

# Christ Episcopal Church

*Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ*

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Sunday, March 26, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. • 10:30 a.m.

## Welcome Home!

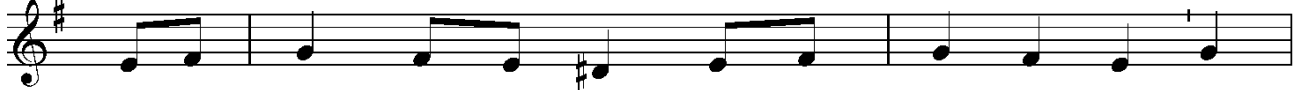
Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: [christchurchcolumbia.org](http://christchurchcolumbia.org). This bulletin contains all you need 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!

Prelude | Prelude

Katharine E. Lucke

Opening 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.

Opening Acclamation |

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

*People:* **His mercy endureth forever.**

The Collect for Purity |

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

Kyrie S 91 | Lord, have mercy upon us

*Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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The Collect of the Day |

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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

*People:* **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

*Reader:* A reading from Ezekiel.

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

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

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

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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



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

If you, LORD, were to note what is 'done a'miss, \*  
O 'Lörd, 'who could 'stand?

For there is for 'giveness with 'you; \*  
— 'therefore you 'shall be 'feared.

I wait for the LORD; my 'söul 'waits for him; \*  
in his 'wörd 'is my 'hope.

My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than 'watchmen for the 'morning, \*  
more than 'watchmen 'for the 'morning.

O Israel, 'wait for the 'LORD, \*  
for with the 'LÖRD 'there is 'mercy;

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

*Reader:* A reading from Romans.

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

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

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.*

Sequence Hymn 666 | Out of the Depths

St. Bride

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

Sermon | Michael Looney, *Seminarian Associate*

*The people stand as able.*

The Nicene Creed | BCP 327

*All:*            I believe in one God,  
                    the Father Almighty,  
                    maker of heaven and earth,  
                    and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
                    the only-begotten Son of God,  
                    begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
                    God of God, Light of Light,  
                    very God of very God,  
                    begotten, not made,  
                    being of one substance with the Father;  
                    by whom all things were made;  
                    who for us men and for our salvation  
                            came down from heaven,  
                    and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
                            and was made man;  
                    and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
                    he suffered and was buried;  
                    and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
                    and ascended into heaven,  
                    and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
                    and he shall come again, with glory,  
                            to judge both the quick and the dead;  
                    whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life,  
                    who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
                    who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
                    who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead:  
                    and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

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

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

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; Emmanuel, our Rector; Marcia, our Associate Priest; Denise, our Deacon; Mike, our Seminarian Associate; and Rebecca, our Deacon postulant.; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

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

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Shirley, Louise, Danny, Roberta, Fr. Ginnever, Samuel, Catherine, Caroline, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*The People may add additional petitions and thanksgivings.*

We give thanks for the birth of Emilliano Antonio Stokes to Antonio Stokes and Ellie Lemus.

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

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



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

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

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

The Peace |

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

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

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

Welcome and Announcements |

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem | How Beautiful

Twila Paris

*Please scan to give.*



Presentation Hymn 380 (v. 1) |

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

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

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

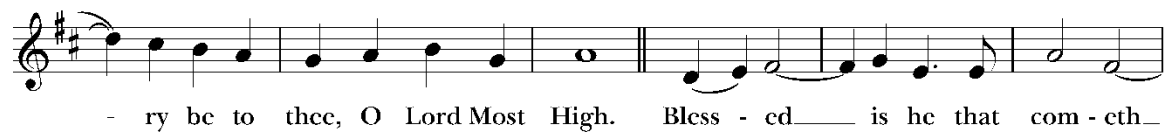
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord our God.

*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."

*Celebrant:* 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer | BCP 365

*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;

*All:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

O Lamm Gottes, das nimm die Sünden der Welt, hab Erbarmen über uns. O Lamm Gottes, das nimm die Sünden der Welt, hab Erbarmen über uns. O Lamm Gottes, das nimm die Sünden der Welt, hab Erbarmen über uns. O Lamm Gottes, das nimm die Sünden der Welt, hab Erbarmen über uns.

