



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Sunday, January 12, 2025 | First Sunday after Epiphany



WELCOME HOME!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

We are delighted you're here – welcome home!

PRELUDE |

OPENING HYMN 93 | Angels from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in



all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: come and wor - ship,
yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
ye have seen his na - tal star:
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.



OPENING ACCLAMATION |

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 96 | Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The score is divided into several systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piece includes a refrain section with a melodic line and piano accompaniment. The score concludes with a final cadence.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 43:1-7

Reader: *A reading from Isaiah.*

Thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Reader: *The word of the Lord.*

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

THE PSALM |

Psalm 29 | *Afferte Domino*



Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders; *

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Antiphon

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *

and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord *

all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *

the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Antiphon

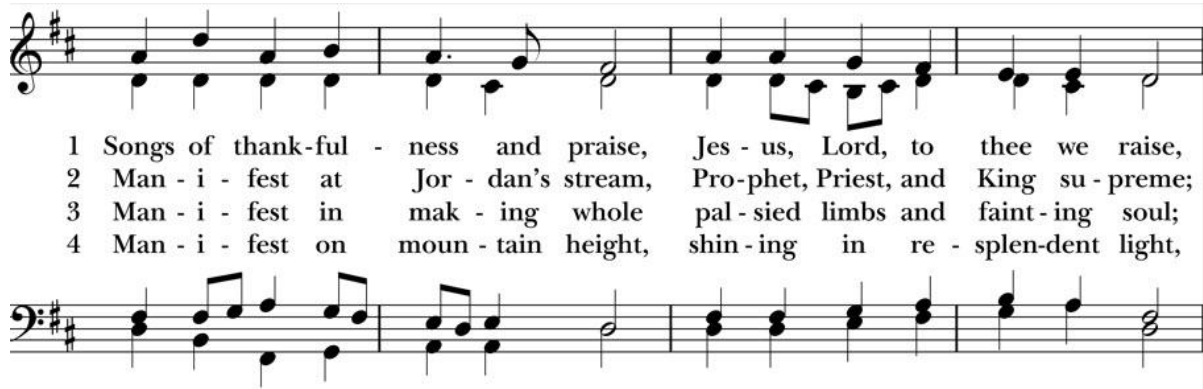
THE EPISTLE | Acts 8:14-17

Reader: A reading from Acts.

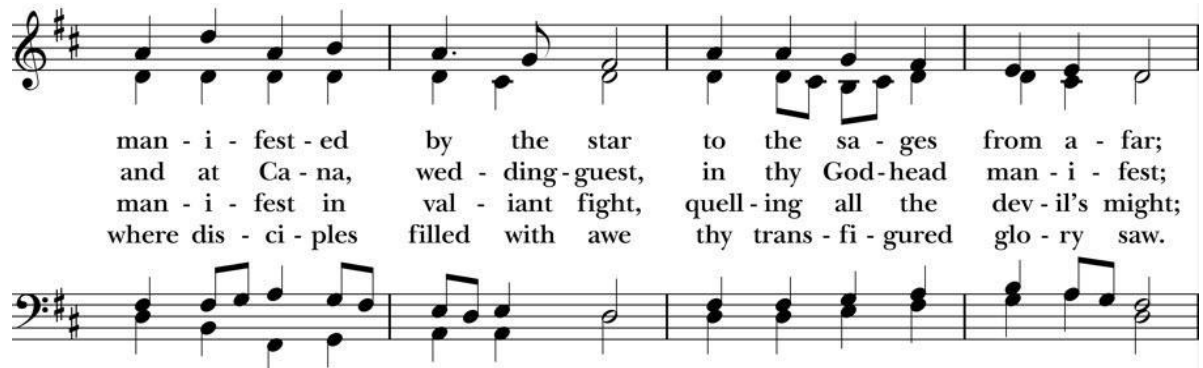
When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The word of the Lord.


People: Thanks be to God.



