



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, April 6, 2025 | Fifth Sunday in Lent



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: 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.

We are delighted you're here – welcome home!

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN 649 | O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Dickinson College

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste in you our liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spi - rits yearn wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

life and our true light, we seek the peace your love im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your pres - ence we dis -
mo - ments calm and bright; oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts, and stand re - joic - ing in your sight.
head, our thirst - ing souls to quench and fill.
cern, blest, when our faith can hold you fast.
way, shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
People: His mercy endureth forever.

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 43:16-21

Reader: *A reading from Isaiah.*

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Reader: *The word of the Lord.*

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

The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

THE PSALM |

Psalm 126 | *(Song of the returning exiles)*



When the Lord overturned the captivity of ¹ Zion, |
then were we like those who ¹ dream. ||
Then was our mouth filled with ¹ laughter |
and our tongue with shouts of ¹ joy. ||
Then they said among the ¹ nations, |
“The Lord has done great things for ¹ them.” ||
Indeed, the Lord has done great things for us al ¹ ready, |
Where of we re ¹ rejoice. ||
Overturn our captivity, O ¹ Lord, |
as when streams refresh the deserts of the ¹ south. ||
Those who sow in ¹ tears |
shall reap with songs of ¹ joy. ||
He who goes on his way weeping and bears good ¹ seed |
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with ¹ him. ||

THE EPISTLE | Philippians 3:4b-14

Reader: A reading from Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

THE GOSPEL | John 12:1-8

All stand for the Gospel

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, 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 | Rebecca Warlow, *Candidate for Ordination to the Diaconate*

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 |

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

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Carrie, our Diocesan Bishop, Emmanuel, our Rector; Kiona, our Deacon; Richard, our Rector Emeritus; Marcia, our Associate Rector Emeritus; Rebecca, our Candidate for Ordination to the Diaconate; and Mike our Postulant; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

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

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Luke, Barbara, Kerry, Lucy, Wha-Ja, Sharon, and those who care for them.

The People may add additional petitions and thanksgivings.

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

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

CONFESSION OF SIN |

You may step forward to the altar for a blessing from the Celebrant.

Deacon : 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 with thy spirit.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | Wilt Thou Forgive

John Dunne arr. Arlen Clark

Please scan to give.



DOXOLOGY HYMN 380 (V.1) |

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

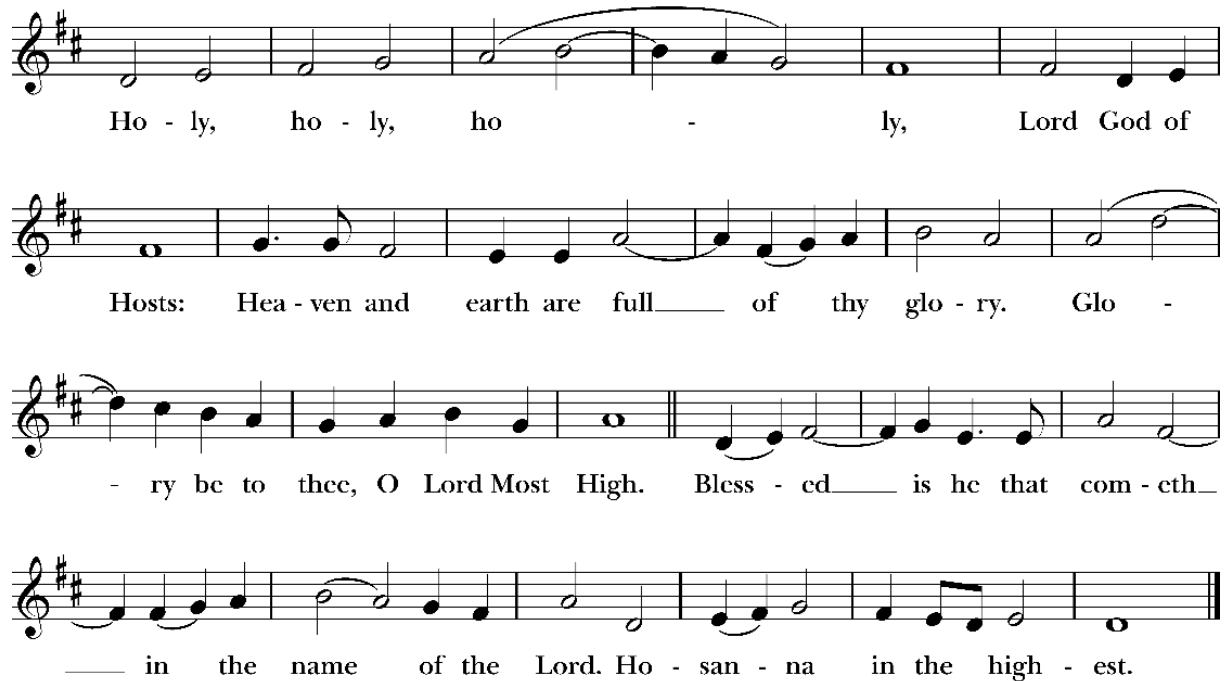
People: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant:

