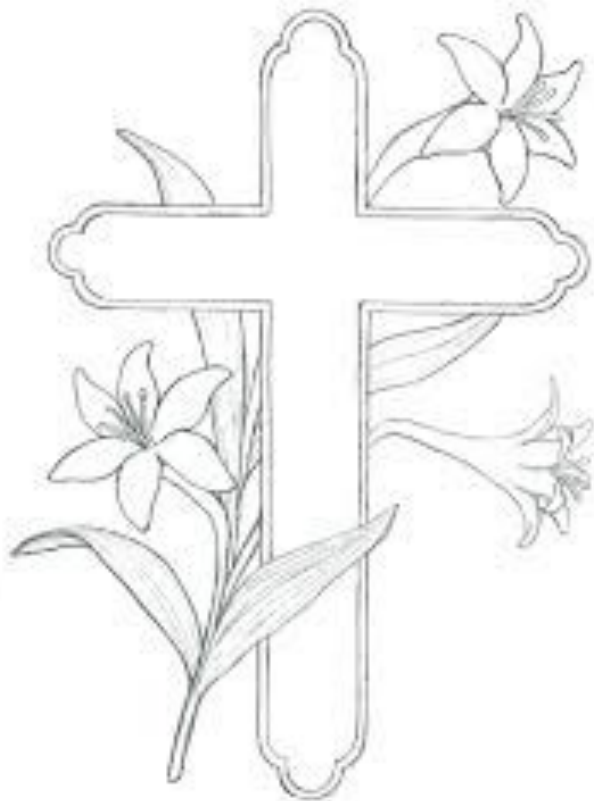


# CHRIST CHURCH FOREST HILL

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.”

**May 2, 2021**

# **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**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

### Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.*

**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.**

### The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Liturgy of the Word

### **The Lesson: Acts 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

### **The Response: Psalm 22:24-30**

BCP 612

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## The Gospel: John 15:1-8

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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.

## Prayers of the People

BCP 387

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; *St. Mary's - Woodlawn, St. Paul's - Mt. Airy, St. Peter's - Ellicott City*. 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, Barry Glassman 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 their birthdays this week, and those who are celebrating anniversaries this week, especially *Jack & Jan Bowersox*. 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; those named on the prayer list, the residents of the Harford Family House, and these others whom we now name before You, Lord God, either silently or aloud. 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 all others whom we remember before you Lord God, either silently or aloud. 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.)*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## 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 A

BCP 361

**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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

*(The people kneel or stand. 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.

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:

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

**Celebrant:** 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.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, BCP 364

**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**

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.

### ***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 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.**)*

## **Blessing**

## **Hymn**

## **The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God*



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*May God Bless You*

*this day and throughout the week ahead!*



## HYMN LYRICS

### Come into the Quiet

Come into the quiet  
Be One with God's breath  
Rest in this Waiting place  
Peace will be there  
Rest, Rest, Peace will be there

### Lord, Dismiss us with Thy Blessing

**H344**

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace:  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration  
For thy Gospel's joyful sound:  
May the fruits of thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound:  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To thy truth may we be found;

So that when thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
Fear of death shall not appall us,  
Glad thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with thee in endless day.

### Better Times Will Come

#### ***Chorus***

Better times, better times will come.  
Better times, better times will come.  
When this world learns to live as one,  
Oh, better times will come

When we greet each dawn without fear  
knowing loved ones soon will be near  
When the winds of war cannot blow any  
more

Oh, better times will come ***Chorus***

Though we live each day as our last  
we know someday soon it will pass  
We will dance, we will sing  
in that never-ending spring  
Oh, better times will come ***Chorus***

Oh, better times will come

Words & Music By Janis Ian

### Siyahamba

We are walking in the light of Christ  
We are walking in the light of Christ  
We are walking  
We are walking, ooooooo  
We are walking in the light of Christ

We are singing in the light of Christ

We are praying in the light of Christ

We are marching in the light of Christ

We are dancing in the light of Christ

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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 Slaughenhoup, Warren Flatt, Caroline, Donald Heddy, Karen Fulcomer, Art Smith, Eliot, Rebecca, Louise, Carole, Becky, Lael, Jacqueline, Roland, Hollis, Mike Yates, Sue Sampson, Hazel Borkowski, Lois & Richard Tidey, Catherine Horchner, Ken, Libby Ohl, Judith Herseth, Mary Tucci, Dave Fender, Sherry Cole.

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

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

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