

# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

February 27, 2022: Last Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

You may stream the 10:30 a.m. service from Christ Church's [website](#), [YouTube](#), or [Facebook](#) pages

### THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE – Siyahamba/We Are Marching in the Light of God

*South African*

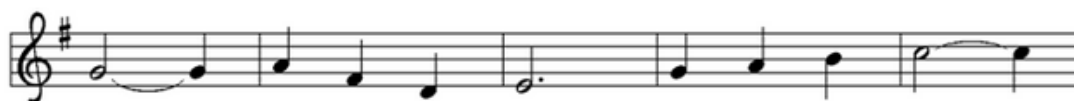
*Siyahamba' ekukhanyeni kwenkos. We are marching in the light of God.*

OPENING HYMN – Christ Be Our Light

*Bernadette Farrell*



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



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



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



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



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



church gath - ered to - day.

## 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.**

## GLORIA

*8:00 a.m. service*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Sung at the 10:30 a.m. service.*

*Refrain*

1  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2  
in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only -begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

*The people may be seated.*

# THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.*

PSALM 99

*Dominus regnavit*

The LORD is King;

let the people tremble; \*

**he is enthroned upon the cherubim;**

**let the earth shake.**

The LORD is great in Zion; \*

**he is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*

**he is the Holy One.**

"O mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity; \*

**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God

and fall down before his footstool; \*

**he is the Holy One.**

Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*

**they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*

**they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*

**you were a God who forgave them,**

**yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God

and worship him upon his holy hill; \*

**for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel and the prayers.*

# SEQUENCE HYMN 137 – O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

Wareham



1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great  
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly



1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the  
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the  
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us



1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.  
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

SERMON

Rebecca Warlow, *Lay Preacher*

*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 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

Exodus recounts the astounding brightness of Moses' face after encountering God on Mt. Sinai and receiving the commandments. Luke also describes the Transfiguration of Christ by his dazzling appearance at his time on the mountain in the presence of Moses and Elijah and hearing God's voice in a cloud, proclaiming Jesus as His Son—His Chosen. The presence of God still shines on our faces and in our hearts. Our faith transforms us into a renewed people touched by the power of our magnificent God. Our Lord's impact on our lives is evident in all we encounter. We pray: **Lord, lead us in Your way.**

We ask Christ's blessing for the worldwide Church that we may be One seeking truth, peace, and God's purpose throughout our lives. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya. In Maryland, we pray for our sister parishes of Emmanuel, Baltimore; Grace & St. Peter's, Baltimore; and Guardian Angel, Baltimore. We give thanks for our spiritual leaders: our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Robert; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Assistant Priest, Marcia; our Deacon, Denise; and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. We are also grateful for our gifted choir, organist, and musicians. We extend our warmest welcome to all newcomers and visitors to our parish. We hope that our liturgy and worship have kindled your spirit, and we give thanks for your presence among us. We pray: **Oh God, we exalt You forever.**

We pray for those ill among our families, friends, and faith community. We ask our Lord to restore all to health and wholeness, especially Jim, Kathleen, Chad, Caroline, Jess, Tinny, Catherine, Mary Ann, Norman, Chuck, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those we name. We pray for racial reconciliation, healing, and restoration of trust and equity among all peoples. We ask Christ's protection of refugees on our soil and worldwide and for all those who live in fear of violence, war, persecution, or oppression, especially Fazal and Faizan. We cast all our troubles on Him, as He cares for us. We Pray: **Lord, let us dwell in Your goodness and mercy.**

Our Lord's power is all-encompassing and everlasting. May the Lord of all eternity open his arms to welcome those who have recently entered His heavenly kingdom, especially Veronica McSween, and those we now name. May He comfort those who grieve and remain close to those who are alone and in turmoil. We pray: **His Voice calms our hearts and souls.**

It is our pleasure to celebrate the joyous occasions of birthdays of Matthew, Harriet, Grace, and Cynthia in our parish family this week. We recognize the hand of God in our lives and give thanks. We pray: **Lord, Your blessings are great.**

May we live in the Spirit of the Lord, proclaiming His truth with hope, freedom, and boldness. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING — Christ, Upon the Mountain Peak

Paul Bouman

*Christ, upon the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing.  
Let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him. Alleluia!*

