

CHRIST CHURCH
FOREST HILL

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland



ENCOUNTER-ENGAGE

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

September 17th, 2023

16th Sunday After Pentecost

9:45 am Live Communion Service

2100 Rock Spring Road
Forest Hill, Maryland 21050

Over 200 years at the heart of Harford County

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Preludes

Hymn 473—Lift High the Cross, verses 1—3

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. [**Refrain**]

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [**Refrain**]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. [**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***

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.***

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing.

ALL:

BCP 356 / S 280

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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that

had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise be to thee, O Lord**

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 Celebrant and People pray responsively
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work.
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

We pray for **Joseph Biden our President, Wes Moore our Governor, Robert Cassilly, our County Executive**. For this community, the nation, and the world.
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation.
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

We pray especially those named on the prayer list and the residents of the Harford Family House. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop; Eugene Sutton our Bishop; Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Bishop Coadjutor—Elect of the Diocese of Maryland; Kirk Kubicek our Priest-in-charge; for those in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; *Grace, New Market; St. James', Mount Airy; St. Paul's, Point of Rocks; Transfiguration, Braddock Heights*. Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, For all bishops and other ministers.
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Hear us Lord.
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (especially for those with birthdays this week .. *especially Shirley Martell* and for those with anniversaries this week.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

We exalt you, O God our King.
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, (*especially Mary Ward, Timothy Rohrman, Cindy Warren, Robert Heise*) that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (*silence*)

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them.
Who put their trust in you.

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 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 655—O Jesus I have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end:
be thou for ever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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,** **S129**
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel, sit or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

ALL: **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with (_____) and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*

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.***

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

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

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

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.

Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

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 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.***

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 you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

[Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces

Blessing

Closing Hymn 602—Jesu, Jesu

Chorus

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors
we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Chorus*

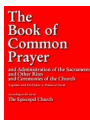
Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Chorus*

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love,
All are neighbors to us and you. *Chorus*

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we were slaves;
this is the way we should live with you. *Chorus*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Thanks be to God!**



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The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God



*In memory of my daughter-in-law,
Mary A. Rohrman on her birthday!*

by Pat Rohrman

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May God Bless You

this day and throughout the week ahead!

Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus

Can't nobody do me like Jesus
Can't nobody do me like my Lord
Can't nobody do me like Jesus
He's my friend

He took my hand when
I was going down

He picked me up
and turned me around

He healed my body
and told me to run home

-Andrae Crouch

Walk with Jesus

Walk with Jesus wherever you may go
Turn, turn, turn again
Bear good fruit with the seeds that he sows
Turn, turn to the Son and the wind

Walk with Jesus wherever you may be
Turn, turn, turn again
May he find good fruit growing on your tree
Turn, turn to the Son and the wind

Walk with Jesus wherever you may be
Turn, turn, turn again
Do justice, love kindness, and walk with hu-
mility
Turn, turn to the Son and the wind

Walk with Jesus whatever you may do
Turn, turn, turn again
Be merciful and God's mercy will surely come to you
Turn, turn to the Son and the wind

May Jesus find you walking by his side
Turn, turn, turn again
So walking together we may someday turn the tide
Turn, turn to the Son and the wind

My Sisters and Brothers

I want to say to my sisters and my brothers keep the faith
When the storm flies and the wind blows go on at a steady pace
When the battle is fought and the victory's won
We can all shout together, we have overcome
We'll talk to the Father and the Son
When we make it to the promised land

Chorus

(If we) walk together, little children
We won't ever have to worry
Through this world of trouble
We've got to love one another
Let us take our fellow man by the hand
Try to help him to understand
We can all be together
For ever and ever

When we make it to the promised land
Our bible reads Thou shalt not be afraid
Of the terror by night nor the arrow that flies by day
Nor for the pestilence that walketh in the darkness
Nor for the destruction that waiteth in the noonday hour
[chorus]

This world is not our home we are only passing through
Our trail is all made up way beyond the blue
Let us do the very best that we can
While we're travelin' through this land
We can all be together shaking a hand
When we make it to the promised land (children)

When we make it to the promised land
Make it to the promised land children
Make it to the promised land children
Make it to the promised land
When we make it to the promised land
Make it to the promised land

We can all be together, forever and ever
When we make it to the promised land x2

God has not given us the spirit of fear

But of power and of love and of a sound mind

The God of love shall be with you

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CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST: If there is a name that you would like added to the list for prayerful support, please contact the parish office, or feel free to drop a note onto the collection plate on Sundays. Names will remain on the Prayer List in our weekly bulletin and monthly Chimes for 4 weeks unless other arrangements are requested.

LET US 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 refugees worldwide desperately seeking safety; For those who suffer because of any humanitarian crises, especially those created by the war in Ukraine and the escalating climate crisis; 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.

For those on our prayer list: Hazel Borkowski, Sue Sampson, Betty Parker, Kevin & Linda Michael, Jackson, Libby Ohl, Dave Fender, Mike Marcieszewski, James William Knell, Pat Rohrman, The Parr and Palmere families.

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