saints Day, so gather with us in the Great Hall at 6 p.m. on November 6th all decked out in your fun Halloween getup! There will, of course, be a prize for the best costume, so get creative! And be sure to bring their leftover Halloween candy to share with others. It's sure to be a blast - see you there!

Christ Church Choir - Thursdays

Singers and music lovers, come lift your voice! The Christ Church Choirs rehearse in New Brick on Thursday evenings, and anyone is welcome to join us. Handbell Choir meets from 6:45-7:30 p.m. and Adult Choir meets from 7:30-9:00 p.m. You don't need to know how to read music, so whether you have previous experience or are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choirs. If you're interested, please speak with Larissa on Sundays, email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org, or simply come join us in New Brick on a Thursday evening.

240th Diocese of Maryland Convention - November 8 & 9

Each year, elected delegates from each congregation in our diocese gather to elect diocesan leaders, discuss issues, and review policies and structures. While voting delegates and alternates must register to participate and vote in the Convention, anyone is welcome to attend as an observer for free. The Convention takes place at the [Claggett Center](#), Frederick County, MD, and all of the relevant Convention details and materials are posted on the EDOM Convention web page - episcopalmaryland.org/diocesan-governance/diocesan-convention

Join Us at the Center for Spiritual Nourishment - November 9

The next CSN gathering has some new programs in store on Saturday, November 9th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and everyone is invited to gather with us. The Center provides opportunities for spiritual growth for Christ Church members and the larger community by offering an array of experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit. You can learn more about the CSN at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/spiritual-nourishment, and if you have any questions or wish to help in the future, please fill out the contact form on that page or email us at csn@christchurchcolumbia.org.

"Larissa and Friends" Recital - Saturday, November 9

We are thrilled to present our Music Director, Larissa Sanders, in this year's fall recital, which is now an annual tradition. Larissa and her selection of incredibly talented musicians and vocalists will present a program of beautiful music spanning several centuries and cultures. Light refreshments will be served at a reception with the musicians following the performance, as well. Offerings are gratefully accepted for this performance, and they will help support Christ Church's flourishing Music Ministry, so we hope that you'll all save the date, and gather with us in New Brick on November 9th at 5:00 p.m. You'll be sure to enjoy a program excellent works performed by talented musicians.

Kiona's Ordination - December 14

Bishop Carrie Schofield-Broadbent will ordain Kiona Lookingbill, our Director of Youth and Family Ministries, to the Sacred Order of Deacons. This service takes place on Saturday, December 14th, and parishioners can gather at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore at 11:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins Sunday, Nov. 3 to Collect Holiday Meal Sides & Non-perishables for the Howard County Food Bank

Once again, Christ Church will help those who depend upon the Howard County Food Bank by conducting a food drive in the weeks before Thanksgiving. This year the holiday falls on Nov. 28. The drive begins Sunday, Nov. 3, and ends Thursday, Nov. 21.

Please help by bringing non-perishable food items that complete the menu with the usual sides: boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, and canned fruits and vegetables (low-sodium preferred). Keep in mind that household pantries often are bare this time of year; please add items such as canned beans, soups, tuna, pasta and sauce, rice, peanut butter, and spices. Put items on the designated table in the Narthex. Or put them in the latest yellow bin, which is marked "Thanksgiving Food Drive," to be found near the door to Old Brick on the breezeway. NOTE: *No pies, other desserts, or rolls* because of perishability.

Help Families in Need by Filling the Altar Basket and our FISH Bin on the Breezeway

If you are concerned about people in our midst who are going hungry, please consider regularly donating non-perishables to FISH of Howard County. Put groceries and/or toiletries in the altar basket in New Brick or in a marked yellow bin on the breezeway between Old Brick and Parish Hall. FISH provides committed support to select families in need. The neighbors you help give thanks for all you do in their support.

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STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Of Mice and Men... and Football... and Music Ministry... and Stewardship.

