

# *Welcome to Worship*



**Church Of The Good Shepherd**

***"Where God Works In and Through You"***

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# NEWS FOR THE PEWS

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## WELCOME BISHOP LOVE

We welcome Bishop Bill Love as our celebrant in worship today. During the worship service he will receive Tom Rice into the Anglican Communion.

## ON THE CALENDAR

- **Morning Prayer:** Via Zoom Wednesdays at 8:00 AM. A link is sent by email to parishioners weekly. Feel free to contact the church office for the link:  
office.gscmd@gmail.com
- **Ladies Bible Study:** Wednesdays, at 10 AM, at the Rectory. Topic: "The Sermon on the Mount."
- **Fellowship Luncheon:** A light lunch at the Rectory follows the worship service. 9433 Tiller Drive, Ellicott City. Bishop Love and his wife Karen will be with us. All are invited!

## WOMEN's MINISTRIES UPDATE

Thank you for your donation of T-Shirts for the "Jump Rope" project. The women's group made 40 jump ropes. These were delivered at Synod this past week to give to the diocese's Haiti mission.



## AFTER SERVICE PRAYER

Those desiring prayer: please proceed through the door by the front pew into the hallway and make an immediate left. A prayer team will meet you by the side pew.

## **DIOCESE PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for: St. Michael and All Angels, Kerrville, Texas; The Rev. Dan Jones; Deacon Herman Roark; Persecuted and suffering Christians around the world; Other ministries and chaplaincies; The Rev. Charlie Sutton.

## **RECOMMENDED READING**

“Basic Christianity” by John Stott

Named a "Book of the Century" by Christianity Today "If Jesus was not God in human flesh, Christianity is exploded," writes John Stott. "We are left with just another religion with some beautiful ideas and noble ethics; its unique distinction has gone."

John Stott's clear, classic book examines the historical facts on which Christianity stands. Here is a sound, sensible guide for all who seek an intellectually satisfying explanation of the Christian faith

## **QUARTERLY OUTREACH PROJECT**

Columbia Pregnancy Center Outreach: Urgently needed items are baby toiletries, size 5 diapers, and formula (Enfamil and Similac brands). They are accepting new and gently used toys, books and clothing (infant through size 2T). Used maternity clothes are also on the 'wish list'. Baby bottles for coin collections are available by the entry door of the chapel for those that want to participate! Bottle collection will occur at the end of June. Proceeds benefit the pro-life Pregnancy Center.



## **SERVING TODAY**

Lector	Joelene Ackerman
Greeters	Cheryl Workman / Jan Ballew
Sacristy	Barbara Freeburger, Susan Sellner; Sue Sexton
Prayer Team	Sandy Smith

**THE WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year C**  
**Bishop's Visit**

*The Service Begins on p. 123 in the Prayer Book.*

**Your Responses in Bold Print.**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**PROCESSIONAL** (*see insert for lyrics*)

*The People Stand*

**THE ACCLAMATION**, pp. 123, 146

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**, p. 124

*The People Seated*

**All** 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.

**THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW**, p. 124

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

**KYRIE**, p. 124

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

***People* Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

**THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, p. 125**

*The People Stand*

Glory to God. 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 OF THE DAY, pp. 125, 612-613**

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People* And with your spirit.**

*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 glory; 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.**

**WORSHIP IN SONG (see insert for lyrics)**

*The People Stand*

**THE FIRST LESSON, p. 126**

*The People Seated*

*Lector* A Reading from Acts 13:44-52

<sup>44</sup> The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. <sup>45</sup> But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. <sup>46</sup> And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup> For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

"I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

<sup>48</sup> And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. <sup>49</sup> And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. <sup>50</sup> But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. <sup>51</sup> But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. <sup>52</sup> And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

*After the Reading*

*Lector* The Word of the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God

**THE PSALTER:** Psalm 145:1-9 pp. 126, 461-467

*The People Seated*

*Exaltabo te, Deus*

<sup>1</sup> I will magnify you, O God my King, \*  
and I will praise your Name for ever and ever.

<sup>2</sup> **Every day will I give thanks to you, \***  
**and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord, and most worthy to be praised; \*  
there is no end of his greatness.

<sup>4</sup> **One generation shall praise your works to another, \***  
**and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup> As for me, I will be talking of the glorious splendor of your majesty, \*  
And of all your wondrous works.

<sup>6</sup> **They shall speak of the might of your marvelous acts, \***

**and I also will tell of your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>The remembrance of your abundant goodness shall they  
proclaim, \*

and they shall sing of your righteousness.

**<sup>8</sup>The Lord is gracious and merciful, \***

**long-suffering, and of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is loving to everyone \*

and his mercy is over all his works.