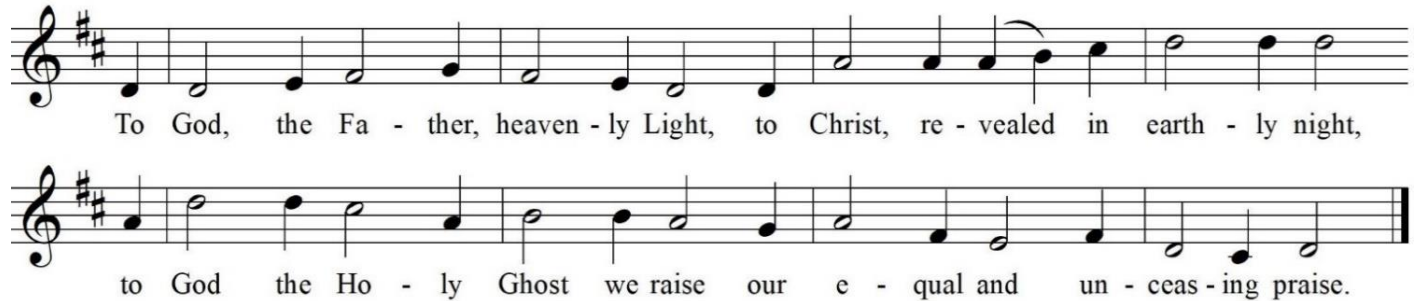
*Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting. Alleluia!*

*Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as his Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder! Alleluia!*

*This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets fade before him;  
First and last and only One, let creation now adore him! Alleluia!  
The people stand as able.*

PRESENTATION HYMN 124, V. 5

Puer Nobis



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

*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:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of  
glory and praise.

***People:* Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns,  
the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***People:* By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory,  
reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and  
betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

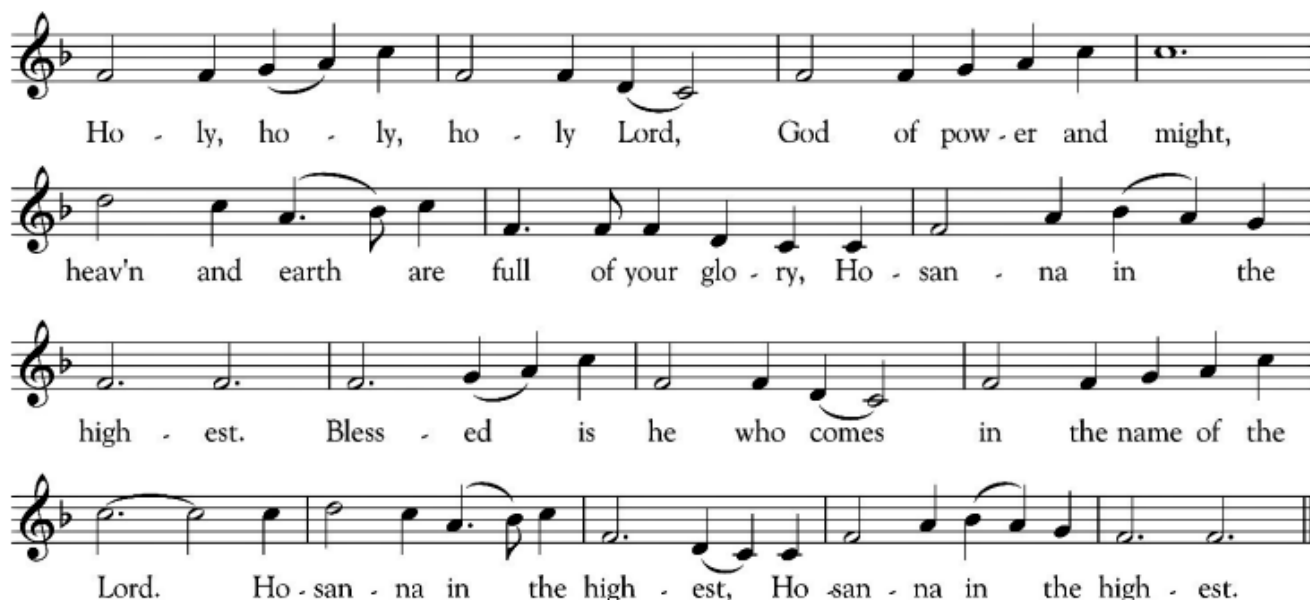
***People:* Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**



*Celebrant:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People:* **By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People:* ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

*Celebrant:* Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People:* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant:* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All:** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM – This is the Body of Christ

*John Bell*



This is the bo-dy of Christ, bro-ken that we may be whole; this cup, as prom-ised by  
God, true to his word, cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

## COMMUNION SOLO – His Name's So Sweet

*Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson*  
Catherine Hinton, soprano

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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

## EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER

*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 618 – Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

*Laast Uns Erfreuen*



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -  
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To



out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in



choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE – Festival Alleluia: Laast Uns Erfreuen

*arr. Dan Miller*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Lent at Christ Church** | Next week brings the start of the 2022 Lenten season, and many new and traditional services and gatherings are being hosted at Christ Church. You can view the entire Lenten schedule and read service and event details on our website's *Lent at Christ Church* page. Be sure to check back regularly or bookmark the page on your browser as we'll regularly update details as needed.