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

THE GOSPEL | Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley



Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,
Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that
mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

THE 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 worshiped 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 |

Shining light and radiant glory reflect the majesty of the Lord! Our God is full of compassion and redeems our lives. He listens to those in distress providing solace and encouragement for all in need. His love is lavished on the poor and oppressed. Christ's grace is an abundant everlasting gift to humankind. May the Peace of God cover the earth.
Lord, King of Justice, hear our prayer

We pay tribute and honor to a newborn destined to change the world, may we raise our eyes to the heavens certain in our faith and hope that our Lord lives and reigns now and forever. We pray for the leadership of our Church: for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Carrie our Diocesan Bishop, for our Rector, Emanuel, for our Associate Priest Emeritus, Marcia, for our Deacon, Kiona, for our Postulants, Mike and Rebecca, for our retired Rector, Richard, for the Vestry of Christ Church, for our Wardens, Denisa, and Diane and for our engaged laity. We give thanks for the growth of the Anglican Communion as we hold up in prayer The Church of the Province of West Africa. In the Diocese of Maryland, we ask God's blessing for our sister parishes. *Lord, may Your power be revealed through those who live in Your Love*

As we enter Epiphany, let us bring others to see the marvels of the Lord. We truly welcome all newcomers and visitors to Christ Church today. We hope that our music, prayers, Eucharist and fellowship have brought you joy. Your presence has enriched our worship. *Lord, let us share our many Blessings with others*

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We extend our deepest thoughts and prayers to all those who are ill, especially Tori, Trish, Marcy, Ben, Davice, Carlos, Victoria, Pat, Betsy, Emmy, John, Claudia, Constance, Jim, Wayne, Theo, Ronald, Rachan, Kim, Sabrina, Jim, Tim, Cindy, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred & Nell and those you now name. We ask the Lord's healing touch in restoring health and wholeness to all. May the family members and caregivers be strengthened to provide encouragement and comfort to those who are ill. We also remember those who have died, especially former President Jimmy Carter, Joan Bruggink, and those you now name. May those who mourn be comforted by our Lord's promise of eternal life. ***Lord, be with us always***

Our congregation gives thanks for happy occasions in our lives. Today we celebrate the birthdays, of Brian, King, Monica, Deepti, Caleb, Diya, Vernon, Greta, Brett, Sam, Harolyn, John, Virginia & Ronald, and wedding anniversary of Preethi & Sam Jackson, and baptismal anniversaries of Ava, Alicia, Jeannette & Nick.. As a family in Christ, we share our journeys together. ***Lord, we are so grateful for Your Care***

May we continue to pay homage to our Heavenly Father and to give Him the treasure of our hearts. -***Amen***

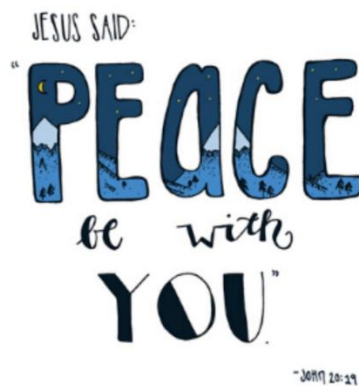
THE PEACE |

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | Three Kings from Persian Lands

Gustav von Holst

Please scan to give.



Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,
 hymn and chant and high thanks giv - ing, and un - wea - ried
 prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry and do - min - - ion,
 and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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...

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

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 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. **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.**

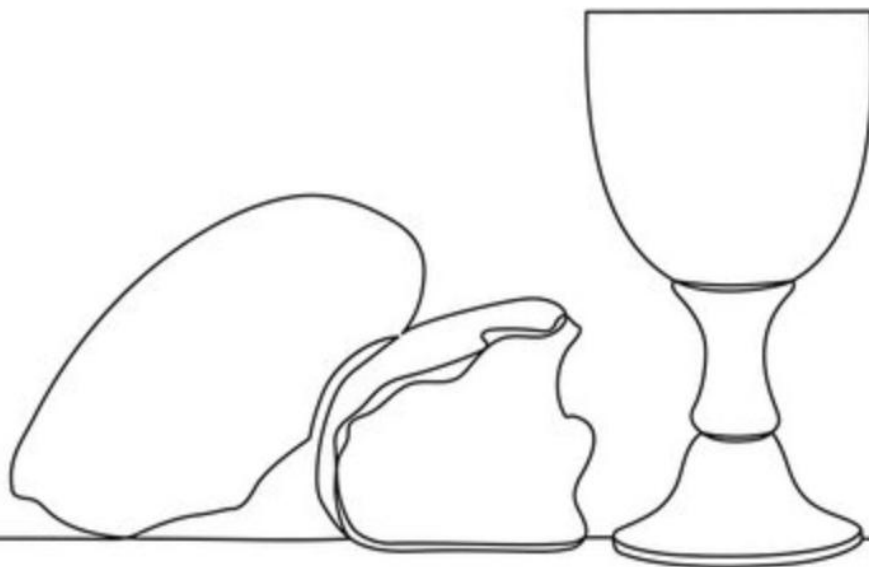
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

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

FRACTION ANTHEM HYMN 324 (V.2) | King of Kings

Picardy

King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heaven - ly food.