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

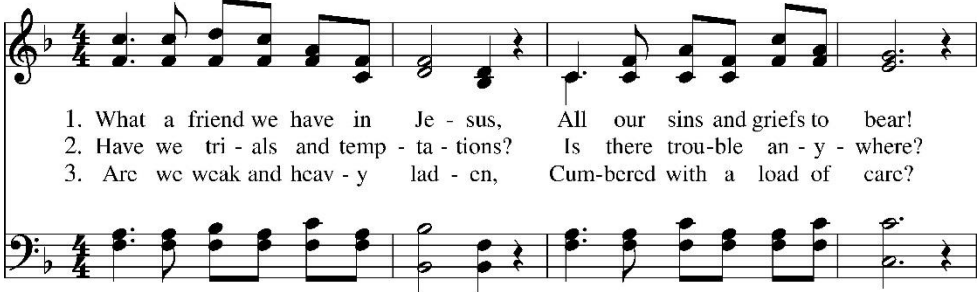
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

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


O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS |

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
 2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

CLOSING HYMN 552 | Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

Pentecost

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
*3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less
*4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth

strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and
eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing
not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

THE DISMISSAL |

The Celebrant dismisses the people who respond:

Thanks be to God!

(The Alleluias are omitted in Lent)

POSTLUDE |

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Assisting in Worship Today

8:00 a.m. in Old Brick

Lector: Sonni Aribiah

Usher: Onyx & Kayode Williams

Chalicerist: Sonni Aribiah

10:30 a.m. in New Brick

Lector: Kathy Lyon

Chalicerist: Kathy Lyon, Mary Vail

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

Altar Guild: Pam Foreman, Cheryl Lucente, Sarah Mugo

Tellers: Cathy Gold, Rhonda Tomlinson

PARISH CALENDAR

April 6 – 12, 2025

Sunday, April 6

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
8:45 am	Blood Pressure & Medication Check – Elevator Room
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
1:15 – 5:45 pm	Sundays at Three – Parish Hall, Conference Room & Zoom
1:30 – 4:00 pm	EfM – Parish Hall, Conference Room & Zoom
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Lenten Taizé – New Brick

Monday, April 7

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	WOCC Meeting – New Brick, lower level & Zoom

Tuesday, April 8

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Building and Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, April 9

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Health Ministry Meeting
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Wednesday Evenings in Lent Series – New Brick, lower level

Thursday, April 10

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:45 – 7:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick sanctuary
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, April 11

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 – 12:00 pm	Lumen Christi Practice – New Brick, upper level
3:00 – 10:00 pm	Movie Screening “The Jesus Revolution” – Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom
8:00 – 11:59 pm	Tabernacle of David – Old Brick