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

**Adult Forum: Sunday Circle** | Sunday Circle gathers each Sunday in February and engages in critically important Conversations on Race hosted by Christ Church's Racially Aware Group of Episcopalians. You can join us either in person or virtually via Zoom, and we hope that you do. The link is here, Meeting ID is 830 0680 9158 and Password is AFSC. This Sunday, February 27th, we will explore the lives of the Rev. Absalom Jones, the Rev. Pauli Murray, and Bishop Barbara Harris, three African American Episcopalian clergy who made an impact on our church and the world.

**Pick Up Your Pledge Envelopes This Sunday** | The 2022 pledge envelopes have arrived and are available for pickup now. They are located in the Narthex, but if you need to make other arrangements, please email the Church Office.

**Confirmation Class - Begins March 6<sup>th</sup>** | Christ Church is offering Confirmation classes for all high school students in 2022 and will begin on Sunday, March 6th. At this time, we'll temporarily hold these classes online via Zoom and make adjustments as we go along. It is our hope that our candidates will be confirmed by one of the Bishops of Maryland later this year; we'll share that date when it becomes available. If you are interested in learning more about Confirmation and/or registering for the class, please reach out to Fr. Manny at [revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org).

**The 2022 Christ Church Lenten Meditation Book** | The 2022 Lenten Meditation Book is now at the printer for publishing, and we are on target to have copies available for you to pick up and take home beginning this Sunday. As always, daily Lenten Meditations will be posted on our website and social media pages each weekday from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, with a *Saturday Song* musical selection posted each weekend. Thank you to everyone who sent us their submissions - this is the largest LMB we've ever published and that's due to the wonderful response we received from our parish family.

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

**Adult and Children's Choir - Tuesdays and Thursdays** | Our choirs are in full swing for both youth and adults, and everyone is welcome to join... so maybe 2022 is your year! Children's Choir meets on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Adult Choir meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. If you've ever been interested in joining our choir, now's that time... and this invitation is open to every parishioner. No experience is necessary, and the more people who join us, the better we sound! Please email Len Langrick, our Director of Music, at [music@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:music@christchurchcolumbia.org) to learn more.

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

**CEC Book Club – Fridays** | The CEC Book Club is taking this Friday off but will regather with a new book soon. We're always welcoming new members to join our virtual gathering, and with a new book on the horizon, this would be a perfect time. For about an hour each Friday, we discuss a specified section of the current book and plan future readings and ideas. We hope that you'll find time to join us for this engaging and enlightening group discussion, so email Ellen Hoke at [efboudreau1@gmail.com](mailto:efboudreau1@gmail.com) if you're interested.

**Taizé Worship Services in Lent - March 4<sup>th</sup>** | Beginning next Friday, March 4th at 6 p.m. in Old Brick, CEC will offer a series of six Taizé worship services including chants, prayers, Scripture, intercessory prayer, and silence. Mother Marcia, a long-time adherent to the Taizé community and frequent visitor, will lead the service. This form of worship, based on the practice of the Taizé community in France, offers a time of quiet and intentional reflection, worship, and drawing closer to the Presence of God in Christ Jesus.

The founder of the Taizé community, Brother Roger, explains: "What we usually call 'worship' the Taizé community simply calls 'Prayer'. Taizé Prayer consists of 'short chants, repeated again and again, giving them a meditative character. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God."

Silence is also an important component and a welcome gift to Taizé worship. The use of lighted candles and icons offers a visual invitation to pray silently in the presence of others and God. Although chants and even prayers are sung, there is no requirement to be musically gifted to participate. For more information, [email Mother Marcia](#) or simply join us in Old Brick any Friday during Lent, beginning on March 4th.

**Women of Christ Church - March 7<sup>th</sup>** | The next WOCC meeting takes place via Zoom on Monday, March 7th at 1 p.m. If you're a woman aged 18 or older, you're already a member of the WOCC, so join us and see what's happening!

