

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.”

April 21st, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter
Earth Day Celebration
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

Instrumental Preludes

Hymn 400—All Creatures of God and King, verses 1, 3, 4, 7

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way;
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALL: **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.***

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

A Reading from Genesis 11:3-4

³ And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

Canticle 12

A Song of Creation Benedicite, omnia opera Domini
 Song of the Three Young Men, 35–65

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Dominus regit me

- 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.

I. The Cosmic Order

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
drops of dew and flakes of snow.

Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
O shining light and enfolding dark.

Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

A Reading from Exodus 32:1-6

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods^[a] who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”

² Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” ³ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods,^[b] Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD.” ⁶ So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

II. The Earth and Its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains
and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
o whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

A Reading from John 10:7-10

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.^[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

III. The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Hymn—HOLY GROUND

Take off, take off your shoes
This place you're standing, it's holy ground
Take off, take off your shoes
The spot you're standing, its holy ground

These words I heard in my burning bush
This place you're standing, it's holy ground
I heard my fiery voice speak to me
This spot you're standing, it's holy ground

That spot is holy holy ground
That place you stand it's holy ground
This place you tread, it's holy ground
God made this place his holy ground

Take off your shoes and pray
The ground you walk it's holy ground
Take off your shoes and pray
The ground you walk it's holy ground

Every spot on earth I trapse around
Every spot I walk it's holy ground
Every spot on earth I trapse around
Every spot I walk it's holy ground

Every spot it's holy ground
Every little inch it's holy ground
Every speck of dust it's holy ground
Every spot I walk it's holy ground

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Sermon

Congregation to recite

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.***

Prayers of the People for The Earth

Dear God, thank you for this beautiful planet.

Bless it and keep it safe from harm.

We pray for the protection of the animals, the soil, air and water.

May we care for all you have made. Help us to love the Earth as you do.

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Prayer For Mother Earth By Jennifer Meikle, Earth Week

Let us give thanks for the world around us.

Thanks for all the creatures, stones and plants

Let us learn their lessons and seek their truths,

So that their path might be ours,

And we might live in harmony, a better life.

May the Earth continue to live,

May the heavens above continue to live,

May the rains continue to dampen the land,

May the wet forests continue to grow,

Then the flowers shall bloom

And we people shall live again.

-Hawaiian indigenous prayer

God, on this day we celebrate the gift of this planet, Earth,

Which you created for us as a home:

A home for humanity

A home for creatures

A home for plants

A good gift of creation.

We are truly sorry for the ways we have corrupted it.

Forgive us.

We are truly sorry for the ways we have disregarded its well-being.

Forgive us.

We are truly sorry for the ways we've been complicit in systems that degrade it.

Forgive us.

Help us, Oh God,
To be good stewards of your gifts to us.

Help us, Oh God,
To realize our connectedness to creation.

Help us, Oh God,
To understand our reliance upon the Earth.

Help us, Oh God,
To bring healing to the planet.

Help us, Oh God,
To make changes that benefit all creatures.

As all creation praises and glorifies you,
So we praise you.

As all creation reflects your character and beauty,
So we seek to reflect your beauty.

As all creation supports and sustains us,
So we seek to support one another.

For the gracious gift and vast beauty of creation,
We give thanks.

Amen

-Fran Pratt

HYMN—Three is a magic number

Three is a magic number
Yes it is, it's a magic number
Somewhere in that ancient mystic trinity
You get three as a magic number
The past and the present and the future
Faith and hope and charity
The heart and the brain and the body
Give you three as a magic number

Three, it's a magic number
Yes it is, it's a magic number
Because two times three is six
And three times six is eighteen
And the eighteenth letter in the alphabet is "R", yeah
We've got three R's we're going to talk about today

We've got to learn to
Reduce, reuse, recycle
Reduce, reuse, recycle
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Reduce, reuse, recycle

Well, if you're going to the market to buy some juice
You've got to bring your own bags,
and you learn to reduce your waste
We gotta learn to reduce

And if your brother or your sister's got some cool clothes
You could try them on before you buy some more of those
Reuse, we've got to learn to reuse

And if the first two R's don't work out
And if you've got to make some trash
Don't throw it out Recycle,
we've got to learn to recycle

We've got to learn to
Reduce, reuse, recycle
Reduce, reuse, recycle
Reduce, reuse, recycle
Reduce, reuse, recycle
Because three, it's a magic number
Yes it is, it's a magic number

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Hymn—398— I sing the almighty power of God

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that I could be, thou, God, art present there.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

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.
By your will they were created and have their being.

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

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.

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

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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest**

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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,

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

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.

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

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*

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

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

Celebrant: Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for all People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for the life of the world, and let us feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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.***

Blessing

Hymn 376—Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
field and forest, vale, and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God



With thanks for all of the special people in my life

by Colleen Murphy

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May God Bless You

this day and throughout the week ahead!

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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, Linda Michel, Jackson, Libby Ohl, Dave Fender, Lyn Edmunds, James William Knell, Ken, Bill Mundy, Erin, Lauren, Anna, Genevieve Sacker, Joel Tidey

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