## Agnus Dei |

*Celebrant:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*All:* have mercy upon us.

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*Celebrant:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*All:* grant us thy peace.

## Prayer of Humble Access |

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



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



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



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

*Descant*

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

*Refrain*

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

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 1-4 5 Yes, day. *Final Ending*

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

Post-Communion Prayer | BCP 339

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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

The Blessing |

*The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.*

Closing Hymn 547 | Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

*Marsh Chapel*



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and  
3 There is one Bo - dy and one hope, one Spi - rit  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died and con - quered



1 give you light, so learn his love— its length and  
2 fear re - lease, to give the Spi - rit's u - ni -  
3 and one call, one Lord, one Faith, and one Bap -  
4 he might save; with kind and gen - tle hearts for -  
5 in the strife. A - wake, a - rise, go forth in



1 breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
2 ty, the ve - ry bond of peace.  
3 tism, one Fa - ther of us all.  
4 give as God in Christ for - gave.  
5 faith, and Christ shall give you life.

*The Celebrant dismisses the People, who respond:*  
***Thanks be to God!***

*(The Alleluias are omitted in Lent)*

Postlude | Introduction-Choral; First movement, *Suite Gothique*, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann  
Ola Oladipupo, Organist

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## **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

### **8:00 a.m. Service**

**Lector/Reader:** Diane LaGuerre

**Ushers:** Diane LaGuerre, Yetti Lipede

### **9:00 a.m. Service**

**Ushers:** Eva & Hope Oladipupo, Yetti Lipede

### **10:30 a.m. Service**

**Lector/Reader:** Steve Alpern

**Ushers:** Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, JB Hanson, Beth Johnson, Cherry Williams

**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Tele Abe, Gavin Couch, Setutsi Abdallah

**Chalicerist:** Steve Alpern

**Sunday School Breakfast:** Simone Kolnik

### **6:00 p.m. Service**

Kevin Osborn

Eileen Harlee

Pam Pruitt

### **Altar Guild**

Pam Foreman

Cheryl Lucente

Gail Braatelein



## PARISH CALENDAR: MARCH 26 TO APRIL 1

### **Sunday, March 26**

8:00 – 8:45 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast – New Brick, lower level
8:45 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday School – Parish Hall & New Brick, lower levels
9:30 – 10:30 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
9:30 – 10:30 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick
10:30 – 11:30 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
2:00 – 5:00 pm	Small Delusions Concert – New Brick, upper level
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Jazz Vespers – New Brick, upper level

### **Monday, March 27**

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:00 – 7:30 pm	Crab Kickers Soccer – Field
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	300 Year Anniversary Events Committee Meeting – Zoom

### **Tuesday, March 28**

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Home School – New Brick, lower level
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Japanese Play Group – Outside New Brick
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Vestry Meeting – Old Brick & Zoom

### **Wednesday, March 29**

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 – 11:00 am	Take Off Pounds Sensibly – Parish Hall, lower level
6:30 pm	Lenten Supper Series – New Brick, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

### **Thursday, March 30**

8:00 – 8:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lenten Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:30 – 8:30 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

### **Friday, March 31**

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Taizé Service – Old Brick
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Christ Church Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

### **Saturday, April 1**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Crab Kickers Soccer – Field
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Harriet Tubman Cultural Center Tour, WOCC
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Lumen Christi Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication, email to by Tuesday evening.

**For a digital copy of this service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website.**

### Lent V at Christ Church

The Fifth Sunday in Lent has three worship services - join us for our Old Brick Eucharist at 8:00 a.m., Family Worship in New Brick at 9:00, or the 10:30 service with music and choir in the New Brick Sanctuary. As always, we'll livestream our 10:30 worship, which you can watch on our [website](#), [YouTube](#), or [Facebook](#) pages.

### Youth Formation

Every child is welcome to take part in Youth Formation at 9:30, and you can find the details on [our website's Youth Formation page](#). This is the last Sunday School session for Lent; we won't have classes again until April 16th, so please take note.