Anyone who has been in charge of a group of people trying to do anything knows the importance of good planning. One must consider the task at hand, short-term and long-term goals, the people involved, their abilities and challenges, and the resources available. A good leader has a plan, but also has the ability to anticipate possible snags and has contingency plans for these pitfalls.

As a church music director, I plan the music for all our services, matching the congregational hymns and choral selections to the lectionary, holiday observances, and current events. Because I am a professional organist, I prepare new music and have a repertoire of music that I know that I can choose from when I decide what I will play each week. During choir rehearsals, we learn new music and review pieces that we have sung before so that we are also building a repertoire of music that we can choose from. As any choir member can tell you, we rehearse a lot of pieces each week! We have been rehearsing music for the upcoming Christmas season for several weeks already. But as the saying goes, “the best-laid plans of mice and men often go astray.”

While I map out what I want the choir to sing for months at a time, it doesn't always pan out the way I plan. Sometimes, our volunteer choir has several singers who are out of town for a few weeks. Some weeks, we take a hit from allergy or cold season, sometimes taking out the whole soprano section or making our numbers so low, that it is not feasible to sing what we had planned. A few weeks ago, you may have noticed that we did not sing what was listed in the bulletin. Like a football quarterback, I determined the plan was not going to work and had to call an audible and change the plan at the last minute on a Sunday.

Why call an audible? Why not just do what we planned and present the music, even if we were missing some parts or not confident with the whole song? Our volunteer singers rely on our practices to learn the music and receive guidance on how to practice. They are not professional musicians who have the skills and musical expertise to prepare music on their own. At the same time though, we are not preparing for a concert. We do love music and enjoy singing, but this is about more than just music. The music we share each week is not a performance, it is our offering to God. In this stewardship season, we often hear about tithing and giving of our time and talents. We are told to give and not just what is extra. Proverbs 3:9 says ***“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.”*** We are told to give our best to the Lord, whether that is in our time, talents, or treasure. I don't want to present any music that is just “ok” or “good enough.” When we present a musical offering, we should present the best we have to offer. Sometimes that means we need to change the plan at the last minute to ensure we give our best to our God.

Larissa Sanders

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Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday is on December 8th, and we will be rehearsing during Youth Faith Formation time (9:30-10:20 a.m.) and want every youth to have an opportunity to serve. Please sign up [here](#) and let us know which role you want to have in it. Thank you!

Can You Help Out on a Saturday?

Our Seminarian Associate, Mike Looney, is looking for youth who can help watch younger kids in our church during the Center for Spiritual Nourishment. This takes place every second Saturday of the month. Even if you can only help once in a while, your assistance will be greatly appreciated! Please sign up [here](#).

Upcoming Events - check the Youth Ministry emails for dates and times

Friendsgiving

Invite your friends to share a turkey dinner at Christ Church! We will have games and carve pumpkins. Please [RSVP to Chaplain Kiona](#).

Wreath-Making Social Fundraiser - December 1

For those not traveling over the Thanksgiving weekend, we are holding our wreath-making fundraiser. Come and make your Advent wreath and enjoy Christmas music and treats. Each wreath kit costs \$50. but is free to those who volunteer for the event. Pre-made holiday wreaths will be available for pick up after the 8 and 9 a.m. services.

Christmas Fundraiser Gathering

Our youth will provide entertainment and babysitting while our Christ Church parents do their Christmas shopping, or go on a date. You can look forward to Christmas cookie decorating, card-making, and ornament crafting. There will be cookies and cider, hot chocolate, Christmas music, and Christmas movies to get us all in the Christmas spirit!

Christ Church's Christmas Eve Pageant

Before we know it, it'll be time for that beloved annual tradition, the Christmas Pageant! We are looking for youth who would like to assist with the Pageant rehearsals. Please inquire with Chaplain Kiona or Mrs. Jenn Atkins.



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