



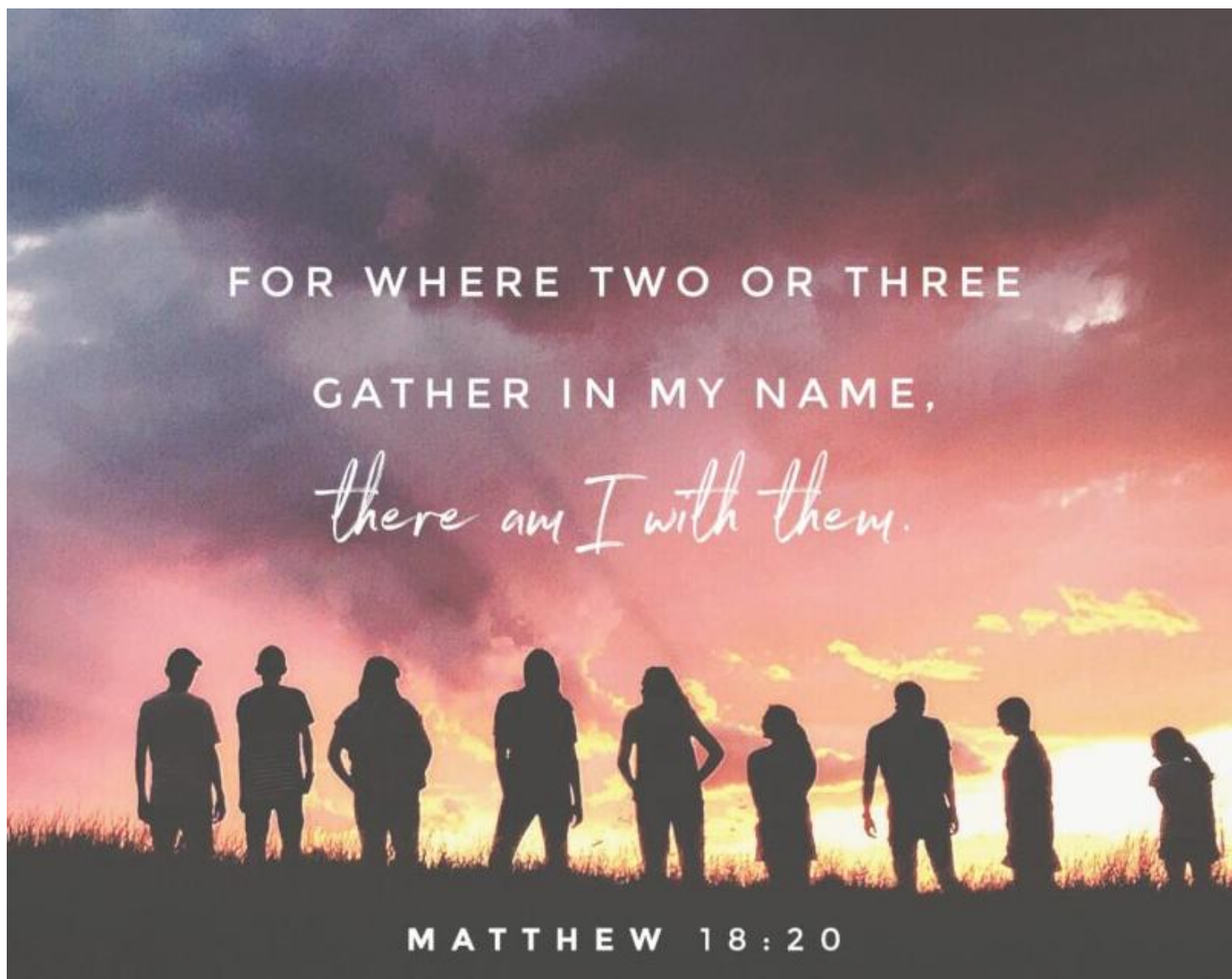
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, September 6, 2026 | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome Home!