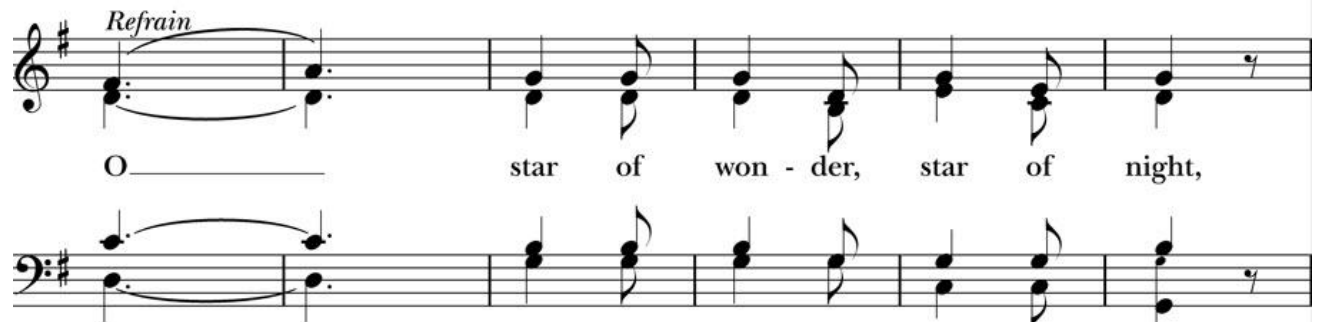
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



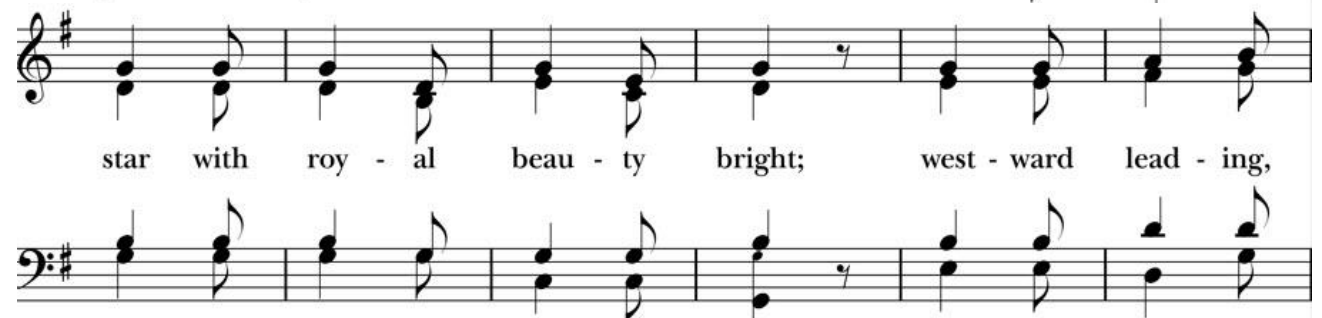
1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



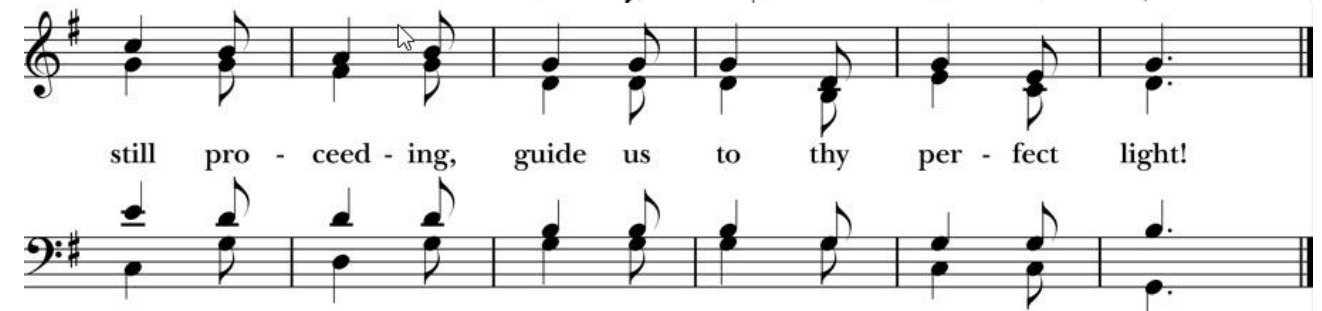
1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



O star of won - der, star of night,



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING |

The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 119 | As with Gladness Men of Old

Dix



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;



1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:



1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.



