

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, May 1, 2022 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

The wearing of face masks is recommended, but optional, at Christ Church

You may stream this service from Christ Church's [website](#), [Facebook page](#), or [YouTube channel](#).

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE – Prelude au Kyrie from *Hommage a Frescobaldi*

Jean Langlais
Ola Oladipupo, organist

OPENING HYMN 473 – Lift High the Cross

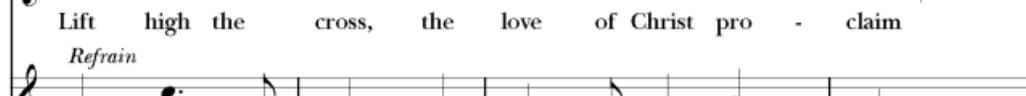
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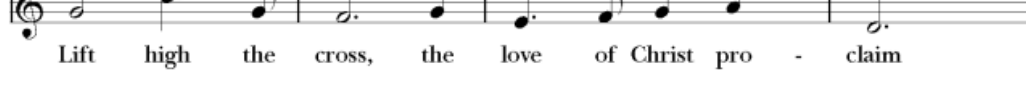


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Refrain



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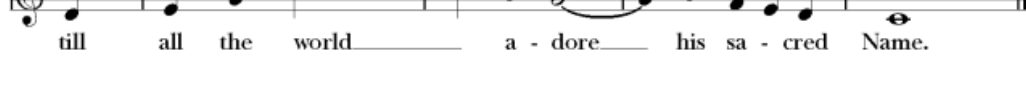
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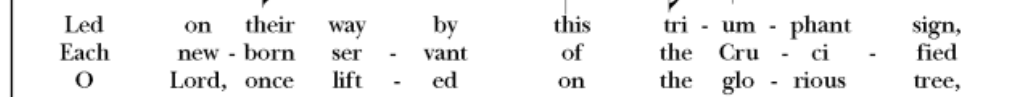
Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



Repeat Refrain



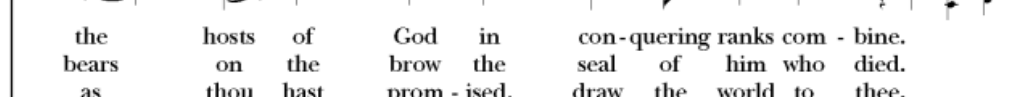
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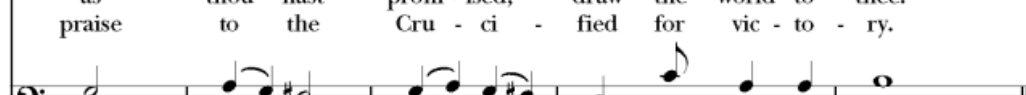
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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People: **Amen.**

A SONG OF PRAISE S236 – Canticle 13

John Rutter

1. Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-ters; you are worthy of praise; glo-ry to you.

2. Glo-ry to you for the rad-i-ance of your ho-ly Name; we will praise you and highly ex-alt you for ev-er.

3. Glo-ry to you in the splendor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jesty, glo-ry to you.

4. Glo-ry to you, seated be-tween the Cher-u-bim; we will praise you and highly ex-alt you for ev-er.

5. Glo-ry to you, be-holding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glo-ry to you.

6. Glo-ry to you, Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will praise you and highly ex-alt you for ev-er.

OPENING COLLECT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The people may be seated.

A READING FROM ACTS 9:1-6, (7-20)

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

PSALM 30

Exaltabo te, Domine

I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *"
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *"
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 5:11-14

Reader: A reading from Revelation.

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 550 – Jesus Calls Us

Restoration

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult
2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows,
5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

1 of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his
2 by the Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
3 of the vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol
4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
5 Sa - vior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
2 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
3 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
4 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

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

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

SERMON

The Rev'd Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

The people stand as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, we gather again in celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and to give thanks for what that means in our lives. Although we grieve the turbulence and tribulations around the world, we are full of hope given to us by the first Easter. We pray that people living in areas of conflict and deprivation also find reasons for hope. May those caught in the many humanitarian crises be rescued. We especially pray for those in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Syria, Yemen and Ukraine. We pray that world leaders work together to bring about peace. May the perpetrators of violence realize their grievous wrong and bring it to an end. ***Hear our prayer, O Lord.***