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

This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

PRELUDE |

OPENING HYMN 432 | O Praise Ye the Lord

Laudate Dominum



1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
 *3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

Celebrant: Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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. **Amen**

GLORIA S280 | Glory to God

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Ezekiel 33:7-11

Reader: *A reading from Ezekiel.*

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

THE PSALM

Psalm 119:33-40 | *The Glories of God's Law*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

(continued)

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

THE EPISTLE | Romans 13:8-14

10:30 a.m. service

Reader: *A reading from Romans.*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN VF 164 | The Church Is Wherever God’s People Are

Cornish melody

The musical score is for the hymn 'The Church Is Wherever God's People Are' (VF 164), set to the Cornish melody. It is written in 6/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The score features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. Above the vocal line, the following chords are indicated: F, Bb/D, F/A, Gm/Bb, and C. The lyrics are provided for two parts: 1. 'The church is wher-ev-er God's peo-ple are prais-ing,' and 2. 'The church is wher-ev-er God's peo-ple are help-ing,'. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line.

F B $\flat$ /D F/A C7 F Gm7/D

sing-ing their thanks for joy on this day. The church is wher-ev-er dis -
car - ing for neigh-bors in sick-ness and need. The church is wher-ev-er God's

Gm/B $\flat$ C F/A Dm Gm7 C7 F

ci - ples of Je - sus re - mem-ber his sto - ry and walk in his way.
peo-ple are shar-ing the words of the Bi - ble in gift and in deed.

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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.

Optional Ending

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

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

THE SERMON | The Rev. Marcia Davenport, *Associate Rector for Children and Family Ministries*

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED |

All:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

Lord God, about whom our first great story is your work in creating our world, thank you on this Sunday of Labor Day weekend for the work of your people in your world.

Thank you for the work that we often take for granted, performed by people whom, in our haste, we often don't acknowledge – the work of janitors and garbage collectors, of grass cutters, dish washers, and day laborers, of administrative assistants and road repair crews, of hospital orderlies, seamstresses, and assembly line workers, of those who plant and harvest and prepare our food.

Thank you for those whose work in your name is often known to you alone – the work of those who care for the sick and the dying, the poor and the lost, the angry and afraid, and those who labor in lands where there is danger and uncertainty.

Thank you for those whose work brings us laughter and fun, for those who entertain and enliven us, for those whose work enriches the human experience, for those whose work teaches us to be more than we can be by ourselves alone.

Thank you for the work done by your church around the world, especially The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria and in all places, in all times, especially today for the work of the people in the churches of: St. George's, Mt. Savage, St. James Chapel, Hagerstown, and St. James', Westernport and here in our own Christ Church. Thank for the leadership and guidance of our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard & Marcia. Thank you for work of the staff and volunteers here, the work of the members of our Vestry and congregation, the work of those new to us and visiting with us.

Lord, be with those who are sick and those who are dying. We pray especially today for Ashley, Kimberly, Lisa, Rita, Kaci, MaryAnn, Mark, Brandon, Clarence, Diane, Mildred, Kayode, Rachan & Sherry. Bless the hands of those whose work it is to be with them.

We give thanks for the lives and work of those who have died, as we remember especially Pam Foulds.

We rejoice in the happy work connected to the celebrations of our lives, today remembering the birthdays of Jonatha, Beryl, Lee, Ralph, Lynn, Dorothy, Noah, Susan & Bill, and the wedding anniversary of Marquis & Greta Barnes, and baptismal anniversaries of Patricia & Marjorie.

Thank you, Lord, for the work you have done in making us, your sons and daughters. Help us this week to do the work you have for us to do, as we work to make this world a better place for all your people, in your name. **AMEN**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION |

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 |

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING | Ernest & Yvonne Grant

OFFERTORY HYMN 602 | There's Something About That Name

Chereponi

Chorus



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are rich— and poor, neigh-bors are black— and
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
love. All— are neigh-bors to us and you.
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Please scan to give.



