

# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

### The Sunday of the Passion

### Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28, 2021 | 8:00, 9:00 and 11 AM

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

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OF MARYLAND

#### **Covenant for Regathering**

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, I promise, with God's help and to the best of my ability, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Maryland for participation in the life of my congregation according to the regathering phase in which my congregation is authorized to carry out its mission and ministry.

In fulfillment of the Baptismal Covenant (BCP p. 304-305), I will strive to:

Love my neighbor as myself, I will...

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship through an assigned speaking part, and follow public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting
- Only attend worship and receive communion if I am non-symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another congregant
- Will abstain from attending if doing so would put me at greater risk due to my own health status

Respecting the dignity of every human being, I will...

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household
- Maintain a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, and cleaning, to ensure the safety and comfort level of others

Seek and serve Christ in all people...

- Trust and support the decisions of both my diocesan and congregational leaders
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, or mail

*May 2020*

*At the 8:00 AM service, all music is omitted*

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

### OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT

*Celebrant:* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

***People:* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***People:* Amen.**

### THE GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*Deacon:* The word of the Lord.

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

### BLESSING AND COLLECT

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

*Celebrant:* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

***People:* Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in peace.

*People:* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

**Please hum or mouth the words only.**

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest,  
the King and Blessèd One.

*Refrain*

The company of angels  
is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.

*Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems  
before thee we present.

*Refrain*

To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.

*Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.

*Refrain*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he awakens—  
awakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

*The following psalm is chanted by the choir.*

PSALM 31:9-16

*In te, Domine, speravi*

*Chant: Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
 who, though he was in the form of God,  
     did not regard equality with God  
     as something to be exploited,  
 but emptied himself,  
     taking the form of a slave,  
     being born in human likeness.  
 And being found in human form,  
     he humbled himself  
     and became obedient to the point of death--  
     even death on a cross.  
 Therefore God also highly exalted him  
     and gave him the name  
     that is above every name,  
 so that at the name of Jesus  
     every knee should bend,  
     in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
 and every tongue should confess  
     that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
     to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN

**Please hum or mouth the words only.**

*Cross of Jesus*

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,  
 where the blood of Christ was shed,  
 perfect Man on thee did suffer,  
 perfect God on thee has bled!

Here the King of all the ages,  
 throned in light ere worlds could be,  
 robed in mortal flesh is dying,  
 crucified by sin for me.

O mysterious condescending!  
 O abandonment sublime!  
 Very God himself is bearing  
 all the sufferings of time!

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,  
 where the blood of Christ was shed,  
 perfect Man on thee did suffer,  
 perfect God on thee has bled!

*Deacon:* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

*All stand as able and keep silence for a time.*

And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

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

SERMON

The Rev'd Emmanuel Mercer, *Rector*

*The people stand as able.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intervessor:* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***People:* That we all may be one.**

*Intervessor:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***People:* That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intervessor:* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***People:* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intervessor:* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***People:* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intervessor:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***People:* That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intervessor:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***People:* That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intervessor:* Give to the departed eternal rest.

***People:* Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intervessor:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***People:* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intervessor:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

*The People may add additional petitions and thanksgivings.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect, to which the people respond "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 Rev'd Emmanuel Mercer, *Rector*



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Herzliebster Jesu*

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:  
I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinnèd, and the Son hath suffered;  
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,  
God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

### 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...

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

***All:* Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* 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.

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant:* 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 for ever.

*All:* **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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Choir:* Jesus, Lamb of God:  
Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:  
Give us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

**Please hum or mouth the words only.**

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

O sacred head, sore wounded,  
defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
with mocking crown of thorn:  
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendor  
the hosts of heaven adore!

Thy beauty, long-desirèd,  
hath vanished from our sight;  
thy power is all expired,  
and quenched the light of light.  
Ah me! for whom thou diest,  
hide not so far thy grace:  
show me, O Love most highest,  
the brightness of thy face.

