



CHRIST CHURCH
FOREST HILL
A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland



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“The mission of the Diocese of Maryland is to **Encounter** Christ everywhere and **Engage** in God’s mission of reconciliation in the world.”

December 24th & 25th , 2022

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Live Communion Service
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve
9:00 a.m. Christmas Day

2100 Rock Spring Road
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Over 200 years at the heart of Harford County



The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Community Hymn Sing

Hymn 83 O' Come, all ye faithful verses 1, 2 & 5

O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only begotten Son of the Father; *Refrain*

Child, for us sinners, poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? *Refrain*

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

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

The celebrant says.

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 in Excelsis

BCP 356

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.*

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 9:2-7

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
 on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 96

BCP 725

Congregation to recite

**Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.**

**Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

**Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.**

**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

**As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.**

**Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

**Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.**

**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

**Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.**

**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

**Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.**

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Lord.**

Sermon

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.*

Prayers of the People

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

ALL: That we all may be one.

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

ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop; Eugene Sutton our Bishop;
Robert Ihloff our Assisting Bishop; Kirk Kubicek our Priest-in-charge, for those in the
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; *Holy Nativity, Baltimore; Immanuel, Glencoe; St. Andrew's,
Baltimore*. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

Leader: We pray for *Joseph Biden our President, Larry Hogan our Governor, Robert Cassilly, our County Executive*. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

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

Leader: Bless those who are celebrating birthdays, *especially ... Pam Copes-Purce* and anniversaries, *especially ... Becky Borkowski & Doug Johnson*. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: especially those named on the prayer list, residents of Harford family house, and these others whom we now name either silently or out loud (Pause to allow people to respond)...Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, and these others whom we now name either silently or out loud (Pause to allow people to respond). Give to the departed eternal rest.

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

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

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

Silence. People may add their own petitions.

To be read by the whole congregation:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously upon your church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop coadjutor for this diocese, and those who offer themselves as candidates, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept

**ALL: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
Known and unknown,
Things done and left undone;
And so uphold us by your Spirit
That we may live and serve you in newness of life,
To the honor and glory of your Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 89—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Celebrant and People

**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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

On the night 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:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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. *Amen.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, People and Celebrant

**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

BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

To receive Holy Communion, you may stand or kneel at the Rail, and receive Bread and Wine, or just Bread as is your custom. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice by holding it by its base. We only receive from the Common Cup, no longer by Intinction (dipping the wafer).

Hymn 111—Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm,
all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly
peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds' quake
at the sight, glories stream from heaven a far,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is
Born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God,
love's pure light, radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy
birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say

**ALL: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you feed 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.**

BCP 365

A Prayer for those at home for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in

Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, dwell among us and remain with us, now and forever. *Amen.*

Hymn 100—Joy to the World, verses 1, 2 & 4

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**



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Christmas Memorials and Thanksgivings

The flowers in Christ Church this Christmas are given to the Glory of God for our loved ones.



In Thanksgiving for our loving family

by Molly & Ed Neal



In Memory of Mary & Dan Ensor, Wayne, Ginny & Michael Ensor, Charlotte & Gordon Parrish

by MaryJane & Leonard Parrish



In Memory of Doug Davis & Tara Schatzel

by Kate & Tony Davis



**In Thanksgiving for Danny Spragg
In Memory of Jeffrey Chmielewski**

by Beth Chmielewski



In Memory of Bernard Amtmann, Dorothy Jones & Carol Jones



In Memory of my husband Charles Rohrman, my son Timothy Rohrman, & my daughter-in-law Mary Alice Rohrman.

by Pat Rohrman



In Thanksgiving for Family, Friends & Church

Lyn Edmunds & Dave Fender



In Thanksgiving for my family's health.

by Colleen Murphy



In Loving Memory of Larry Senes

by Debbie Senes



In Memory of Dorothy & Howard Rickert

by Melinda & Steve Chase



**In Memory of The Hillman Family
In Honor of The Hillman Family
In Thanksgiving for The Hillman Family**

by Barb Hillman



**In Thanksgiving for Craig, Annette & Raeanne
In Memory of Ab & Jean Martell, Richard Lippy, David & Margaret Lippy,
Kathy Hodges**

by David & Shirley Martell

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The Rt. Rev. Robert Ihloff, Assisting Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

PRAY for those who are sick, in any kind of need or difficulty, especially: For the residents of Harford Family House; For peace and understanding in Baltimore; For all the victims of recent terror attacks throughout the world; For the refugees leaving Syria and Central America in desperation; For those who suffer because of the extreme humanitarian crises; For all the people in the Middle East, that they can experience peace and stability in their lands; For the victims of natural disasters; For the communities that have experienced Mass Shootings & Riots.

For those on our prayer list: For Sue Tressler, Kevin & Linda, Betty Parker, Beverly Gomez, Dan Moss, Robin, Keith Hamilton, Sharon Selke, Sharon Slaughenou, Caroline, Donald Heddy, Karen Fulcomer, Art Smith, Eliot, Rebecca, Louise, Carole, Becky, Don, Peter, Lael, Jacqueline, Hollis, Mike Yates, Sue Sampson, Catherine Horchner, Ken, Libby Ohl, Judith Herseth, Mary Tucci, Sherry Cole, Silvia Meranski, Sam Robertello, Blake Gude, Wayne Hall, Amanda Tidey, Bill D., Hazel Borkowski, John

For our Missionary: Jean M. Baumbach

For these parishioners who are unable to be with us every Sunday:
Glassell & Betty Parker; Beth Hauser; Pat Rohrman, Lynn Klein, Libby Ohl