

CHRIST CHURCH
FOREST HILL
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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.”

March 19, 2023
4th Sunday of Lent
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 One

Instrumental Preludes

Penitential Order: Rite One

BCP 319

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: **His mercy endureth for ever. *Amen***

Celebrant:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

ALL:

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. *Amen***

Celebrant:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Trisagion: Hymnal S102

BCP 324

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 23

BCP 612

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again?"

Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Congregation to recite

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

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

BCP 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. Please respond to Lord in Thy mercy with **Hear our prayer.**

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all persons: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in Thy mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop, Eugene Sutton our Bishop, Robert Ihloff our Assisting Bishop, our Priest-In-Charge Kirk Kubicek; and for those in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer ... *St. Mary's, Woodlawn; St. Paul's, Mount Airy; St. Peter's, Ellicott City* ... that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Lord, in Thy mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially *Joseph Biden our President, Wes Moore, our Governor, and Robert Cassilly, our County Executive*, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord, in Thy mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord, in Thy mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor the residents of Harford Family House, those on our prayer list, and all those who we name out loud or in our hearts who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in Thy mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all people, for those with birthdays this week, *especially ... Ezra Kidd, Patrick Chase*, and for those with anniversaries this week. Lord, in Thy mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service ... *especially Reverend John Cawthorne, Russell Guhr*, and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Thy mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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

Silence. People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

BCP 332

(Celebrant may then say one or more of the following)

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

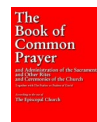
The Peace

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

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Offertory 620- Jerusalem my happy home

Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

Thy saints are crowned with glory great;
they see God face to face;
they triumph still, they still rejoice
in that most happy place.

There David stands with harp in hand
as master of the choir:
ten thousand times would one be blest
who might this music hear.

Our Lady sings Magnificat
with tune surpassing sweet,
and blessed martyrs' harmony
doth ring in every street.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same
partaker ever be!

Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 340

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them unto the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: It is meet and right so to do.

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

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

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

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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The people kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues ..

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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

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

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine; that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 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.**

Agnus Dei

S158

ALL: **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The people join in saying

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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).

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 (1988)]

Prayer After Communion

BCP 339

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

A Solemn Prayer

Hymn 145— Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry

Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry;
For schemes are vain and fretting brings no gain.
Lent calls to prayer
To trust and dedication; God brings new beauty nigh,
Reply, reply, reply with love to love most high.
Reply, reply, reply with love to love most high.

To bow the head in sackcloth and in ashes,
Or rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal;
But to be led
To where God's glory flashes His beauty to come near.
Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light appear.
Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light appear.

For is not this the fast that I have chosen?
(The prophet spoke) to shatter every yoke
Of wickedness
The grievous bands to loosen oppression put to flight,
To fight, to fight, to fight 'til every wrong's set right.
To fight, to fight, to fight 'til every wrong's set right.

For righteousness and peace will show their faces
To those who feed the hungry in their need,
And wrongs redress,
Who build the old waste places, and in the darkness shine.
Divine, divine, divine it is when all combine!
Divine, divine, divine it is when all combine!

Then shall your light break forth as doth the morning;
Your health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring
God's glory bright,
Your way through life adorning; and love shall be the prize.
Arise, arise, arise and make a paradise!
Arise, arise, arise and make a paradise!

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God



The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

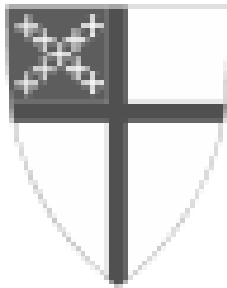
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us Wednesday Evenings in Lent on Facebook Live for Community Compline at 9:00 p.m.: Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5.

⇒ **Maundy Thursday Service, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church**

⇒ **Good Friday Service, April 7 at Noon in the Church**

⇒ **Easter Morning Service, April 9 at 9:45 a.m. in the Church**



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May God Bless You

this day and throughout the week ahead!

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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 Sampson, 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, Don, Lael, Jacqueline, Hollis, Mike Yates, Catherine Horchner, Ken, Libby Ohl, Judith Herseth, Mary Tucci, Sherry Cole, Silvia Meranski, Sam Robertello, Amanda Tidey, Bill D., Hazel Borkowski, John, Tyler Woodard-Barnhill

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