In thy most bitter passion  
my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation  
upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus movèd  
to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-belovèd,  
yet thank thee for thy death.

## 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 blesses the People, who respond **Amen**.*

## CLOSING HYMN

**Please hum or mouth the words only.**

*Rockingham*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
where the young Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the cross of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet  
sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the People, who respond:*

***Thanks be to God!***

*(The Alleluias are omitted until Easter)*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Palm Sunday Eucharist and Livestreams** | Join us this Palm Sunday morning as we worship three times - at 8 a.m. in Old Brick and at 9 & 11 a.m. in New Brick. The 9 and 11 a.m. services will be broadcast on our [Christ Church website](#), [YouTube](#), and [Facebook](#) pages for those who will not be on campus.

**Holy Week Bags are Ready** | If you are not joining us in person this week, Christ Church has a number of Holy Week bags prepared for you to take home. Each bag has a Holy Week and Easter leaflet, a palm cross, and consecrated communion. You can pick them up during normal office hours. Call or [email](#) ahead if you have any questions.

**Want a Palm Cross? We Can Have One Sent to You** | Those planning to attend the Palm Sunday services in person will be able to pick up a palm cross at the service. However, if there are parishioners who attend virtually who would like to receive a palm cross but can't get to the campus to pick up a Holy Week bag, we can mail palm crosses out to you. [Email Sarah](#) with your mailing address if you'd like one.

**Holy Week at Christ Church** | Christ Church is blessed to have in-person worship during Holy Week this year. The entire schedule is on our Lent page - <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lent>. We have livestreams all week, as well as services in Old Brick and New Brick. In-person health protocols will be strictly maintained and attendance is limited, so if you'd like to join us on campus please complete the attendance form on our website at <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/attend-holy-week>.

**Easter Music & Flowers** | Parishioners are invited to consider making donations towards Easter Music and Flowers. These gifts may be in memory or in celebration of a loved one. [You may donate online](#) or can mail a check to Christ Church. In the memo section, please write either *Easter Music* or *Flowers*. Thank you very much.

**Easter Vigil Baptism** | If you, or someone you know, are interested in being baptized during Christ Church's Easter Vigil service - Saturday, April 3rd at 7:30 p.m. - please reach out to Deacon Denise at [deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org), or call the Church Office

**Christ Church Sunday School** | Please note that Sunday School will not take place this week. There will also be no Sunday School next week, as it's Easter Sunday. When we return on April 11th, we will have weekly, online Sunday School classes for preschoolers and elementary school children from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. [Please fill out a registration form](#) so that we are able to provide you with the Zoom codes. Our curriculum is "*Weaving God's Promises*" and we are in *Year 3: Weaving God's Community*. To learn more about our Sunday School offerings, [please visit our website](#), and if you have any questions or are able to help facilitate classes, please contact Jennifer Atkins at [dandjatkins@verizon.net](mailto:dandjatkins@verizon.net). We also host weekly Sunday School classes for middle & high schoolers on Zoom from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. [Please fill out the registration form](#) so that we can provide you with the Zoom codes. If you have any questions, please contact Yetti Lipede at [theodociayl@gmail.com](mailto:theodociayl@gmail.com).

**Confirmation and Adult Inquirers Class - Sunday Afternoons** | Confirmation classes will not be held again until Sunday, April 11th. When we resume, we invite all parishioners who are interested in being Confirmed, Reaffirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church or have the desire to deepen their faith, to join us on Sunday afternoons for Confirmation and Adult Inquirers class on Zoom. The Confirmation and Inquirers classes are an opportunity that we have to explore the varied and rich components that shape and inform our faith. For

information, contact Yetti -[ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org) or Fr. Manny - [revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org).

**Morning and Evening Prayer – Weekdays** | During Holy Week, we'll host morning prayer Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m., and evening prayer is offered on Monday at 7:00 p.m. There are other services in the evenings later in the week, and you can find that information [here](#). We invite you to worship via [Facebook](#) or the [main page of our website](#), and join in the centering and healing Anglican practice of observing daily offices. And if you're interested in helping us lead a virtual prayer gathering in the future, please [email us](#).