THE DISMISSAL |

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

POSTLUDE |

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Assisting in Worship Today

10:30 a.m. in New Brick

Lector: Cheryl Lucente

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

Chalicer: Cheryl Lucente, Ivy Amponsah

Acolyte: Shreya Chrzanowski, Nevaeh Wilmot, Lucinda Banks

Altar Guild: Pam Foreman, Cheryl Lucente, Sarah Mugo

Tellers: Bill Kirkpatrick

**The LORD will give
strength unto his
people; the LORD
will bless his
people with peace.**

Psalm 29:11

PARISH CALENDAR

January 12-18, 2025

Sunday, January 12

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am Family Worship – New Brick
9:30 am Youth Formation, Adult Forum: Sunday Circle, Sunday School
10:30 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 – Old Brick
1:30 – 4:00 pm EfM – Parish Hall, Conference Room & Zoom

Monday, January 13

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm Dorsey Center Meal Drop-Off
3:15 – 3:30 pm Grassroots Drop-off
6:00 – 8:30 pm Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 pm Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm Outreach Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
12 – 1:00 pm Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:30 – 9:30 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, January 15

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
3 – 9:30 pm Crystal Vocal Arts – New Brick, upper level
6:30 – 8:30 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, January 16

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:45 – 7:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal – New Brick sanctuary
7:30 – 9:00 pm CEC Book Club – Zoom

Friday, January 17

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
5 – 11:00 pm Event Rental set up – New Brick, lower level
7:00 pm Evening Prayer Livestream

Saturday, January 18

9:30 – 11:30 am MOCC Breakfast – IHOP, Columbia
1 – 3:30 pm AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
6 pm – 12:00 am Edu Event – New Brick, lower level

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



Formation Classes and Sunday School Return Today

This Sunday, all of our formation gatherings return. Visit www.christchurchcolumbia.org/sundays for times and locations.

Sunday Circle: Theology of Justice

As we reflect on the importance of Epiphany, Christ Church Sunday Circle will explore the Theology of Justice. Beginning today, January 12th, we will examine how several Civil Rights leaders have approached the justice issue. Professor Arthur Sutherland presents a few classes, and Rebecca Warlow leads the other. Don't miss this insightful series, and you're welcome to gather in person in Old Brick or by logging in remotely via Zoom.

Our Altar Guild Needs Your Help!

The Christ Church Altar Guild can truly use a few more people to help us in our ministry of providing clean linens and items for every worship service. It is a vital service to our parish, so if you are interested in signing up or learning more, please visit our website's Altar Guild page - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/altar-guild - or speak with Pam Foreman or any Altar Guild member at church today. Thank you.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer returns in 2025, a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God and a more powerful experience of God's presence in our lives. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. We are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. You can also ask for the Zoom details or for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church, or by emailing centering@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Christ Church Choirs - Thursdays

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

Christ Church Book Club - Thursdays

If you're interested in reading and discussing great books with a friendly, engaging, and welcoming group of fellow parishioners, the CEC Book Club might be for you – and we're starting a new book this Thursday! The CECBC works by choosing a book, reading a chapter or two each week at home, and then gathering on Zoom for an hour or so on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. to share thoughts and have lively conversations. If you want more info, please speak with coordinator Ellen Hoke at church or email bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Men of Christ Church Breakfast - January 18

Join the Men of Christ Church for our monthly breakfast and fellowship, which takes place on the third Saturday of every month. Our next gathering will be on Saturday, January 18th at 9:30 a.m. at the Silver Diner, 8250 Gateway Overlook Drive in Elkridge. Everyone is invited to join us.

