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LISTENING."
WHAT SHALL I SAY
IN RETURN?**

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Holy Eucharist

The 9TH Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 25, 2010

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Rite

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

Hymn

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing *Hymnal 334*

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

The Celebrant says

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 following is said in unison, all standing

Canticle Q

A Song of Christ's Goodness

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; *
 you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, *
 tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, *
 in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; *
 by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; *
 through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead, *
 your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; *
 in your love and tenderness, remake us.
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, *
 for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading [Chris Egan]

Hosea 1:2-10

Hosea was a prophet in Israel in the 8th century BC, one of the 12 prophets of the Jewish Hebrew Bible. We know practically nothing about the life or social status of Hosea. According to the Book of Hosea, he married the prostitute Gomer at God's command. Hosea is often seen as a "prophet of doom," but underneath his message of destruction is a promise of restoration.

Does God really want Hosea to marry a prostitute? But that isn't the real story of this passage. The essence of this prophetic act lies in the meaning of the names Hosea gave to the children born of his marriage to this profligate wife. Their names symbolized Israel's degraded moral status and conveyed the message of judgment Hosea had received from God. The names restore the moral credibility of the prophet and proclaim God's will that the people of God live faithfully in all respects.

All sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

Reader Here ends the reading.

Remain seated.

Psalm

Remain seated.

Psalm 85

Benedixisti, Domine

Psalms is a collection of collections. The psalms were written over many centuries, stretching from the days of Solomon's temple (about 950 BC) to after the Exile (about 350 BC.) Psalms are of five types: hymns of praise, laments, thanksgiving psalms, royal psalms, and wisdom psalms.

With this beautiful lament the psalmist pleads for God's mercy and justice. In curious juxtaposition to the foregoing prophecy, it presents a very hopeful attitude. It voices sincere humility and asks for salvation on the basis of God's past beneficence.

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- 6 Will you not give us life again, *

- that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.
 - 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
 - 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
 - 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
 - 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
 - 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
 - 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Reading [Julie Segnit]

Colossians 2:6-15

The letter to the church in Colossus was ostensibly written by Paul at Rome during his first imprisonment there. Like some of the other Pauline letters, this one seems to have been written in response to information which had been conveyed to him about the internal state of the church there. The purpose of the letter was to counteract "false teaching." A large part of it is directed against those who attempted to combine the doctrines of Eastern mysticism and asceticism with Christianity, thereby promising believers enjoyment of a higher spiritual life and a deeper insight into the world of spirits.

The Scottish scholar, William Barclay, called this one of the most difficult passages that Paul ever wrote. Many metaphors and images are stacked one upon the other in these two paragraphs written primarily for Gentiles. Yet the message can be summed up in one sentence: Christians grounded in their faith in Jesus Christ have been forgiven all their sins through his death and resurrection. Thus all are freed from all demands of the Jewish ritual laws and any other forms of worship or discipleship.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Sequence

O Master, let me walk with thee

Hymnal 660

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Three gospels in the New Testament offer similar portraits of the life of Jesus; Luke is the latest of them. Its author, traditionally Luke the physician who accompanied Paul on some of his missionary journeys, draws on three sources: Mark (via Matthew), a collection of sayings (known as Q for Quelle, German for source), and his own source. It is a gospel that emphasizes God's love for the poor, the disadvantaged, minorities, outcasts, sinners and lepers. Women play a more prominent part than in the other gospels. Luke never uses Semitic words; this is one argument for thinking that he wrote primarily for Gentiles.

Most of us feel rather inferior about how we pray; and so did Jesus' disciples. Their time with Jesus, however, had shown them how much prayer meant to him and how effortless it was for him to pray. They wanted to learn from him. Would that it was so for all of us! The brief homily that follows what we call "The Lord's Prayer" explains the willingness of God to match our requests with a grace and kindness beyond all measure. God's answer may not be exactly what we ask for or expect. It is far more important that God's will be the determining factor in our prayers, our lives, for us and for all the world.

All stand.

Priest *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'" And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Priest *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Jerry Brooks

"Prayer: A time to listen?"

Nicene Creed

All stand.

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

Celebrant

Like Abraham before the gates of Sodom, let us beseech the Lord for the salvation of all.

Leader

For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

Lord, have mercy.

For mercy, justice, and peace in all the world.

Lord, have mercy.

For farmers and a good harvest, for travelers and those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who hunger and thirst: the sick and the dying, the poor and the oppressed, prisoners and captives, and for their families.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, our families, our companions, and all those we love.

Lord, have mercy.