**Lectionary Bible Study – Wednesdays** | Bible Study takes place on Zoom each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and is a discussion on the readings for that coming Sunday. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join us online and let's all study together. If you're interested, simply gather with us online next Wednesday. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is 854 7191 2087, and the password is BibleStudy.

**Christ Church Book Club – Fridays** | The CEC Book Club continues our discussion of C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. These are conducted via Zoom each week from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and you'll find the Zoom link [here](#), with the Meeting ID 858 3414 8580 and Password is CECbooks. As always, we welcome newcomers at any time, so come and join us if we're covering a book that interests you. If there are any questions, please contact Ellen Hoke by calling or texting her at 301-452-7115, or by emailing her at [efboudreau1@gmail.com](mailto:efboudreau1@gmail.com).

We do have our virtual gathering this week but please note that next Friday, April 2nd, the CEC Book Club will not meet. We'll resume on April 9th.

**WOCC April News** | The March meeting of the Women of Christ Church takes place on Monday, April 5th at 1:00 p.m. Once again we'll be meeting via the Zoom app, which is free and available for download at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) ahead of time. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is 843 0204 4790 and Password is cecWOCC.

In other WOCC news... The WOCC started sending birthday e-cards in 2021 for those WOCC members interested in receiving an e-card rather than one via USPS. Don't forget to check your SPAM folder. Please ensure that Christ Church has your correct email address in your REALM account. If you do not have a REALM account, email Yetti at [office@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:office@christchurchcolumbia.org) so that she can send you a link to set up one. We'll be using REALM more often in the future.

All the women of Christ Church over the age of 18 are already members of the WOCC, so please join us! If you have any questions, please contact the WOCC officers by emailing [wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org): Gail Braatelen, President; Rhonda Tomlinson, Vice President; Cathy Gold, Financial Secretary; Joan Harvey, Secretary; and Pamela Brown, Chaplain.

**Conversations on Race - April 6<sup>th</sup>** | Join us on Monday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m. as we continue a discussion on the book *So You Want to Talk About Race* by [Ijeoma Oluo](#). You can find the book - a New York Times Bestseller - at many retailers in physical, audiobook, and digital form. All are welcome and encouraged to join us for this virtual gathering. The Zoom link is [HERE](#), Meeting ID is 814 3122 0554 and the password is CECcor. Email us if you have any questions - [info@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org)

**Centering Prayer Returns - April 8<sup>th</sup>** | Come join Kathy Lyon and Adrian Vansickel in Old Brick on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for a contemplative prayer gathering. Each session begins with a reading from scripture or from the writings of spiritual leaders and teachers. After the reading, the group sits for periods of 10 minutes of silence in which each individual meditates on a word, phrase or thought from the reading. The silence in a group setting allows for a shared energy and connectedness that fosters an openness to God's presence. Centering Prayer can move us beyond conversation to communion with God. All attendees will wear masks and sit at an appropriate distance from each other. All are welcome to participate as their schedule permits - every week, every other week, once a month, etc. This is an opportunity to experience a unique form of prayer.

**Do You Knit? This Message is for You!** | Christ Church is starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry and we're looking for more volunteers. Don't have time to knit a whole shawl? Think about knitting some Prayer Squares, with each measuring 5" x 5". These are easily and quickly made and will be appreciated by those who are ill or grieving. If you are interested in making shawls or squares, contact Pastoral Care Commissioner Kathy Lyon at [rklyon@cablespeed.com](mailto:rklyon@cablespeed.com).

**Spread the Word to Help the Hungry: Food Giveaway at Howard Community College** | Public-health students at Howard Community College are planning to hand out free food to the less fortunate in Howard County on two separate days about a month apart. As a part of a final course assignment, the students are collaborating with the Maryland Food Bank to distribute 350 free boxes of food and canned goods to those in need.