The Christ Church Youth Group (grades 5-12) also meets Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the basement of the Church Office building. If you are interested in having your child join the CECYG, please email Todd for more information - [youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org)

### Adult Formation

Our Parenting Group gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). Bible Study will meet in the Parish Hall Conference Room. And during this season of Lent, Sunday Circle wraps up its exploration of other faith traditions' viewpoints on sin, and this week we will learn about the [Quaker](#) perspective. We gather in Old Brick at 9:30 a.m., and virtually. [The Zoom link is here](#), the Meeting ID is **847 9910 4117**, and the Password is **AFSC**. There are several options, and you're welcome to join any of them any Sunday.

### Small Delusions Performance - Sunday Afternoon

Come one, come all! Small Delusions will play a concert in honor of Ellen and Charlie Hoke on Sunday, March 26th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend to hear some folkie acoustic music that is sure to bring back some great memories.

### Jazz Vespers - Sunday Evening

Come and gather for the final Jazz Vespers of Lent, an hour-long liturgy of Evening Prayer that combines scripture readings, prayer, silent meditation, poetry, and rich, live music provided by The Leister Quartet. There will be light refreshments after each worship, and all ages are welcome. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. for sixty minutes of music, reflection, and prayer.

### Easter Altar Flowers and Gifts

Easter Sunday is a time that we honor, remember, or give thanks for someone or a blessing in our lives by donating flowers to adorn our worship spaces as we celebrate our risen Lord. If you would like to present Altar gifts this Easter, you can find our online Easter Offering form at <https://onrealm.org/christchurchcolumbia/-/form/give/lenteaster>. Be sure to place the dedication name(s) in the *MEMO* line. You can also drop your donation in the plate on Sunday or to the Church Office during the week; include the same dedication information on the *MEMO* line of a check, please. [Email the Church Office](#) with any questions.

### Holy Week at Christ Church

Between Palm Sunday and Easter, there are a dozen worship opportunities taking place at Christ Church and we hope that you'll join us throughout the week. Our website's Lenten season page has times and details for every one of them, so be sure to check <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lent> for all of that information.

### **Centering Prayer - Mondays**

Centering Prayer takes place next Monday on Zoom, but we have great news - we will soon go hybrid! After Easter, you'll be able to join us in person in Old Brick or continue to join us virtually. What is Centering Prayer, you ask? It is a unique method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God, moving us beyond conversation with Christ and towards communion with Him. Everyone is welcome to join us for this reflective gathering on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is [here](#), the Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and the Passcode is **Centering!**

### **Wednesday Evening Lenten Supper Series – Wednesdays**

Be sure to gather with us for the final installment of this popular series of insightful and life-enriching seminars on our theme for this year, ***Be an Instrument of God's Peace***. A presentation by our own Father Manny wraps up what has been a fantastic series. We begin at 6:30 p.m. with a communal supper in the Great Hall – this week, the meal is provided by the Christ Church Vestry - followed by the evening's presentation. We then conclude with a brief Eucharist.

### **Lenten Healing Eucharist - Thursday Afternoons**

Each Thursday at 12 noon during Lent, Christ Church offers midday worship in Old Brick. This service includes readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Parishioners and non-parishioners 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.

### **Christ Church Choir and Handbell Choir - Thursday Evenings**

Join our new Handbell Choir! All ages are welcome, no experience is necessary! We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7 to 7:45 p.m. in New Brick. Then, Adult Choir rehearses from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Stay for one, or both! Whether you read music or not, whether you have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choirs! If you're interested, please speak with Larissa on Sunday or email her at [music@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:music@christchurchcolumbia.org).

### **Taizé: *The Friendship of Christ* - Friday Evening**

Christ Church offers Lenten Taizé worship service during Lent, led by The Rev. Marcia Davenport. Mother Marcia, a long-time supporter of Taizé, leads this form of worship, based on the practice of the Taizé community in France, offering a time of quiet reflection and intentional worship, drawing closer to the presence of God in Christ Jesus. Please join us at 6 p.m. for this healing, reflective service.