Though You may not appear to us as on the road to Damascus or by the Sea of Tiberias, we have been baptized into the faith and are members of Your way. Many of us have been privileged and have never known intense hunger or ever lived in war-stricken places. Others of us have been fortunate to have left such suffering behind. We lift in prayer the efforts of our parish outreach activities. Help us to cast our nets widely as we work to aid others. ***Hear our prayer, O Lord.***

We give thanks for our guides along the way: Presiding Bishop, Michael; Diocesan Bishops Eugene and Robert; our Rector Manny and Associate Priest Marcia; Deacon Denise; Youth Leader Todd and our Parish lay leaders. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we lift up the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. Within the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St. Martin's in-the-Field, Severna Park; St. Philip's, Annapolis and St. Stephen's-Severn Parish, Crownsville. We warmly welcome all who are new or visiting today. The way of Jesus is love, and we pray that our visitors feel the love that Christ Church embodies. ***Hear our prayer, O Lord.***

We pray for the restoration of health to all who are ill in body, mind or spirit. Within our parish, we pray for comfort and healing for Megan, Roberta, Mildred, Jim, Kathleen, Caroline, Catherine, Mary Ann, Sherry, Rena, Kandi, Bradley, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those you name. We give thanks for the medical breakthroughs that have saved or improved many lives, including some for whom we pray today. We pray also for the souls of all who have departed this life, especially Chad Foor & Corrine Page Belcher, and ask that You comfort their family and friends. We give thanks for the joy of celebrating birthdays including Kofi, Mary, Cathy, Lorraine, Violet & Mary and anniversaries within our parish, including Johanna & Jonathan Smith and Mary & Roger Vail. ***Hear our prayer, O Lord.***

Lord, by Your grace we have been forgiven our many sins. You have lifted us up and saved us from darkness and despair. May we demonstrate our praise and thanksgiving by living in love throughout the week ahead. ***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 HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING – You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Cesáreo Gabaráin

Phil Bray, vocal solo; JB Hanson and Shannon Rogers, guitar

*You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.*

*Refrain: O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes, gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
Now, my boat's left on the shoreline behind me, and with you I will seek other seas.*

*You know full well what I have, Lord: neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working.*

*You, who have fished other waters, you the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving friend, you have come to call me.*

PRESENTATION HYMN VF 79, V. 1

Linstead

Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy: reach - ing out with a shout of joy:

Bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured; Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Je - sus lives a - gain; earth can breathe a - gain;

pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound! (repeat Refrain)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

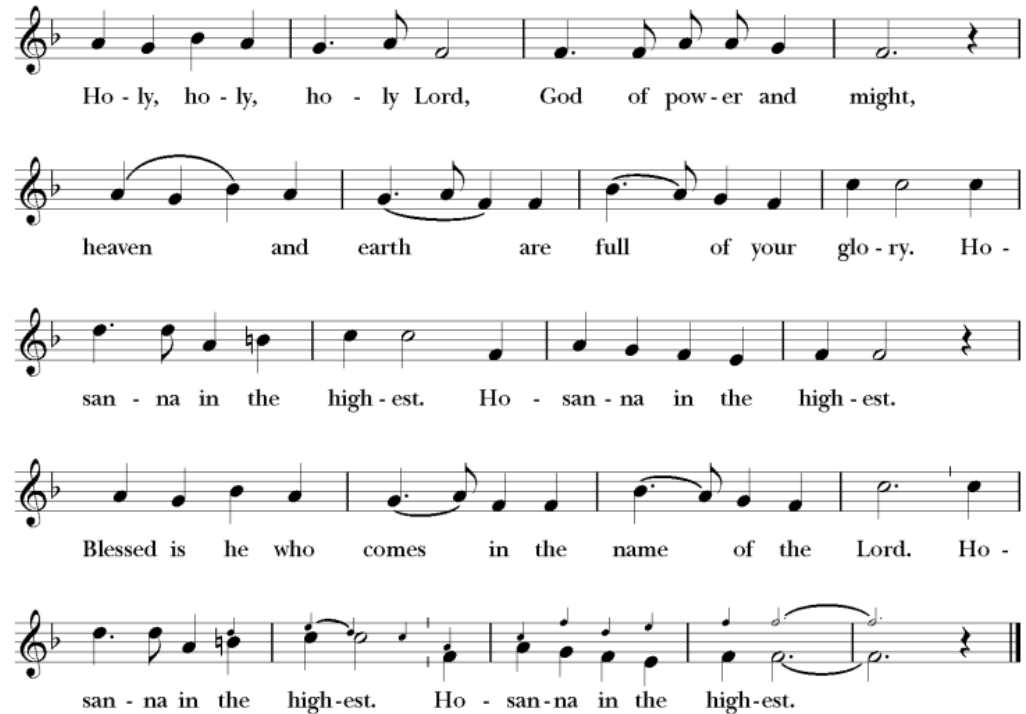
***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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



Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to

that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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 S 163 – Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

1. All who hun-ger gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er, Je-sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.
 wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.
 liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.
 from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.

Taste and see that God is good.
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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.



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE – The Summons

John Bell

*Today's altar flowers were donated by Olumatoyin Fatogun
in loving memory of Faith Aiyenugba.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

Youth Formation: Sunday School | Every child is welcome to join us virtually for Sunday School, with both sessions beginning at 9:15 a.m. If this is your first time, the registration form is located [here](#) and you can send completed ones to ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org to enroll. You can receive the elementary-age Zoom link by emailing Jennifer Atkins at dandjatkens@verizon.net. The older youth session is run by our Youth Minister, Todd Domer, and you can reach him by emailing youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org for those Zoom details.

Adult Forum: Sunday Circle | Our popular Sunday morning Adult Forum series begins exploring *Life After Death*, a new series that uses multimedia to survey this broad topic from different perspectives. Join us in person or online; **the Zoom link is here**, Meeting ID is **830 0680 9158**, and Password is **AFSC**.

We're in Need of a Few Tellers | Christ Church is in need of a few more tellers to assist with the counting of offerings, donations, and pledges. This process takes place after the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday, but each Teller is only needed about every month or so. Please speak with Yetti Lipede on Sunday mornings, or email her at ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org if you might be interested in telling.

Centering Prayer – Mondays | Centering Prayer takes place every Monday at 7 p.m. and is a form of contemplation, a method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. We invite you to log in, see what Centering Prayer is all about, and how it can find a unique and valuable space in your own life. The Zoom link is **here**, Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

Choir Rehearsals | Both choirs are back, with the Children's Choir meeting on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Adult Choir on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. If you've ever been interested in joining our choir, now's that time... and this invitation is open to every parishioner. No experience is necessary. Generally, Please email music@christchurchcolumbia.org to learn more.

Lectionary Bible Study – Wednesdays | Bible Study takes place on Zoom each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., discussing and reflecting on the readings for the coming Sunday. Our next gathering's readings are located **at LectionaryPage.net**. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and we'll all study and learn together. The Zoom link is **here**, Meeting ID is **885 9287 2661** and the Password is **CECBible**.

CEC Book Club – Fridays | The CEC Book Club is back every Friday at 7:30 p.m. We are about to begin a new book and are always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering, so if you enjoy curling up with an insightful read and discussing it with others, log in for about an hour and learn more! The Zoom link is **here**, the Meeting ID is **894 0227 6226**, the Password is **CECbooks**.

WOCC May News | It's Time for Tea! Our annual SpringTea will be on May 12th at 11:30, at Sweet Simplici-Tea in Sykesville. The cost is \$30 for a classic High Tea of scones, savorys, soup/salad, sweets, and tea. Registration and payment are due by May 3rd, so don't delay. You can sign up and pay at the poster in the Narthex, or **you can do it online via Realm by using this link**. When you do, just select *Women of Christ Church* under FUND, and on the

MEMO line, type in *WOCC 2022 Tea*. Let us know if you have any food allergies, and they will be addressed. Carpooling will be available. Hope to see you there!

Hats On For Mother's Day! Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th, and we will be keeping to our tradition of wearing hats to the Sunday services. We want to capture pictures of ladies in hats after each service to include on our blog page ([here's a past year's photo](#)). If you intend to attend the service online that day, you can still participate by sending our Communications Administrator, Chris, a picture of you in your hat for posting. Chris's address is communications@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Have Any WOCC Photos? Share 'Em! While we are on the subject of pictures, Chris has nicely volunteered to help us build out our WOCC blog with pictures from past events. If you've got some favorite pictures of past WOCC events you'd like to share, [please email them to wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org), and identify the event and date or year they occurred. We'll put them all together and work with Chris to share our stories!