The first distribution will be held Thursday, April 1st from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is drive-through only (no walk-ins) at Parking Lot B, Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD, 21044. The next distribution will be held Friday, April 30th, at the same place and at the same time.

Please spread the word among yourselves and any others who would benefit from free food. No eligibility is required.

**Columbia Community Care Plans for Spring, Shares Future Aspirations** | The all-volunteer effort that came together in response to the pandemic, Columbia Community Care (CCC), reached its one-year anniversary on March 18th and has set ambitious goals for 2021. Meanwhile, it has some short-term plans to bring cheer to children in Howard County on Saturday, March 27th.

CCC has called on members of the community to help children ages 3 to 11 years old get ready to welcome spring. Volunteers are adding a table to each of CCC's three distribution sites that will offer gift bags and baskets for kids. The sites are open for distribution on Saturday, March 27th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the following three locations: Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center, 6061 Stevens Forest Rd., Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., and Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct., all in Columbia.

Sue Sharff Castonguay, a member of the CCC group on Facebook, organized the giveaway and will personally prepare multiple bags. However, to make sure there is plenty to go around, parishioners and others are invited to put together medium-size bags or baskets. She suggests filling them with new items suitable for ages 3 to 11. Ideas include gender-neutral gifts and small toys, individual snacks, juice boxes, packaged candy (no loose or bulk candy), filled plastic eggs, stickers, play dough, slime, art supplies, markers, watercolors, face masks, and mini hand sanitizers.

Parishioners can bring their bag or basket(s) to the yellow bin marked "CCC" located inside the entrance to the Parish Hall. To make sure the items get to the organizer's preferred sites on time, a member of the Outreach Commission will coordinate with CCC. The Christ Church deadline for dropoff is this Friday, March 26th by 2 p.m.

At a recent Zoom session with Christ Church parishioners, the founder of CCC said its goal is to establish the Columbia Community Care Peace and Justice Center to address inequities in Howard County by empowering residents. Erika Strauss Chavarria, the founder, spoke to our Racially Aware Group of Episcopalians (R.A.G.E.).

She said CCC is negotiating for a physical space where organizers would address systemic racism and other societal issues. The center would set up programming in four categories: food and sustainable farming, education and mentorship, workforce development, and health and healing. CCC is raising funds through its affiliated nonprofit organization, Equity4HC, and gathering signatures on a petition. To sign the petition or to read more about plans for the social justice center, go to the [website for its petition drive](#).

Separately, our Christ Church drive for CCC continues to seek diapers in all sizes and baby wipes, women's sanitary care products, soaps, shampoo, deodorant, and other toiletries. Please put them in the yellow bin marked "CCC" any time on weekdays until 2 p.m., but we ask that you call the church office (410) 381-9365 to let them know when you are coming.

Meanwhile, if you or others whom you know are in need of free groceries or items, go to the [CCC website](#) to find when its three distribution locations are open on Wednesdays and Saturdays in Wilde Lake, Long Reach and Oakland Mills. Or if you or others lack transportation, look for the button to request home delivery.

**Grassroots Offers QPR Training on March 29th to Help Save Lives** | Before the month ends, you can take advantage of a truly beneficial program offered by [Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center](#). With offer members of the community a chance to learn skills that could help save a life from suicide. QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer -- the three simple steps anyone can learn to help save lives, just as individuals trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver learn what to do.

Training will be offered for adults on Monday, March 29th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. To register [go here](#): To learn more, email [amanda@grassrootscrisis.org](mailto:amanda@grassrootscrisis.org) to speak with Amanda Ganoe, the sessions' organizer. The online seminar is free to Howard County residents, employees, or students, thanks to a grant from [Horizon Foundation](#). For more information about this evidence-based practice, please visit [qprinstitute.com](http://qprinstitute.com).