Thanksgivings and intercessions from the Congregation are read.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary; with St. James the apostle; with William Reed Huntington, priest; with Mary and Martha of Bethany; with William Wilberforce; with Ignatius of Loyola, priest, monastic, and founder of the Society of Jesus; and with all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord.*

Celebrant

God of the Word, to whom we pray, receive our prayer this day and open the door when we knock; through Jesus the Anointed One, our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Stand or kneel

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

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

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another. Any appropriate words of greeting may be used.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods, sees a brother or sister in need, and yet refuses to help?

Offertory Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is

Hymnal 646

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

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 our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. If you wish, you may take communion "in one kind" (receive only bread or only wine). If you choose not to receive at all, you may come forward for an individual blessing.

To receive the bread, extend one hand over the other. To receive the wine, take the chalice in both hands. You may "intinct" (dip) your wafer in the wine if you wish.

Communion Hymn

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May the God you see in all the colors of creation arouse in you a sense of awe and wonder. May the God who is a sacred presence be real to you. May the God who is a source of inspiration and courage keep calling you forward. May your God go with you, and bless you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Announcements

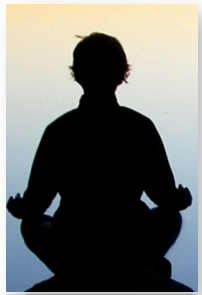
Recessional Hymn

Before the Lord's eternal throne

Hymnal 391

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



Announcements....

Autumn Craft Fair meeting cancelled

The meeting scheduled to take place Wednesday July 28th will not take place for lack of committed vendors.

Interested in helping our Sunday school?

If so, plan to meet Aug. 29th right after mass.

Our "school" is growing. For the 2009-2010 year, we grew from one classroom to two. For 2010-2011, we're adding a third classroom! We've ordered some great materials with lots of ideas for interesting activities as well as a solid focus on The Episcopal Church and scripture. Looking over the curricula makes ME want to teach a class! Interested but can't attend the meeting? Give Lea Buttner a call, 845-236-3664 - or send eMail. Sunday school begins Sept. 12th.—jb+

We have a computer for you: It's a desktop computer in a laptop world.

We expect to be moving the church office to a smaller space and would like to give away the computer, which hasn't been used for several years. It's in good working order. Here are the specs: Dell model xps-z, Processor x86

family 6 model 8 stepping genuine intel, Microsoft windows 2000, 130,352 kb ram, Floppy drive, 40 gig hard drive, 1 cd drive, 1 cd rw drive, 32 mb video card, 56k modem, Wireless adapter, 1 keyboard, 1 mouse.

There's also a laser printer in good shape. We even have an unused toner cartridge for it.—jb+

Dates set for Olan Mills photo shoot: September 10 and 11

Barbara Carroll and Cindy Lanzetta will be coordinating the effort to produce our church photo directory. Dates for the photo shoot are Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10 and 11. We'll be able to make appointments between 2 and 9:20 p.m. on Friday and between 10 and 5:15 on Saturday. Save the dates!

Birthdays & anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Karen Enamorado	7/30
Ida Davis	8/26
Mrs. Patti Ogden	8/28
Cameron Owens	8/30

ANNIVERSARIES

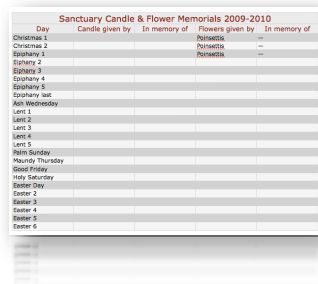
Ruth & Bob Scott	9/3
Jeff & Carolyn CUILTY	11/10
Snooky & Joanne Ward	12/7
Wendy Watts & Mary Ruvolo	12/7

Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 1, 9:30am	Mass
Sunday, Aug. 1, 2:15pm	Nursing home ministry
Sunday, Aug. 1	The Rev. Wayne Schmidt, celebrant
Friday, Aug. 6	Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday, Aug. 8, 2:00pm	Muthig family using parish hall
Sunday, Aug. 15	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday, Aug. 15 T	he Rev. Wayne Schmidt, celebrant
Sunday, Aug. 22	The Rev. Wayne Schmidt, celebrant
Tuesday, Aug. 24	St. Bartholomew the Apostle
Saturday, Aug. 28, 8:00am	Christ Church group day at Episcobuild
Sunday, Aug. 29	The Rev. Wayne Schmidt, celebrant

2010 signup available for candle and flower memorials

A new set of pages has combined two notebooks into one for sanctuary candle *and* flower memorials for 2010. Pick a date, then fill in the name of the giver and the name of the person we remember.



