

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.”

**November 8, 2020**

**23rd 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*

## Liturgy of the Word

Instrumental Preludes  
Prayer of Awareness

Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

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

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

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

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.

Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**The Collect**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## The Response: Psalm 78:1-7

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments;

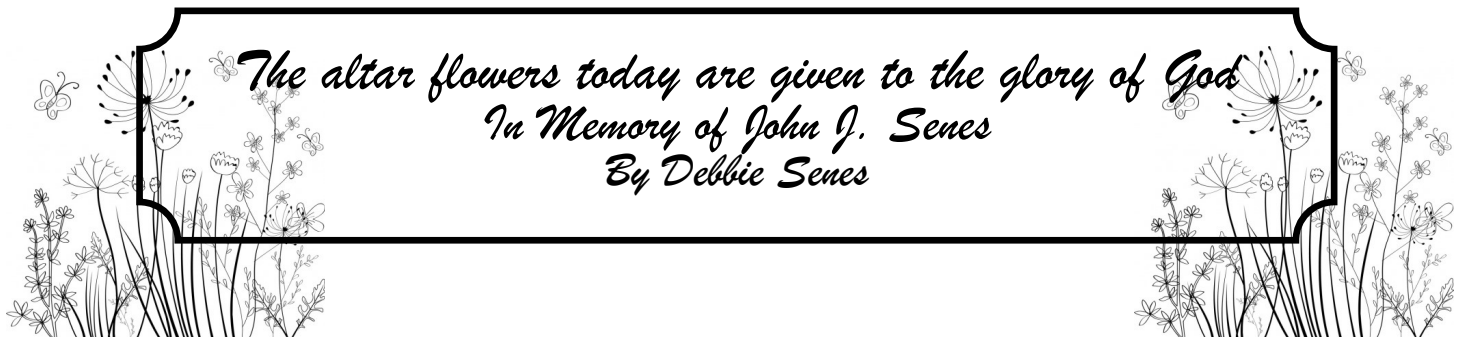
## The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25:1-13  
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## 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.

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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

Music for the Preparation of the Table

## Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

*(The people stand. The Celebrant faces them and says)*

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
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 acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**ALL: We praise you, we bless you,  
We give thanks to you,  
And we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*(The Celebrant continues)*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop, Eugene Sutton our Bishop, Robert Ihloff our Assisting Bishop, our Priest-In-Charge Kirk Kubicek; for all who minister in your Church; *and for those in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Emmanuel - Baltimore, Grace & St. Peter's - Baltimore, Guardian Angel - Baltimore.*

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth: *especially Donald Trump our President, Larry Hogan our Governor, and Barry Glassman our County Executive.*

Remember those with birthdays this week: *especially Mark Lane, Catherine Horchner,* and those with anniversaries this week: *Fr. Larrie Smith & Janet Clifton.*

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ: *especially John Senes,* and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*(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. and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(The minister receives the Sacrament in both kinds. The People will receive just the Body of Christ at the rear of the Church on the way out the door **after the Dismissal.**)*

### ***From the Rear of the Church***

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 (1988)]*

## **The Blessing The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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***Please remain silent during the Recessional Music while people are receiving Holy Communion***

***The Celebrant will go to the rear of the Church to distribute Communion as the people recess out.***

***Please keep six-foot spacing between each person as indicated by yellow tape on the floor.***

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## ***Thank you***

***to all of you joining us here at Christ Church Forest Hill, Rock Spring Parish,  
and those who are watching us Online for our Live Stream Services.***

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***May God Bless You  
this day and throughout the week ahead!***

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## LIVE Prayer Schedule

Mon-Fri: 12 pm Prayers

Sunday: 9:45 am Prayer Service

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## **Please 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, Lynn Klein, Kevin & Linda, Anna Humphreys, Phil Klein, Betty Parker, Beverly Gomez, Tara Schatzel, Dan Moss, Charles Getscher, Ken Edmunds Jr, Robin, Keith Hamilton, Sharon Selke, Sharon Slaughenhou, Joan Flatt, Lois Flatt, Caroline, Donald Heddy, Karen Fulcomer, Art Smith, Eliot, Rebecca, Louise, Carole, Becky, Ingrid Page, Lael, Jacqueline, Roland, Hollis, Mike Yates.

**For our Missionary:** Jean M. Baumbach

## **For these parishioners who are unable to be with us every Sunday:**

George Rigdon; Vera Dalby; Glassell & Betty Parker; Anna Humphreys; Beth Hauser; Lyndon