Saturday, April 12

8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Center for Spiritual Nourishment – New Brick
9:00 – 11:00 am	Movie Screening “All Saint” – New Brick, lower level
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick
2:00 – 4:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild Prep – Old Brick
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick



Lenten Taizé – This Evening

Tonight at 6:00 p.m., Christ Church offers a service of contemplative prayer and music in the tradition of the Taizé community of France, promoting peace and justice through prayer and meditation. Our Lenten Taizé Vespers service gives attention to silence, holy words, prayer, and singing, and offers a chance to meditate and reflect on God's love and presence in one's life, to offer prayer for oneself and others, and to share in a supportive community of fellow pilgrims on the way. Gather with us in the New Brick Sanctuary for this very special and restorative service.

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



Sunday Circle: *Faces of Evil*

Lent is a period where we prepare ourselves with prayer, fasting, repentance, spiritual discipline, and self-denial. During the 2025 season, Sunday Circle explores a few examples of evil that we have experienced in the world. In doing so, we at Christ Church will reflect and try to learn how we can take inventory and better manage ourselves as we encounter such individuals and situations. Join us in Old Brick at 9:30 a.m. today, or via Zoom (email communications@christchurchcolumbia.org for the link) If you would like to view any of our previous Sunday Circle sessions, email us for a link to the sessions you're interested in.

Holy Week at Christ Church

Palm Sunday is the service that signals the coming of Holy Week, and it takes place on Sunday, April 13th. Between that day and Easter, Christ Church has a dozen worship opportunities, and we hope that you'll join us throughout the week. Our website's Lenten season page has times and details for every one of our worship services, so be sure to check <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/holy-week> for all of that information. You can still find all of the Lenten gatherings at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lent

The Easter Challenge

Easter is our celebration of rebirth - we celebrate the risen life of Christ and open ourselves to rise with Jesus. This Easter, we challenge each parishioner to lead another person to the resurrection experience. Invite a loved one, a friend, a neighbor, a colleague, or even a total stranger to church to experience the joy of rebirth. Let's share this experience with as many as possible. Easter will be celebrated on April 20 and the services are 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m., and you can send your new guest(s) a link to www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lent so they can learn more about Christ Church and our upcoming Lenten season.

Easter Altar Flowers and Gifts

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

Lenten Evening Prayer - Weeknights at 8 p.m. on YouTube, Facebook, and our website

During Lent this year, Mother Marcia Davenport presents us with a nightly evening prayer livestream, and if you haven't tuned in to any of these yet, you're truly missing out. She leads us in a brief worship using different prayer books from around the world, followed by a unique, personal reflection. They go live at 8:00 p.m. each weeknight, but you can view them all on our website at <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lenten-evening-prayer>, our YouTube page, or our Facebook page at any time. Don't miss this beautiful way to worship in your own time at home during Lent, as it's a perfect way to close out another day.

Our Altar Guild STILL 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 ministry, 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 you can speak with Altar Guild Coordinator, Pam Foreman, or any Altar Guild member at church.

Christ Church Needs Tellers!

There are many roles in the church that most people don't think of regularly – or at all. But the truth is it requires a LOT of work by many people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish that it is. One way do help out your church is as a Teller - someone who counts the gifts given during church each Sunday to help make sure every cent is accounted for. Without Tellers, we would have great difficulty in satisfying this important need. We are in desperate need of more Tellers, and we need them now. It's only a role needed for an hour or so every occasional Sunday after church, so if you can spare the time, let us know. Please speak with Father Manny, the Wardens or Vestry members, or Yetti to learn more about how you can help. Thank you.

Help Us Provide Eucharist to Those Unable to Travel to Church. Become a Lay Eucharistic Visitor.