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 HOLY COMMUNION



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

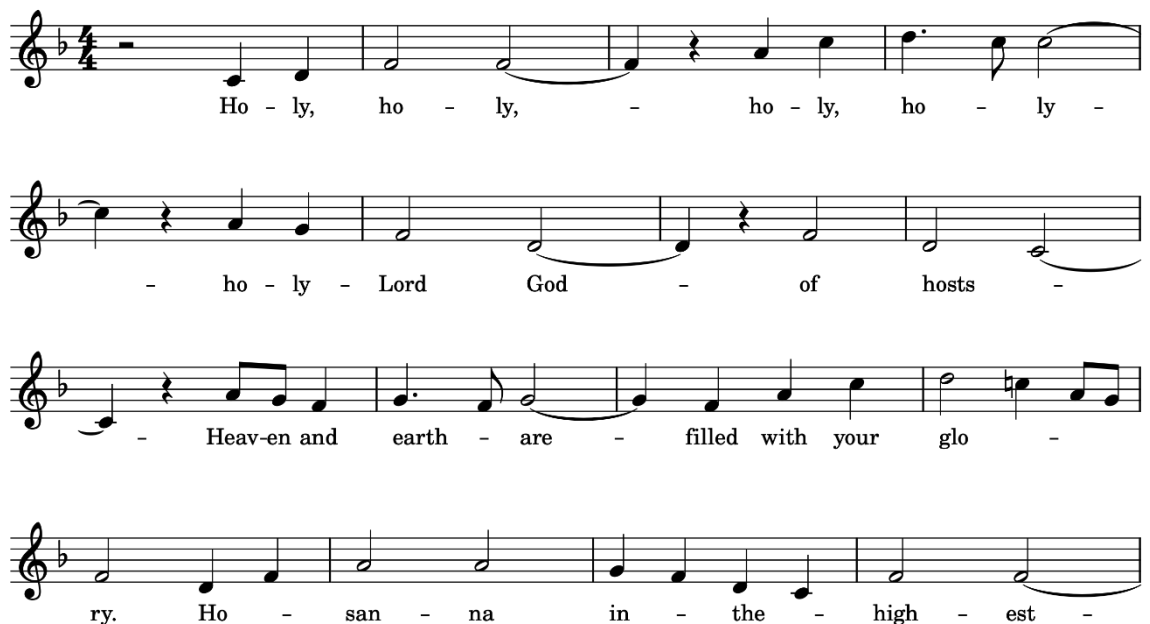
People: We lift them to the Lord.

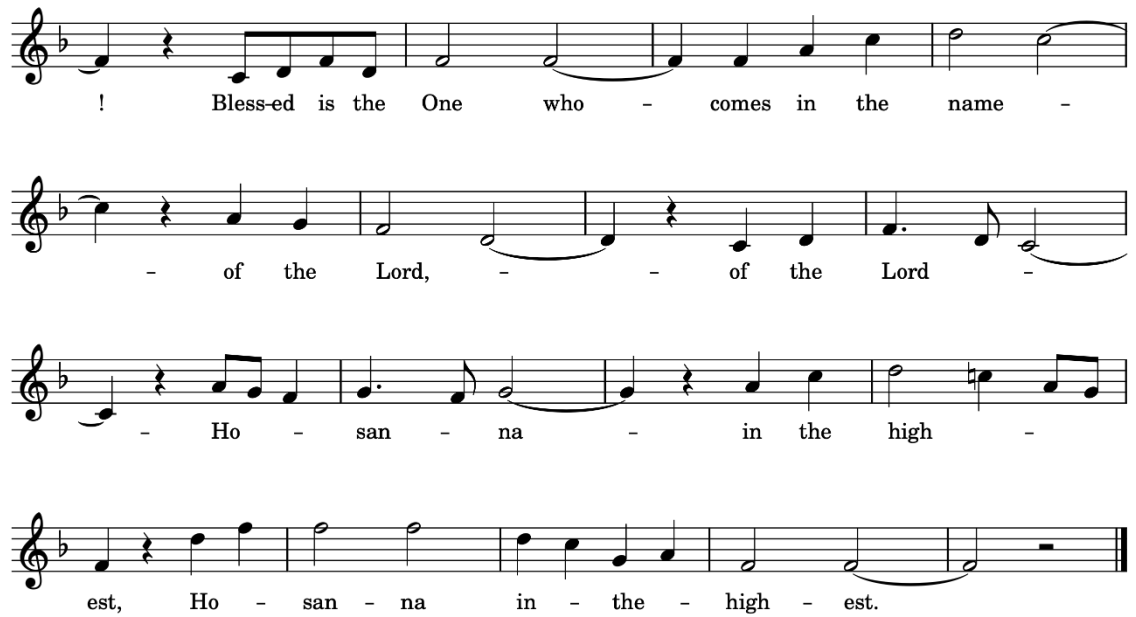
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:





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."