We've also published our calendar of events for 2022, so [please check it out](#) and join us in our activities. We've got lots of opportunities coming up in March, so mark your calendars:

- March 21st is our trip to Maryland Women's Heritage Center to celebrate Women's History Month. Carpooling will be available. [Email us for details](#).
- We've been invited by St. John's in Ellicott City to their Saturday afternoon guided Lenten Labyrinth walks. Guides will be available between 2:30 and 5:30 each Saturday in Lent, beginning March 5th. We visited the site last fall; you can see our report about that experience [here](#).

In other news, The WOCC delivered large-print bibles, sugar-free hot cocoa mix, and a variety of snacks to our friends at Springfield Hospital Volunteer Services on February 17th ([see the photo on the WOCC blog post for March](#)). We still can't make our monthly bingo visits due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we check in with Volunteer Services to see if we can help them meet current patient needs. The snacks will be used in their Incentive Program, and the Bibles were a request from their new chaplain, on behalf of a few patients with sight challenges.

**Altar Flowers and Gifts** | If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and 2022 sign-up sheet at <https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts>. You can also sign up and reserve a slot by using our [Realm Online Giving Form](#); just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. [Email the Church Office](#) with any questions.

**Christ Church's Grief Support Group** | If you are grieving a loss and would like to occasionally join a group of others for mutual support and learning, please let us know. Christ Church is planning on creating a Zoom gathering, led by Mother Marcia, for those who might find comfort in sharing &/or listening to experiences of processing loss. This group would meet on a schedule that's most convenient for all participants. Mother Marcia is also happy to meet individually to offer pastoral care and counseling, so if you're interested in taking part in either gathering, [please email](#) or speak to her at any time.

**Knitters... We Need You!** | The Christ Church Prayer Shawl Group has recently been very successful in creating prayer squares, so we are in abundance of those. We do, however, need help in knitting complete prayer shawls at this time. There are several people who are in need of one, but we don't have any to offer to them. If you are interested in knitting a prayer shawl, they can be made approximately 20" wide and 60" long, and knit in a machine-washable material (cotton or acrylic are preferred). An example of a completed prayer shawl can be seen [here](#). The fun in making these is that the knitter is creating something with love to comfort someone in need and that they can be creative in choosing a design or creating their own. If you are interested or would like more information, please email Kathy Lyon at [rklyon@cablespeed.com](mailto:rklyon@cablespeed.com).

**We Can Use a Few More Ushers and Lectors... How About You?** | Several people have recently offered to help out during Christ Church services, and we are extremely grateful to each of you! We do have several spots available for more volunteers, so we encourage you to consider becoming an usher and/or lector for the occasional Sunday service. You will know your schedule well ahead of time, and all ushers and lectors will receive training before scheduling. Please contact Yetti Lipede at [ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org) for more information.

**Youth Ministry Assistance Needed** | Our Youth Minister, Todd Domer, is looking for a few volunteers to occasionally help out during youth activities and gatherings. If you're interested, please email Todd at [youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org)

**Diocese of Maryland's COVID Update for This Week** | Howard County is currently in the Orange Phase, although the Omicron variant continues to affect the number of cases throughout the region. The most recent Diocesan update can be read in full [here](#). Please note that masks are still required at all times while indoors at Christ Church, and we encourage those with compromised immune systems to remain home on Sundays and worship virtually. As always, we'll continue our dialogue with the appropriate organizations and adjust restrictions with care and consideration. [Email us if you have any questions.](#)

**African Team Ministries - Final Sunday!** | After 2020's COVID-19 hiatus and 2021's abbreviated booth, ATM is back! Handcrafts will be on display this Sunday and at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper next week. This ministry provides East African, primarily Kenyan, artisans with a market for their beautiful creations. Come & see intricate wood carvings, primitive musical instruments, eye-catching soapstone décor, natural elements nativity sets, stunning necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and more!

We also need volunteers to help with set-up, selling, and pack-out. If you are interested in helping and are available after services or on Shrove Tuesday, please contact Sara Kirkpatrick at [kirkpasf@gmail.com](mailto:kirkpasf@gmail.com), leave a message at 410-730-6797.

**Columbia Community Care Makes Plans to Restore Home Delivery, Starting with a Call for Volunteers to Clean and Prepare Its Next Pantry** | In late summer, the all-volunteer organization [Columbia Community Care](#) (CCC) had to suspend home delivery service after it lost access to the last of the pantries that it had arranged

with faith-based partners during the pandemic. The delivery service, which benefits people who lack transportation or face other challenges, was put on hold until CCC could obtain a new pantry. There's no date yet for the resumption of deliveries, but there is news of Howard County coming through with the site for a new pantry and dates for a weekend clean-up to establish it.