## **THE SECOND LESSON, p. 126**

### *The People Seated*

*Lector* A Reading from Revelation 19:1-9

<sup>1</sup>After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, <sup>2</sup> for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants." <sup>3</sup>Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever." <sup>4</sup>And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" <sup>5</sup>And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great." <sup>6</sup>Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. <sup>7</sup>Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup>it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

*After the Reading*

*Lector* The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God**

## **THE GRADUAL (see insert for lyrics)**

### *The People Stand*

**THE GOSPEL, p. 126**

*The People Stand*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 13:31-35.

*People* **Glory to You, Lord Christ**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*After the Gospel*

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord

*People* **Praise to You, Lord Christ**

**THE GRADUAL CONCLUDES** (see *insert for lyrics*)

*The People Stand*

**THE SERMON. p. 126**

*The People Seated*

**THE NICENE CREED, pp. 126-127**

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 PRESENTATION, EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION.** pp. 176-178

**Presenters** Reverend Father in God, we present Thomas Joseph Brennan  
Rice to receive the laying on of hands.

*Bishop* Has he been adequately prepared?

**Presenters** He has.

*Bishop* Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be  
Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ  
as their Lord and Savior; become His disciples; know and affirm  
the Nicene *Creed*, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten  
Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy  
Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of  
the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we  
are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By  
the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are  
enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, Thomas Joseph Brennan Rice desires to publicly to confess  
his faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and his commitment to follow  
Him as Lord. He also desires the strengthening of grace through  
the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill him more and  
more for his ministry in the Church and in the world.

*Bishop* Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

**Candidate** I do.

*Bishop* Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that *rebel* against God?

**Candidate** I renounce them.

*Bishop* Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that *corrupt* and destroy the creatures of God?

**Candidate** I renounce them.

*Bishop* Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

**Candidate** I renounce them.

*Bishop* Do you turn to Jesus *Christ* and confess Him as your Lord and Savior?

**Candidate** I do.

*Bishop* Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**Candidate** I do.

*Bishop* Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

**Candidate** I will, the Lord being my helper.

*The Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying*

*Bishop* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this man in his life in Christ?

**Congr.** We will.

*Bishop* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech You to strengthen this Your servant for witness and ministry through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in him Your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever. Amen.

## **FOR RECEPTION, p. 179**

*Those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions are Received with the laying on of hands as follows.*

*Bishop* Strengthen, O Lord, with Your Holy Spirit, Your *servant* Thomas Joseph Brennon Rice, whom we recognize as a member of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and receive him into

the fellowship of this Communion. Empower him for Your service, and sustain him all the days of his life.

**People** Amen.

**Bishop** Thomas Joseph Brennan Rice, I sign you with the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER AFTER THE LAYING ON OF HANDS, p. 180**

**Bishop** Almighty and everliving God, let Your fatherly hand ever be upon this Your servant; let Your Holy Spirit ever be with him; and so lead him in the knowledge and obedience of Your Holy Word, that he may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **THE PEACE, p. 180**

*The People Stand*

**Celebrant** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And with your spirit.

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **OFFERTORY SELECTION; DOXOLOGY (Traditional)**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS, pp. 131, 149**

*The People Stand*

**Celebrant** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours; Yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as Head above all. All things come from You, O Lord.

**People** And of Your own have we given You.

### **SURSUM CORDA, pp. 132, 154**

*The People Stand*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And with your spirit.

**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, our duty and our joy always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*(Preface for Easter), p. 154*

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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name.

**SANCTUS, p. 132**

*The People Stand - (Sung)*

**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 who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION, pp. 132-133**

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant     The Priest Consecrates the Bread and the Wine.  
After elevating the cup...*

*Celebrant     Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
All     Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER, p. 134**

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant     And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:*

**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,  
the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE FRACTION, p. 135**

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

***People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS, p. 135**

*The People Seated*

***People* We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord,  
Trusting in our own righteousness,  
But in Your abundant and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under  
Your table;  
But You are the same Lord whose character is always to have  
mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
So to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His  
Blood,  
That our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body,  
And our souls washed through His most precious Blood,  
And that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.**

**THE AGNUS DEI, p. 136**

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

***People* Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

***People* Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

***People* Grant us Your peace.**

**THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION, p. 136**

*The People Seated*

*All Baptized Christians are Welcome - Communion by dipping the bread in the cup ("intinction") is also available. Gluten-free bread and alcohol-free wine is available. You may receive a blessing instead of communion - - Cross your arms over your chest and the priest or eucharistic minister will offer a blessing.*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, p. 137

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

***People*** Heavenly Father, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING, p. 137

*The People Stand*

*(The Celebrant Offers the Blessing)*

## RECESSIONAL

*The People Stand*

## THE DISMISSAL, p. 138

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

***People*** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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