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

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. **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.

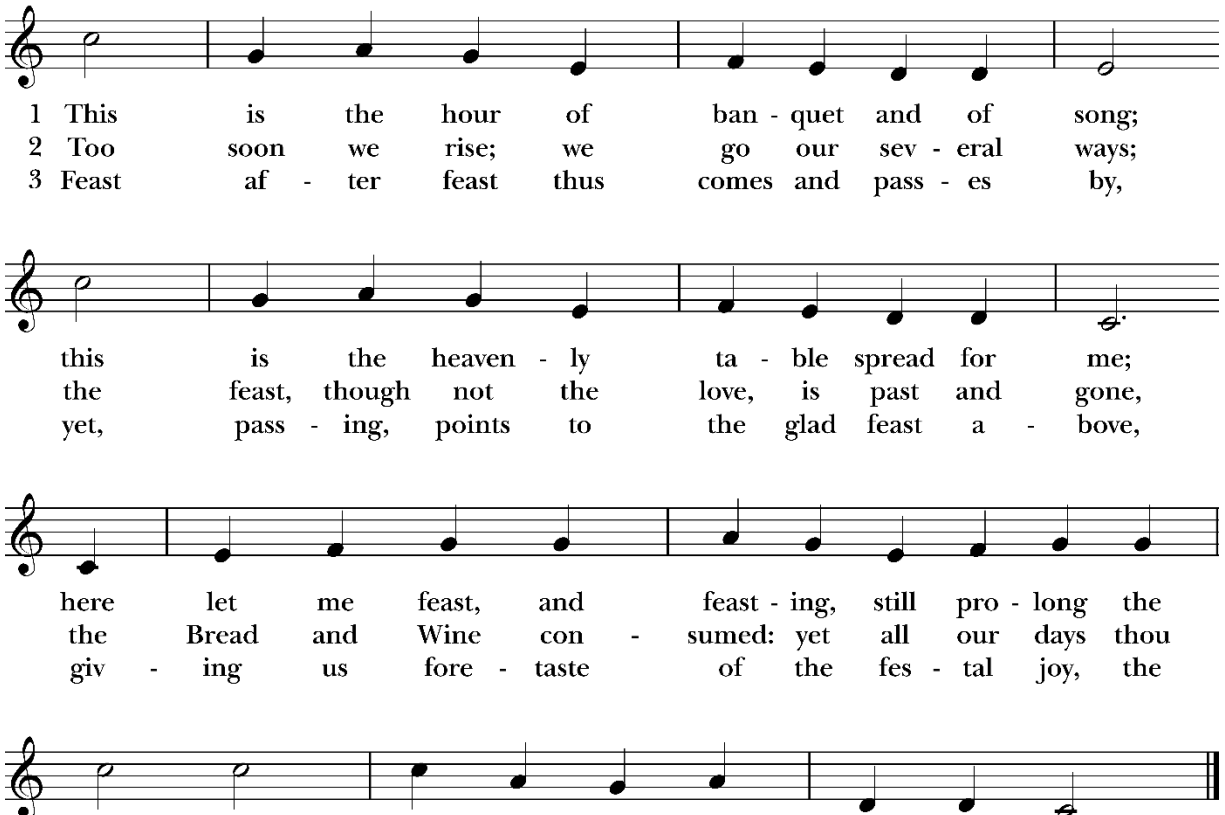
FRACTION ANTHEM LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

organ

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.