### **CEC Book Club - Fridays**

We are currently discussing *How Then Shall We Live? 4 Simple Questions that Reveal the Beauty and Meaning of our Lives* by Wayne Muller, and are always welcoming new readers to join us, so how about you? Take part for an hour or so on Friday evenings for a lively discussion of this book, as we are a friendly bunch and appreciate everyone's input and thoughts. The book can be purchased online at your favorite digital retailers, but we can set you up with a few pages to get you started. Interested? Email Ellen Hoke at [efboudreau1@gmail.com](mailto:efboudreau1@gmail.com) or text her at 301-452-7115. Then simply log in to Zoom for an hour or so Friday evening - that link is [here](#), the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366** and the Passcode is **CECBooks**

### **April Newsletter Deadline - THIS SATURDAY**

LAST CALL! As spring approaches, many ministries and groups have activities and events coming up, so be sure to have yours included in the April *Gathered Together* newsletter! Please be sure to send any upcoming information about your ministry's activities or gatherings to Chris by the end of this Saturday, March 25th. You can email your announcement or message details and photos to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org)

## Women of Christ Church's Upcoming Events

Be sure to save the dates for upcoming WOCC events:

- **Saturday, April 1st** - A guided tour of the Harriet Tubman Cultural Center, in celebration of Women's History Month.
- **Monday, April 3rd at 1:00 p.m.** - April WOCC Meeting in New Brick and on Zoom.
- **April 7th, Good Friday** - Stations of the Cross labyrinth walk at St. Johns.

The WOCC calendar is posted in the Narthex in New Brick **and on our website** and contains all the fun events planned for this year. Come and join us for these events, so speak to any WOCC member or email us at **WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

## The 2023 Pledge Envelopes

The 2022 Christ Church pledge envelopes have arrived and are available for pickup now. They are located in the Narthex, but if you need to make other arrangements or have any questions, please **email the Church Office**.

## Christ Church's 300th Birthday

We are presently seeking parishioners to help with planning Christ Church's 300-Year Anniversary. This celebration is an important milestone for our church, and we want as much participation from each of us as possible. There are lots of committees that you can serve on and so we would like to encourage everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you have ideas, are interested in assisting, or would like more information, please contact Fr. Manny at **revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org**. Thank you.

## Help Out During Sunday Worship

We are in need of a few more ushers, chalicists, and lectors for the Sunday services. You will serve on rotational schedules (not every week) and during select events. There are no age requirements or limits, and personalized training will be provided so please consider helping out!

- **Ushers:** welcome, seat, and direct parishioners during the service
- **Chalicists (Lay Eucharistic Minister):** assist the clergy in the distribution of the Eucharist
- **Lector (Lay Reader):** read aloud to the congregation throughout the year.

Please contact Yetti at **ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org** for more information.

## Altar Guild Schedule

The schedule for the first half of 2023 - including Holy Week - is now on our website. **Just visit here** to see when you're scheduled to help prepare the Sanctuary for worship. And if anyone else is interested in joining, please email the Church Office.

## Like Coffee? Let's Enjoy Some Together! You Can Help

The 8:30 a.m. Old Brick Coffee Hour is in full swing (thank you!), but we really need people and ministries to help set up for the 9:30 a.m. gathering in New Brick's Elevator Room. This is an excellent opportunity for fellowship and fun, and a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. You can work by yourself, in groups, or with another family. Perhaps a group or ministry can offer to host the occasional Coffee Hour, as well. All you need to do is provides snacks, brew the coffee, stay for the coffee hour, and help tidy up. Training will be provided. Questions? Please contact the church office at **office@christchurchcolumbia.org** or 410-381-9365.

## Christ Church Podcast - Later in 2023

Our podcast idea is gathering steam, but we are looking for a few more people to team up with! Father Manny's desire to create a Christ Church Podcast - a homegrown, varied, multimedia collaboration - will celebrate our parish and its people's many qualities, talents, and interests. We hope to launch later this year, but we need to involve some more people to help make this the best it can be. If you enjoy writing, would like to learn about the 300-year history of Christ Church, like to photograph or makes videos on your phone or computer, enjoy composing, singing, or playing

music, have a particular topic you'd like to share with others, love to draw or paint... well, we can find a place for each of you! If you'd like more information or are interested in joining us on this exciting new venture, please speak with **Fr. Manny, Ann Barnes**, or email Chris at **communications@christchurchcolumbia.org**