The next WOCC meeting takes place via Zoom this coming Monday, May 2nd at 1 p.m. [The Zoom link is here](#). Meeting ID is **843 0204 4790** and Password is **cecWOCC**. If you're a woman aged 18 or older, you're already a member of the WOCC, so join us and see what's happening!

CCD Requests Prayers for Special Projects and for Its Staff and Disabled Children in Thailand as the Pandemic Continues | Christ Church has received updates accompanied by heartwarming photographs from the Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities (CCD), which the Outreach Commission supports through the nonprofit organization, [CCD-USA](#). Wasan Saenwian, executive director of [CCD](#) in Thailand, wrote to Michon Semon and the rest of the Christ Church Outreach Commission that some activities continue to be restricted due to the pandemic in Thailand and that one of its group homes was impacted earlier this month. Seven boys and four staff members had COVID-19. Please pray that they recover their health. Yet, despite the pandemic, CCD manages to keep up its work at its main operation, Rainbow Rehabilitation Centre, and at four Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programs in various provinces of Thailand. "Thank the Lord for his goodness to us all," he wrote. The nonprofit reported on an exciting new project, organic mushroom farming, that raises money while also providing teaching opportunities for young adults. They learn not only agricultural skills but also math, weights and measures, and retailing.

Christ Church is a long-time supporter, paying toward the annual salaries of a physical therapist and an occupational therapist through Vestry-budgeted funds to Outreach. At this point in time, CCD also requested five specific prayer points. One is that Bung-Gee, a young adult who recently professed his Christian faith, "will grow deeper in His Love and become stronger in His Word." Two is for the mushroom project, that it will have maximum benefit to the CBR program's children in terms of "physical therapy, critical skills, and income of their parents." Three is for a proposal that needs government approval to begin work on a handicap-accessible bathroom. Four is for a favorable outcome in buying a stationary bike "that will get the best one and best price." Five is for "protection from God" of CBR program staff members when going into the community. To speak to someone who has seen firsthand CCD's work in Thailand, please email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org, and we will put you in touch with Michon.

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland Sponsors Bishop's Appeal | This weekend, we're supporting our diocesan ministries by raising funds for the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal. Your gift to the Appeal supports the collective ministries of our diocese and 15 percent of every gift raised by our parishioners will stay here to support our very own outreach and ministry. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the ministry of our congregation and of our diocese! Any funds directed to Christ Church will be considered for designation by the Vestry. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Ministry Appeal. Gifts can be made online at: <https://episcopalmaryland.org/give>. Or you can send a check to: "The Bishop's Appeal," 4 E University Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21218. When you do so online, the donation page gives individuals the option to check a box: "I would like to share a portion of my gift with my congregation." It also gives the option to designate funds to particular ministries of the appeal. Click on "Learn More" to read about the options. [You can also read more on our website's Outreach blog, located here.](#)

Afghan Refugee Family Update | A big thank you to everyone who contributed toward the Eid gift basket for the four members of our Afghan refugee family – an overflowing basket of gift cards and food will be delivered to the family this weekend. And don't forget that two opportunities to meet the family, here at Christ Church, are coming up on Sunday, May 8 and again on Sunday, May 22. The family will be here in the New Brick lower level to meet us and to share in refreshments from 9am – 10:15am, on both dates. Please plan to stop by – you will be glad you did.

Columbia Community Care Needs Diapers, Personal Care Items | At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting the all-volunteer organization, **Columbia Community Care** (CCC). Please collect diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put any of these in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday. Look for updates, such as requests for volunteers at the three distribution sites, posted in the **CCC Facebook Group**.

Donate Snacks, Crackers and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway | Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** are continuing to ask for 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. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.

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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 Christ Church 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, and so as we celebrate the season of giving, we want to highly encourage all who have not fully completed their pledge for 2021 to remember their faithfulness. We also want to appeal to all who have not as yet returned their pledge for 2022 to remember their faithfulness.

TEXT GIVING: You can now 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 towards 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



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