"We officially have the keys to the Columbia Flier Building for a temporary home for now, and we will begin our process to re-start our home delivery service!" wrote CCC founder Erika Strauss Chavarria in a Feb. 21st announcement to the [CCC Group on Facebook](#).

"The first step of this process is to clean and decorate our new space, and we need YOUR HELP! We will have a "CCC Volunteer Clean-up and Beautify the Flier Building Weekend Extravaganza" on Saturday, March 19th, and Sunday, March 20th," she wrote.

The building, located at 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway, had been the iconic home of the *Columbia Flier* and other community newspapers of Patuxent Publishing Co., which was acquired by the Baltimore Sun Media Group. After the building was vacated in 2011, the Howard County government bought it in 2014. CCC is asking for a community-wide effort to get the space in shape as a pantry. "Anyone looking for service hours, this is a GREAT opportunity to get those hours in! Hope to see you all there!" said Chavarria. CCC set up an online [sign-up form for volunteers](#) who are willing to perform duties during various shifts from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 19 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 20.

"Can't make it to the cleanup weekend, but still want to help?" CCC asks supporters to pitch in by lending or donating items needed to clean and paint. If you are interested, go to a separate [online sign-up form](#) that promises to provide further instructions by email as the weekend approaches.

Last year, while the organization still had access to a pantry at a partner church in Fulton, Md., CCC made more than 12,000 home deliveries to families in Howard County. Several Christ Church parishioners had volunteered to make deliveries, starting their duties by "shopping" among the supplies at the pantry to fill recipients' grocery lists. CCC said it will not begin accumulating groceries to resume deliveries until after the new building is ready.

In the meantime, CCC still distributes items to walk-up clients at its three indoor sites during the winter. Neighbors in need can pick up necessities at three locations: Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct.; the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., and the Barn/Teen Center indoor space in the Oakland Mills Village Center, 5851 Robert Oliver Place in Columbia. Recipients are welcome from 10 a.m. to noon. For volunteers, donations and drop-offs begin at 9 a.m.

At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting CCC by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Please put any of these items in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. At Christ Church, our point of contact is Violet Smith, who transports goods in the bin to CCC for distribution.

**Baltimore Seafarers News** | As a reminder, the Women of Christ Church gather donations for Seafarers throughout the year. At this time, they are looking for magazines, cards, notebooks, gloves, hats, and scarves. If you'd like to donate any of these items, the "Seafarers" box is under the table in the Tower Room of New Brick.

**Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway** | Organizers for [FISH of Howard County](#) are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill its shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

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





**Pancakes! Need We Say More?  
This Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome to join the Christ Church Youth Group as we host the 2022 Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, [please sign up here](https://tinyurl.com/CECshrove2022) or visit <https://tinyurl.com/CECshrove2022>. Ticket prices are on the form, and you can process payment by using [our online giving form](#). Simply select *Youth Ministry* from the *FUND* dropdown menu and write "Shrove Tuesday" in the *MEMO* line.

Questions? [Contact Yetti Lipede](#) any time.

**We hope to see you there!**



## The Long Welcome: Refugee Ministry Update

Our refugee family continues to make great progress in their transition to life in the U.S. After weeks of hurdling administrative requirements, and thanks to the tremendous efforts of Paula Rees, Mati was successfully enrolled in Wilde Lake High School. He recently shared that his school back in Afghanistan was just one room, so getting to classes at Wilde Lake has been interesting. But he's making friends and learning how to navigate the technology used for instruction. His mother, Ziba, just moved up a level in her English class at Howard Community College, and she enjoys Mother Marcia's supplemental tutoring sessions. The entire family is immensely grateful for Christ Church's support. In fact, calling from Afghanistan, the family's father recently expressed his deep appreciation to everyone for taking such good care of his family. He is aware there is a large group behind the effort, who've contributed in so many different ways.

Moving forward, the ministry team is engaging in workforce preparation, exploring options for higher education, and mentoring in financial literacy, among other tasks. In fact, we particularly need help with fundraising—a critical part of being able to help the family meet both their short- and long-term goals. If interested, contact Deacon Denise. Finally, our Signup Genius for donations has been updated; just go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aaaf22a1fac34-refugee> or scan the QR code below to access it.

**Thank you for all you do to serve the many needs of the world.**





## WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank **YOU**. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us.

We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness. Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving, and so as we celebrate the season of giving, we want to highly encourage all who have not fully completed their pledge for 2021 to remember their faithfulness. We also want to appeal to all who have not as yet returned their pledge for 2022 to remember their faithfulness.

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

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



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