### **Save the Date and Help Lead the Way: On April 22, Our Supermarket Food Drives Resume After a Pandemic Hiatus**

Once again, Christ Church will hold a food drive at a local Giant supermarket, resuming a hands-on, family-friendly activity that had been halted by the pandemic. The place: River Hill Giant, 6050 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville, MD 21029. The time: Noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. The goal: engage shoppers in collecting hundreds of pounds of non-perishable groceries for the Howard County Food Bank and – new this year – for its partner, **SAFE Food Pantry**.

Here's how you can help: please consider taking a shift of at least one hour on that Saturday. Bring your children, too –toddlers on up! We could also use your help in planning this popular activity that helps the hungry.

Outreach member Michon Semon is leading the drive, as she has done in years past when Christ Church held food drives at the Palace Giant, the Owen Brown Giant, and the River Hill Giant. But we need plenty of help from parishioners to recruit volunteers, participate, and deliver our anticipated haul to the food bank, which is operated by the **Community Action Council of Howard County**. For information or to respond to our call, please email **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

The need is great, as food insecurity increases nationally and in Maryland. As described in a **March 17 article on Patch**, that's due to the end of federal emergency food assistance tied to the pandemic and to inflation. Low-income households struggle to afford the cost of groceries, up 11.3 percent. People who are on medically restricted diets are especially challenged. In Howard County, SAFE provides free gluten-free and allergy-safe foods.

### **Spread the Word and Plan to Attend an Educational Webinar on Senior Housing**

Would you like to learn about a campaign to improve housing choices for seniors in our community? If so, plan to join a webinar on Monday, April 3 from 7 to 8 p.m. by organizers of the **Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition** and **Age-Friendly Howard County**. The topic will address a housing crisis that confronts many seniors who face rising housing costs and a shortage of affordable and or accessible homes in the county. If interested, register through Eventbrite or email: **admin@hocohac.org**.

### **Columbia Community Care Recruits Gardening Volunteers at Kickoff Event on April 8 and Participants in a Spring Fun Run/Walk on April 22**

**Columbia Community Care** (CCC) plans outdoor activities on upcoming weekends. On Saturday, April 8 at 9 a.m., volunteers will converge on the CCC pantry building to help kick off a gardening project. On Saturday, April 22, CCC will hold a Spring Fun Run/Walk starting at 9 a.m. with a kickoff party. Each of these **CCC events** takes place at the former Columbia Flier building, 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia.

The garden will allow CCC to grow its own healthy produce to better help families in need. The **Community Ecology Institute** has partnered with CCC, starting with the installation of a series of raised garden beds. Please come to learn what will be planted and how to help. CCC created a **signup form** with slots throughout the year and said: "We appreciate you lending your gardening expertise."

When you arrive on April 22 at the run/walk kick-off, please bring a non-perishable item to donate. The start time for competitors is 10 a.m. Advance registration costs \$20 or \$10 for children ages 12 and under. Same-day registration for adults is \$25. Registration is preferred by April 15. To register, go online to **CCC events**.

All registered participants will get discount cards to Feet First Sports, located at 5305 Village Center Dr., Suite 110, in Wilde Lake Center. The course ends at the center, where the Wilde Lake Village will be holding a village board election party.

Wilde Lake is also the site of one of CCC's three distribution centers where, as usual, volunteers will be distributing goods to less fortunate neighbors. The Wilde Lake Interfaith Center is located at 10431 Twin Rivers Rd. Other sites are The Barn in Oakland Mills Village Center, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, and at Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct., all in Columbia.