This year, we have had more people request Communion to You, a service Christ Church provides to bring Eucharist to homebound parishioners. To fulfill this need, we require a few more Lay Eucharistic Visitors, so if you're interested in helping with this vital ministry, please speak with Kathy Lyon at church, or contact the Church Office. And if you, yourself, require this service, please fill out this brief form, or call the Church Office. We will ensure that Communion gets to your home.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God, a gathering that takes place every Monday. 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. Email centering@christchurchcolumbia.org for the Zoom details.

WOCC Monthly Meeting - April 7

Be sure to attend the Women of Christ Church's monthly meeting—either in person or online —next Monday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of New Brick. If you choose to join in virtually, email info@christchurchcolumbia.org for the link.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Supper Series Concludes this Week – April 9

Christ Church's Wednesday Evening Lenten Series, one of the most cherished traditions of the season, takes place Wednesday evening at 6:30 with a communal meal provided by the Christ Church Vestry and is followed by a presentation by our own Father Manny Mercer, who'll be offering his insightful perspective on our theme for this year, *Reaching Out in Faith*. We then conclude with a brief Communion. This is always a "do-not-miss" event, so gather with us for this final session of a memorable series.

Healing Eucharist - Thursdays

At 12 noon on Thursdays during Lent, Christ Church offers midday worship in Old Brick. This service includes readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Parishioners and non-parishioners are all welcome to join in a prayerful time in the presence of God, and to share in the wonderful mystery of God's love whilst we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones. Please come in to reflect, pray, and participate in a service held in our beautiful, historic chapel.

Christ Church Choirs - Thursdays

The Christ Church Choirs rehearse in New Brick on Thursday evenings, and anyone can 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 long-term or not, there's a place for you in our choirs. Why not give it a try? If you're interested, speak with our Director of Music, Larissa, on Sundays, email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org, or simply stop by a rehearsal and see if it's something you might enjoy being a part of.

Christ Church Book Club - Fridays

Book Club has completed the Lent book they have been reading, and is taking a break until after Easter. If you'd like more information on the book they'll be reading, speak with Ellen Hoke at church or email bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org and we'll get you set up for the next series!

Movie Night - April 11

There is another movie night on Friday, April 11th, at 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Parish Building. The film is *Jesus Revolution*, and according to the filmmakers, it is "inspired by a true story of the movement of the 1970s. Laurie and a sea of young people descend on sunny Southern California to redefine truth through all means of liberation. Inadvertently, Laurie meets Lonnie Frisbee, a charismatic hippie street preacher, and Pastor Chuck Smith, who have thrown open the doors of Smith's languishing church to a stream of wandering youth. What unfolds becomes the greatest spiritual awakening in American history. Rock and roll, newfound love, and a twist of faith lead to a Jesus Revolution that turns one counterculture movement into a revival that changes the world." Bring movie munchies to share!

Center for Spiritual Nourishment - April 12

Join seekers of a deeper relationship with the Divine at the 2nd Saturday Center for Spiritual Nourishment. The 2nd Saturday CSN offers experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit by offering safe spaces to explore an array of opportunities for spiritual growth. The CSN is for anyone interested in spiritual nourishment, regardless of religious affiliation or spiritual beliefs. Come for one session or the entire morning. April's CSN includes group sessions for Spiritual Direction, Yoga, Contemplative Meditation, Drawn to God: Praying through Art, Self and Spirit: Bible Study Resources, and Spiritual Practices: Self-Denial. The morning then concludes with a short Reflection Circle service. You can learn more about each session on our website - cevents.org/CSN-April

Palm Sunday and Meditations on the Passion - April 13

Palm Sunday has three worship services - the 8:00 worship takes place in Old Brick. Then, the 9:00 service will begin by gathering in the Great Hall (lower level) of New Brick, and process up to the Sanctuary from there. Our final morning service at 10:30 a.m. will meet and begin worship in Old Brick, then collectively process across the campus during the service (if the weather is inclement, we will begin in the Great Hall).