**Donate Groceries for FISH in an Altar Basket or in the Yellow Bin** | As in-person worship has resumed, you should find a basket of groceries for [FISH of Howard County](#) in the sanctuary. For the convenience of parishioners who continue to observe pandemic precautions, the yellow bin marked "FISH" remains on the breezeway between the Parish Hall and Old Brick. As we transition from winter to spring, keep the weather in mind and avoid putting items in the bin that will freeze.

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

**Outreach - Seafarer's Donations** | For years we have been involved in providing requested items to Seafarers. WOCC volunteers plan to deliver the items on April 6th. Below is a list of the types of magazines, books and DVD's/CD's to be donated. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. The Seafarer's bin is in lower level, near the bottom of the steps, in the Parish House.

Suggested Items needed:

- Bible in modern English (or Tagalog, Russian, or Chinese),
- Times/Newsweek/etc. up to 3 months old
- Sports Illustrated/People/etc. up to 6 months
- Cars/Computers/Consumers magazines - up to 1 year
- Reader's Digest up to a couple of years
- National Geographics post 2000
- Books (except for Bibles) are less often requested, but some seafarers do appreciate action novels, as well as picture books about Baltimore or the U.S.
- Action/adventure DVD's. Recent popular CD's.
- Religious books (in easy English), DVD's, CD's; rosaries.

**March LEMS Committee Update** | Some of the Lake Elkhorn Middle School students are starting to return to in-person learning this month. The LEMS committee purchased hand sanitizer for the teachers/staff and over five thousand disposable face masks for use by both teachers and students to help keep them safe while they finish out the school year. The school administration is extremely grateful for the support Christ Church has provided throughout the pandemic as they teach and learn during very unusual circumstances.

The LEMS committee is continuing to provide food for ten families one weekend a month with this month's distribution occurring on March 11th. If you have any questions or want to help, please contact [lemspc@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:lemspc@christchurchcolumbia.org).



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## **JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

This year, services will take place each day during Holy Week, from Palm Sunday (March 28th) through Easter Sunday (April 4th). Morning and Evening Prayer will be livestreamed on our website and Facebook, as always, and the New Brick services will be on those two sites, as well as on YouTube. In addition to these livestreams, current public health guidelines also allow us to offer some in-person worship, and those are listed below. All social distancing, attendance, and safety protocols will be strictly followed by all. If you wish to attend any of the Holy Week services, please complete the form on our website - <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/attend-holy-week>

### **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, March 28th  
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 in Old Brick  
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. in New Brick

### **Morning and Evening Prayer**

Monday @ 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday - Friday @ 7:00 a.m.

### **Holy Wednesday / Choral Evensong**

Wednesday, March 31st @ 7:30 p.m. in New Brick

### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 1st @ 7:30 p.m. in New Brick

### **Good Friday**

Friday, April 2nd  
Holy Eucharist at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m. in New Brick

### **Holy Saturday**

Saturday, April 3rd  
Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m. in New Brick

### **Easter Sunday**

Saturday, April 12th  
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. in Old Brick  
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in New Brick

You'll find many more details for the entire Holy Week schedule on our website's Lent page  
- [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/len](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/len)

### **Please Consider a Contribution to Christ Church.**

Recent world events have been challenging for us all. It has also affected how we are able to continue to help others. Please consider contributing to Christ Church so that we may continue to support our parish staff, as well as those in need in our community and around the world. Christ Church has achieved much in the past because of everyone's generosity, and for that we are very grateful. We are still carrying out an amazing ministry for a moderate-sized church - even through this very challenging time - but it does require everyone's assistance. Each contribution helps greatly.

#### **Text Giving**

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

#### **Online Giving**

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

#### **Our 2021 Pledge Form is Online**

The 2021 Pledge Form is on our website, for your convenience. You can complete the form by clicking here, and if you have any questions, please email [stewardship@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:stewardship@christchurchcolumbia.org)

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