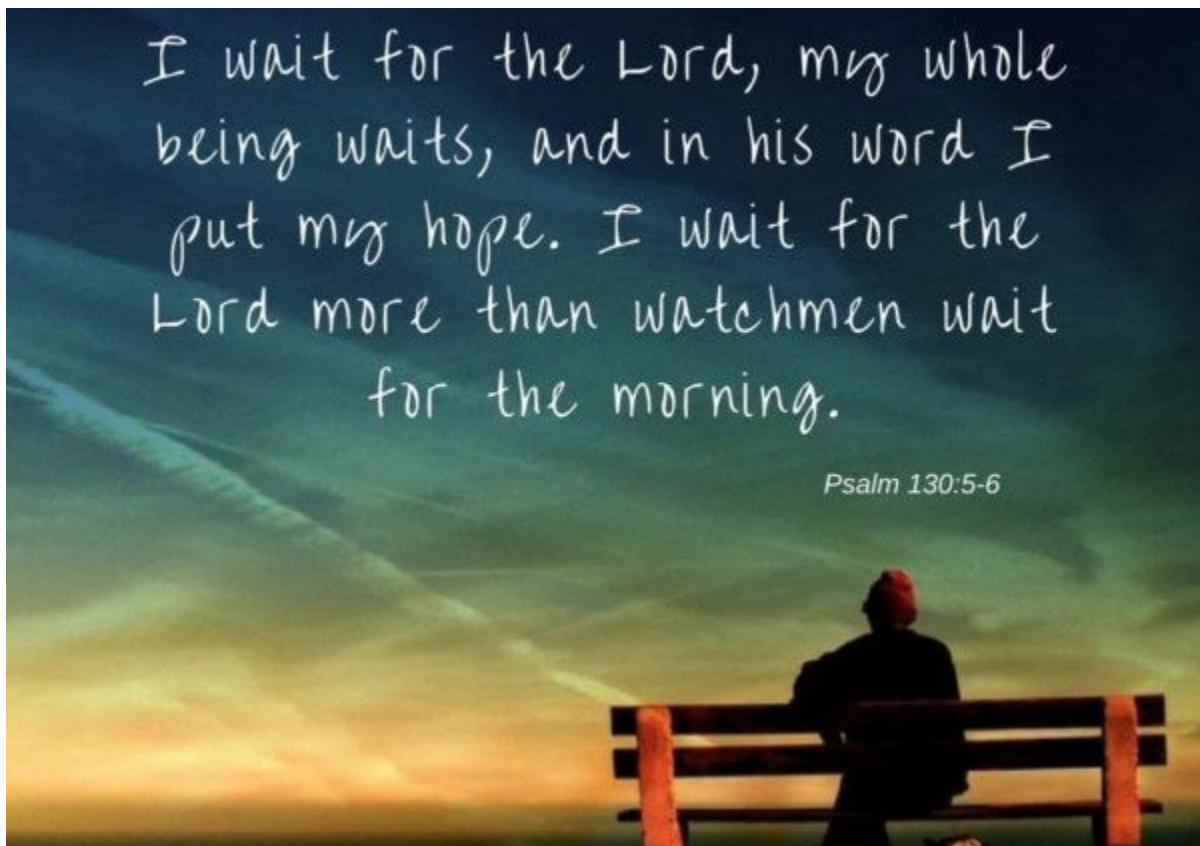
Free groceries, produce, baby supplies, and household essentials are given out on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, or when goods run out. This week CCC said it urgently needs to replenish baby supplies: "We are still very low or completely out of many diaper sizes right now (3, 4, 5, 6) and baby wipes," leaders posted on the **CCC Group on Facebook**.

At Christ Church, Leigh Smith is our representative who takes parishioners' donated items to CCC. Please continue your support by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday.

#### **Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway**

Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** still need cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill its shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

**In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at [outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org). Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.**





## **WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF CHRIST CHURCH**

Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

### **We also want to thank YOU.**

Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables our parish to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness. Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving.

### **Text Giving**

You can give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text **CECGIVING** to **73256**, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

### **Online Giving**

**You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online.** It's a safe and secure method of contributing toward your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our **overview page** for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at **info@christchurchcolumbia.org**

### **Pledge for 2023**

At Christ Church, we are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who continually support our ministry of faithful service, and we pray that each of you will prayerfully consider your contribution to Christ Church for this calendar year. You can bring your pledge cards to church with you at any time, pick up and complete a pledge card in the Narthex, or **pledge online** (choose "Pledge for 2023" in the *FUND* dropdown menu). Thank you very much for your support of our vital common life.





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