MOCC Family Bowling - January 24

Come and join the MOCC for an evening of bowling at Bowlero in Columbia on Friday, January 24th at 7:30 p.m. This is a family event, and everyone is welcome to join us - a fun time will be had by all. Bowlero is located at 7100 Carved Stone Road in Columbia.

The Search for an Associate Rector

Last autumn, the Christ Church Vestry approved a motion to create a search committee to fill an Associate Rector position for our parish. If you have any interest in joining this committee, please speak with our Senior Warden, Denisa Abdallah, at church on Sunday or email her at srwarden@christchurchcolumbia.org and write "Search committee" in the subject line. Thank you.

Please Consider Donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund

At this time of year, the RDF becomes depleted very quickly - there are so many people in need of a helping hand. One way that you can help is by donating to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. If you can, [please visit our Online Giving Form](#) and choose "Rector's Discretionary Fund" from the dropdown menu. Every bit helps us help others.

DreamBuilders Meeting - This Sunday

Join us for the DreamBuilders General Meeting this Sunday, January 12th, at 3 p.m. at Temple Isaiah. Come and hear about all the work we will be doing in 2025! We have a spring project with the ARC of Howard County in April, and we are talking with Bridges to Housing Stability about renovating one of their properties as soon as January! And we'll be returning to Kentucky in June for another blitz build. We've got a great video to show off our 2024 Kentucky team, featuring our own Christ Church missionaries, Jasmine, Alexander, and Kiona, along with their teammates.

Sutton Scholars Fundraiser at TopGolf - February 20

Join the Board of Sutton Scholars for a fundraiser partnering with TopGolf in Baltimore. The Sutton Scholars High School Enrichment Program helps Baltimore City high school students become confident, competent, and capable contributors to their communities by equipping them with the life skills that are essential for academic, workplace, and personal success. Whether you are a golf aficionado or want to have a fun night out with friends, we invite you to gather at TopGolf on Thursday, February 20th from 6-8:00 p.m. Speak with Duane Smith if you want more info.

MOCC School Fundraiser

Christian Beginnings Preschool is a Christ-centered and ADW-approved preschool that is fully accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education. They offer classes for three- and four-year-olds (pre-K) during the school year. Their philosophy is that our students will begin to see God in their world and in others while learning and playing in a joyous Christian setting. The school offers a Christian foundation with an emphasis on kindness, caring, and seeing & sharing the love of God in many ways.

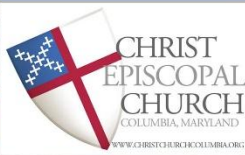
This school was established in 1996 by Ed Chrzanowski's mother, Marie Rose Chrzanowski. CBP continues as an amazing learning experience for the children of the St. John Vianney Catholic Church community and serves as a testament to her memory. Learn more at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/post/mocc-preschool-fundraiser

Pilgrimage 2025: July 22-28, 2025

[Register for this exciting journey](#) to Navajoland (Arizona & New Mexico)! We will take 25 youth and adults across the country to experience the spiritual practices of our siblings in Navajoland. Enjoy great scenery, hiking, amazing food, and new friends. We are partnering with [Wonder Voyage](#) to explore as many places and experience as much as we can over the course of our weeklong pilgrimage. This is a once-in-a-lifetime trip that's not to be missed! Speak with Chaplain Kiona for more information, or email revkiona@christchurchcolumbia.org.



HELP US FINISH STRONG!



**Your year-end giving makes a difference,
so please remember Christ Church, and help us finish strong.**

As we prepare for Christmas and the beginning of the new year, we hope that you are able to gather with family and friends to celebrate this blessed season.

Although it has been a long and challenging year, we also give thanks - especially during this season of gratitude and joy - and we ask you to consider how Christ Church has touched your life and the lives of your loved ones. We pray that you will reflect on how the different ministries that abound here at Christ Church have touched someone and changed their lives and that you will consider a gift to Christ Church as part of your end-of-year giving.

Christ Church depends greatly on your faithful and generous support in transforming lives. Your generosity makes it possible for Christ Church to offer a faithful nurturing space, enriching worship for children and adults, and a place of deep comfort. Your giving allows Christ Church to thrive and grow during uncertain and difficult times. And more importantly, your giving ensures that Christ Church continues its life-sustaining ministries.

We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting Christ Church with a gift at www.tinyurl.com/CEC-EOY2024, or scan the QR code below.

With our best wishes for a very Happy New Year,
Fr. Manny+





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