1 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;
 3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,

this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
 yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,

here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long the
 the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days thou
 giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy, the

brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
 still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.
 Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8 & 10:30 a.m. service

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING |

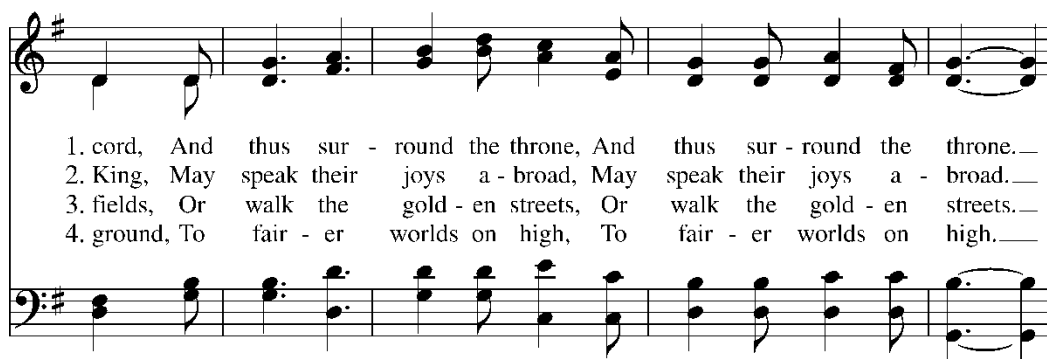
The Celebrant offers a blessing, and the People respond Amen.



1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join
 2. Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But
 3. The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets Be
 4. Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry; We're



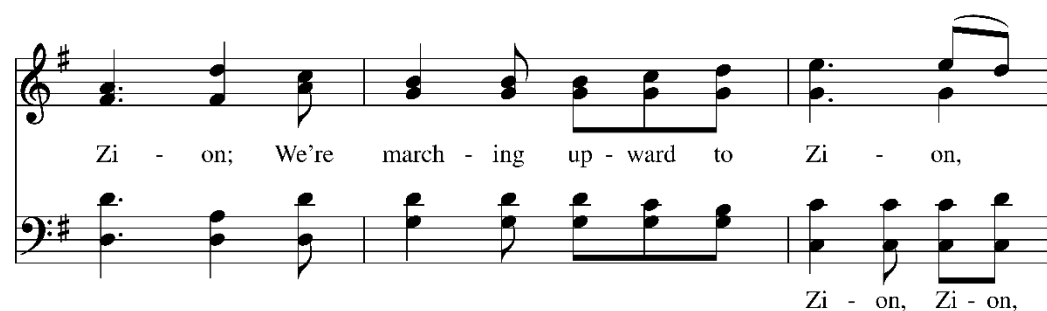
1. in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet ac -
 2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly
 3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly
 4. march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's



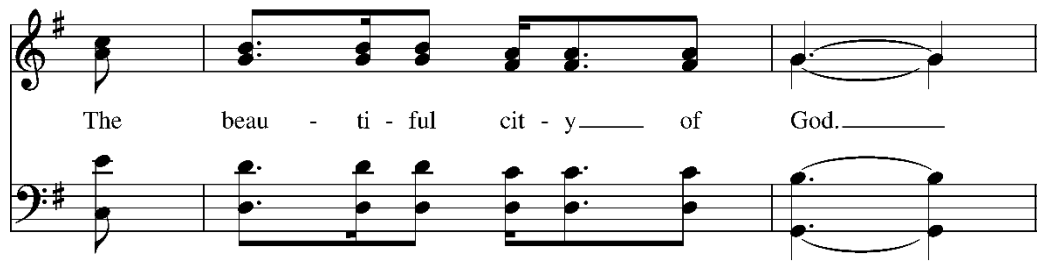
1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.
 2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.
 3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.
 4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,



Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,
 Zi - on, Zi - on,



THE DISMISSAL |

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

POSTLUDE |

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Assisting in Worship Today

Altar Guild

Ivy Amponsah, Sonni Aribiah, Jai Fatodu, Kathy Simms

8:00 a.m. Service

Chalicerist: Sonni Aribiah

Lector/Reader: Sonni Aribiah

Usher: Kayode Fatodu

10:30 a.m. Service

Acolytes: Shreya Chrzanowski, Daniel Jackson, James Mercer

Chalicerist: Kathy Lyon

Lector/Reader: Kathy Lyon

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

Tellers

Brian Farnandis, Cherry Williams

PARISH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 6 – 12, 2026

Sunday, September 6

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:00 am	Family Service
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
11:00 – 11:30 am	Coffee Hour - Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Refugee Ministry Event - New Brick, LL
4:30 – 7:30 pm	Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL

Monday, September 7

All Day	Labor Day – Office Closed
7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – Parish Hall, LL
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee Hour - Zoom
1:00 – 10:00 pm	IRC Prep - Parish Hall, LL
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	WOCC Monthly Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Exercise Class – Parish Hall, LL
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom
7:00 – 8:30 pm	300 Yr Leadership Committee Meeting – Zoom

Thursday, September 10

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, UL
6:30 – 9:00 pm	EfM: Fast Track – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL

Friday, September 11

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream

Saturday, September 12

8:00 – 10:00 am	Altar Guild prep
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Center for Spiritual Nourishment (CSN)
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Vision & Strategy Committee Meeting – Old Brick
2:00 – 4:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild prep



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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

Christ Church's Fall Service Schedule Begins Next Sunday, September 13

Next Sunday, September 13th, Christ Church begins its fall schedule with three services. The first service takes place in Old Brick at 8:00 a.m. and does not contain music. Our popular Family Worship returns to New Brick at 9:00, featuring songs, stories, and communion centered around the younger members of our church. Then at 10:30, we have Holy Eucharist with choral and musical accompaniment, also in New Brick. Sunday School, Youth Formation, Sunday Circle, and all of our other formation and fellowship gatherings also begin that day. No matter what service or classes you choose, we hope to see you because **EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE**.

Church Office Closed - Next Monday, September 7

In observance of Labor Day, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, and reopen on Tuesday, September 8. If you require pastoral care during Labor Day weekend, please contact Father Manny - revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. Be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church or by emailing centering@christchurchcolumbia.org.

WOCC Meeting - Next Tuesday, September 8

WOCC meetings resume in September, so join us! The first is on Tuesday evening, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. and is a Zoom meeting - [that link is here](#). We are also planning our annual **Flea Market and Craft Fair for September 19**, and need all the help to run the event. We need help with setup and cleanup, and also need a lot more people to help us direct traffic. Simply put, **this event is impossible** to hold without the efforts of many volunteers. So, please consider joining us for this Zoom meeting to see how you can help.

Find Your Sanctuary at CSN - Saturday, September 12

As summer gives way to autumn, we rest and reflect on the growth of summer and lean into who we are becoming in this new season. Join us for the return of the Sound Bath, Fr. Mike's inaugural healing space for trauma, grief, and hope, spiritual direction, inspirational films, and inspiring teaching. The 2nd Saturday Center for Spiritual Nourishment (CSN) provides opportunities for us to be in closer relationship with God by offering an array of experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit. Learn about the 2nd Saturday CSN at our website - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/spiritual-nourishment.

A Weekend of Films at Christ Church - September 11 & 12

The second weekend in September, three movies are shown in the lower level of the Church Office building. First up, the film *Soul Surfer* is at 7:00 p.m. on September 11, followed by two movies from the *Miracle* series during the **Center for Spiritual Nourishment** on Saturday, September 12. Come and enjoy one, or see all three. You can learn more about them on the posters around campus.

Register for Sunday School - Begins September 13

From Autumn through Spring, Faith Formation is thriving at Christ Church, and anyone from pre-K to 12th grade is invited to gather with us next fall. It's a program of age-appropriate, relevant, and engaging classes, and we're looking forward to an exciting year! The next Sunday School year begins on September 13, and registration links are on **our website's Sunday School page**. Our Youth and Family Ministry is growing—an amazing blessing—but it also means we need a little help. Right now, we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to step into our preschool Sunday School classrooms for the next program year, beginning in September. You don't need a degree in theology, of course, just a warm heart and a willingness to share God's love with our littlest ones. The curriculum and all supplies are provided for you, and we have a team of clergy and leaders to help you get started and support you along the way. If you can help us fill these spots, please speak with Mother Marcia Davenport at church or email **revmarcia@christchurchcolumbia.org**. You can also call the Church Office to see when she is in her office.

Theology on Tap - Wednesday, September 16

Brew and banter, lager and laughs! Theology on Tap is a fun, informal get-together to grab a beverage and enjoy structure-free conversation about interesting religious, spiritual, and social topics. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16 at **Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd** at 8895 McGaw Road in Columbia. If you have any questions, please speak with any MOCC member or email **MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Noonday Healing Eucharist - Thursdays

Throughout the year, Christ Church offers a midday Healing Eucharist on Thursdays in Old Brick. A member of our clergy leads this service of readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Parishioners and community members are all welcome to join in a prayerful time in the presence of God, and to share in the wonderful mystery of God's love whilst we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones. Please come in to reflect, pray, and participate in a service held in our beautiful, historic chapel.