How to "host" at coffee hour

If you sign up to host coffee hour, the expectation is that you'll provide refreshments and juice for our younger members. Coffee, half & half, and sweeteners are provided by the church. We always brew regular and caffeine-free coffee, which can be "decanted" to thermos pumps, and there's always someone around to help make coffee and set out plates, flatware, cups, and napkins. Please don't hesitate to volunteer. It's easy!

Bequests for religious and charitable uses

The rubric following Thanksgiving for a Child in our Book of Common Prayer, p. 445, reads as follows:

The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.

Visitors...

REQUESTING PRAYERS?

Before the service begins, add names or other “intentions” to the three-ring binder—on the table at the back of the church. Your intentions will be read aloud during the Prayers of the People and will be repeated during the month unless you remove them. We start with a “clean slate” on the 1st of every month.

ESCAPE ROUTE FOR PARENTS WITH UNHAPPY CHILDREN

Got an unhappy child in church? A play area for small children is available in the undercroft, at the foot of the back stairs. Feel free to escape to that oasis if you like. Audio from the sanctuary is piped into the parish hall. You won't miss a thing!

GETTING AROUND AT CHRIST CHURCH: DIRECTIONS

The parish hall, kitchen, and rest rooms are located in the undercroft of the church (the basement). The stairs at the back of the church will take you to the undercroft (Watch out! The stairs are steep). The undercroft is handicapped-accessible from the parking lot on the north side of the church.

The church school and offices are located on the first floor of the former rectory—the white house across the lawn.

COPIES OF TODAY'S SERMON AVAILABLE

Copies of today's sermon are often available on the table at the back of the church. Any who have trouble hearing might like to pick up a copy on the way in, and follow along. Sermons are also available on the internet: www.episcopalmarlboro.org. Look for “This Week's Sermon.”

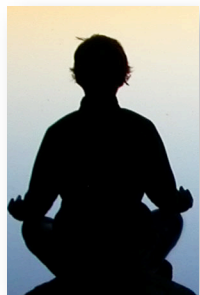
HOW TO PROVIDE SANCTUARY CANDLES AND FLOWERS “IN MEMORY OF...”

Three-ring binders listing a year of Sundays have been placed on the back table. If you wish to provide flowers or a sanctuary candle memorial, please sign up. Enter your name if you wish and the name of the person being memorialized. You may place your contribution in the offering plate. René Borchert can assist with purchasing and arranging flowers, if necessary.

Volunteers

	July 25 Pentecost 9	August 1 Pentecost 10 (The Rev. Wayne Schmidt)
<i>Acolytes</i> <i>(please sign up if you'd like to serve)</i>	Crucifer—Bill O. Server—Billy B. Plate— Torches—	Crucifer—Bill O. Server—Billy B. Plate— Torches—
<i>Chalice</i>	Cindy Lanzetta	Cindy Lanzetta
<i>1st lesson</i>	Chris Egan	Anne Borchert
<i>2nd lesson</i>	Julie Segnit	Dom Bernardo
<i>Prayers</i>	Carrie Ross	Carrie Ross
<i>Eucharistic visitor</i>		
<i>Ushers</i>	Lanzettas	Bernardos
<i>Altar guild</i>	Billy Borchert	Bill Ogden
<i>Flowers given by</i>		?
<i>Sanctuary candle given by</i>	The Family, in memory of Robert A. Borchert, Sr.	?
<i>Sunday school</i>	—	—
<i>Coffee</i>	?	Lanzettas
<i>Counters</i>	Carrie Ross Joanne Ward	Bill Ogden Dom Bernardo

If you'd like to participate in any of these ways, please do. Signup sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. I look forward to training new acolytes, readers, eucharistic ministers, and altar guild members. Please speak with the vicar.



Welcome to The Episcopal Church!

Welcome to The Episcopal Church in Marlboro, where we believe that each of us reflects the image of God, that God loves every one of us unconditionally, and that God wants each of us to be all that it's possible for us to be. We are God's home, God's hands, and God's heart in this world.

- We believe we have found an approach to God through the life and teachings of Jesus.
- We respect the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the way to God's realm and acknowledge that their ways are true for them.
- We understand that the sharing of bread and wine in Jesus name is a meaningful way to experience the holy presence of God.
- We invite all people to participate in our community and worship life without insisting that they become like us.

- We know that the way we behave toward one another and toward other people is the fullest expression of what we believe.
- We find more grace in the search for understanding than we do in dogmatic certainty, more value in questioning than in absolutes.
- We strive for peace and justice among all people.
- We recognize that being followers of Jesus is costly and entails selfless love, conscientious resistance to evil, and renunciation of privilege.

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