And on that Sunday evening, Christ Church will host Meditations on the Passion, a special service of poems, readings, dance (with our [Lumen Christi liturgical dance ministry](#)), song, and prayer. Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the New Brick Sanctuary as we contemplate the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ in a way that makes us realize the immense love He has for each one of us, a love that is capable of suffering and death in order to free us from our sins.

Maundy Thursday Vigil - April 17 & 18

On Maundy Thursday, we recount the story of Jesus sharing his last meal with his friends by having a Seder meal in the Great Hall and Eucharist in the sanctuary of New Brick. We also remember that night with a Vigil in Old Brick, which runs from Thursday at 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 noon the next day, Good Friday. During each hour, we invite parishioners to participate in the Vigil by signing up for a time of your choosing. [The sign-up sheet is here](#), and you're welcome to sign up for just an hour or stay for a couple of hours. The rest of the Holy Week schedule is down further in this newsletter, or you can visit our website for all of the details - <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/holy-week>.

Come and Support Rebecca - May 3

Over the last few years, we have been blessed to witness one of our own parishioners, Rebecca Warlow, walk down a new path in her life, a path towards ordination. Soon, a very special day will be here. Everyone is invited to gather on Saturday, May 3, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore to support Rebecca as she is ordained by Bishop Carrie Schofield-Broadbent into the diaconate of the Episcopal Church. You can gather in person or participate online by visiting <https://bit.ly/edomlive>.

Enjoy a Late Afternoon Harbor Cruise on Wednesday, April 30, to Benefit the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center

Mark your calendars: the deadline for ordering tickets is Saturday, April 19, for a fundraiser on Wednesday, April 30, that supports the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center (BISC), a program of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland.

You are no doubt familiar with the seafarers' ministry through the annual collection of woolens, magazines, and calendars by the Women of Christ Church. The Center's outreach to mariners gained much wider attention after the tragic collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, which was struck a year ago by a disabled container ship. The director of the center, the Rev. Joshua Messick, has continued to minister to 11 members of its crew, as described by the Baltimore Banner in a March 24, 2025, article, "The Dali crew is still in Baltimore, one year after the disaster."

The cruise offers spectacular views of the harbor, as seen by a group from Christ Church in 2023 when parishioner Sharha Toth took this image of a then-intact bridge (see photo).

On Wednesday, April 30, please park at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Garage, where a discount coupon will be made available during the cruise. Board the "Catherine Marie" promptly at 4:45 p.m. at Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St., Baltimore, MD. Once aboard, you'll enjoy food, beverages, and a silent auction while exploring the working Port of Baltimore from the water. Tickets are \$70 each and can be purchased here.

BISC provides spiritual care and hospitality to mariners who are working far from their homes and loved ones around the world.

Fewer Volunteers Will be Needed on Saturday, April 5 in Clarksville than in Past Food Drives at Local Giant Supermarkets

The highly anticipated Spring Food Drive will at last take place this weekend as we adapt to new rules that limit the number of volunteers on the supermarket premises. In response to a request by the management of Giant Foods, we must streamline the way in which Christ Church conducts its drive on Saturday, April 5, from noon to 4 p.m., at River Hill Giant, 6050 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville, Md., 21029.

A new corporate policy will limit us to four volunteers at any one time, and two of the four will be packing any collected groceries rather than interacting with Giant customers. Walk-in volunteers will be encouraged to do their part by taking a shopping list and purchasing some of the pantries' requested items. For information, please email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Groceries collected from shoppers will go to two food pantries. One is the Howard County Food Bank, which is operated by the Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC). The other is SAFE, its partner pantry that provides free gluten-free and allergy-safe foods to low-income families and individuals.

The need is great. The number of struggling households has grown in Howard County due to inflation and the mass firing of federal workers. In response, the CAC posted: "Terminated federal employees living in Howard County may visit the Howard County Food Bank to receive a bag of shelf staples twice a month for up to three months."



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