Christ Church Choir is Back! - Thursday Evenings

Get ready, all you singers and music lovers! The choir has resumed rehearsals in New Brick on Thursday evenings - Handbell Choir at 6:45 and Adult Choir at 7:30 - and all adults are welcome to join us. Whether you read music or not, have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit full-time or not, there's a place for you to give it a shot in our handbell &/or vocal choirs. If you're interested, please speak with Larissa at church on Sundays or email her at **music@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Flea Market UPDATE - Saturday, September 19

Soon, it'll be time for the Christ Church Flea Market and Craft Fair, presented by the WOCC. This year, it's on Saturday, September 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date 9/26), and takes place on the Christ Church campus. Setup is from 7-9 a.m.

that morning, and cleanup is from 2-3 p.m. We can use a lot of help to contribute to and run the Baked Goods, Food Court, and Book Sale tables. We also need more people to help with traffic management. There are sign-up sheets for all of these in the Narthex of New Brick. The drop-off of donations for the Book Sale is in the lower level of the Parish Hall at:

- Sunday, Sept 13th from 9:00 am -12:00 pm
- Monday, Sept 14th to Friday, Sept 18th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, Sept 16th from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

We still have spaces available to rent for the event - **you can reserve your spaces now!** This community event is open to the public, so come see what your neighbors have to offer. There will be housewares, jewelry, books, clothing, tasty baked treats, grilled goodies, and so much more! Whether you're a vendor or a participant, you can learn more on our website, which goes live today - **www.christchurchcolumbia.org/flea-market**

MOCC Breakfast - Saturday, September 26

Join us for French toast and fellowship - the MOCC breakfast is a monthly tradition, and in September, it will take place one week later than usual - on Saturday, September 26. Set your GPS to **Silver Diner at 8250 Gateway Overlook Drive in Columbia**. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m., and all ages are welcome.

We Always Need More Help at Christ Church

There are many roles in the church that most people don't think of regularly – or at all. However, it requires a great deal of work by many people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish it is. You can help your church by volunteering as a Reader, Chalcist, or Teller, serving in the Inreach Ministry, or assisting the Christ Church Altar Guild. None of these requires weekly assistance - both only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. For those specifically interested in the Altar Guild, email **altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org** or speak with Pam Foreman or any other Altar Guild member setting up on Sunday mornings. If you want to know more about the Inreach Ministry, please speak with Michon Semon at church, complete the brief form at **cecevents.org/Inreach**, or email us at **inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**, and we will get you started. For those interested in assisting as a Reader, Chalcist, or Teller, please call the Church Office at **office@christchurchcolumbia.org** or speak with Yetti.

Christ Church Donates to UNICEF to Aid Victims of Nepal Flood Disaster

The collapse of a Himalayan glacier on Aug. 26 caused flash flooding in steep river valleys between Nepal and Tibet, killing more than 1,000 people and leaving 4,000 missing. Rescuers now face the threat of more flooding and vast mudslides as they search for survivors in tunnels, according to a Sept. 2 **[report by NPR](#)**.

UNICEF has mobilized aid to those displaced by the utter devastation. In an **[online post](#)** updated on Aug. 31, UNICEF estimated that more than 17,000 children in Nepal are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. It has been working in Nepal since 1964 and is partnering with the government to be most effective.

In response, Outreach Commission members approved a \$500 contribution to UNICEF. Thanks to parishioners' pledges and contributions to Christ Church, Outreach can draw upon Vestry-approved funds each year for disaster aid. The donations are in keeping with our mission to help those in need – locally, nationally, and internationally.

Please join in praying for those harmed by natural disasters. At times like these, one helpful resource for parishioners is the **[prayer hub](#)** provided by **[Episcopal Relief & Development](#)** (ERD), which offers an online guide to people seeking comfort and hope. There you'll find prayers **[in a time of a disaster](#)** and **[prayers amid crisis](#)**.



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