

An Ember Day Quiet Day

Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland's
Christian Formation Council (CFC)

Encountering Jesus, Deepening Faith and Being Commissioned

Saturday, May 21
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church
101 S. Prospect St., Hagerstown, MD

Quiet Day Leader: Anthony Gittins

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Author of **Encountering Jesus: How People Come to Faith and Discover Discipleship**

Anthony Gittins was born in Manchester England. He earned an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and is a priest of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost (Spiritans). Trained as a linguist and social anthropologist, Gittins touches the interface between the social sciences and theological disciplines. He is a popular teacher, lecturer and retreat giver whose personal priority is to combine teaching and speaking with learning and listening. He has taught and worked in some 35 countries and his pastoral outreach includes ministry in cultures from Africa to the Pacific, and work with Chicago's disenfranchised, especially homeless women on the streets. He has an adopted, multi-ethnic family. His newest book is *Come, Follow Me: The Commandments of Jesus* (Liguori, 2004)

FAQs:

What is an Ember day?

A centuries old tradition in Western churches, they are liturgical days appointed at the turn of each season on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays following the first Sunday in Lent (post-Lent), Whitsunday (post-Pent) September 14 (post-Crucem) and December 13 (post-Lucem).

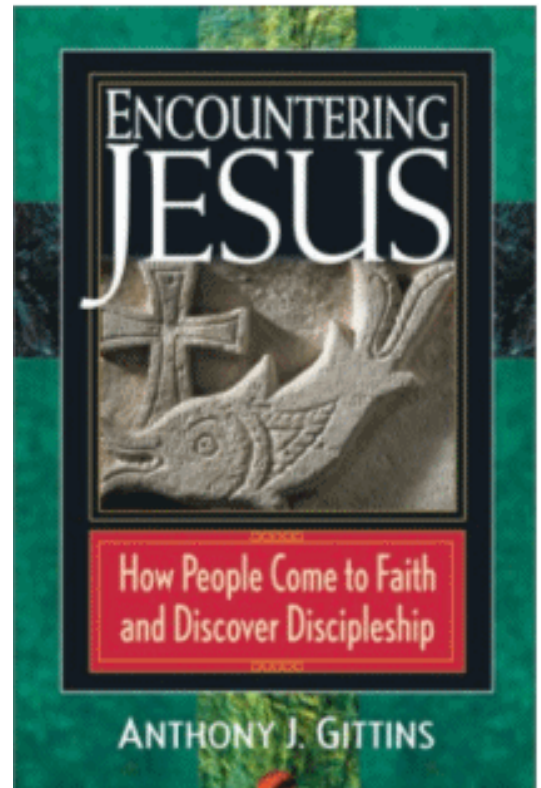
What are Ember Days for?

The days are to be spent reflecting on ones vocation and ministry, and have traditionally included fasting and prayer.

Who should come, and why?

The day is for everyone, clergy and laity, and is intended for rest for yourself and renewal in your ministry. Both our bishops are attending, come join them!

Details, schedule & registration form over>>>



A Prayer for All Christians and their vocations

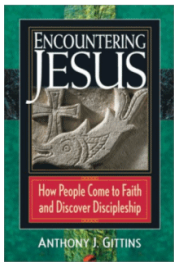
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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PLAN for the DAY:

We will look specifically at how, in the New Testament, Jesus calls people to discipleship, why he does so, and what it entails for those whom he calls. Then we can internalize and apply some lessons to ourselves, with a view to refocusing our lives and discovering the missionary dimension that is at the core of our faith.

10:00	Gather, greet, opening prayer
10:15-11:00	Presentation and questions/conversation
11:00	Break
11:15-12:00	Encounter #1 with Jesus
12:00	Lunch and quiet personal reflection
12:45-1:30	Encounter #2 with Jesus
1:30	Break
1:45-2:30	Encounter #3 with Jesus
2:30	Re-gather for group reflection and response
2:50	Close with a prayer of commissioning and blessing



If possible, please purchase and read ahead of time Tony's book: *Encountering Jesus: How People Come to Faith and Discover Discipleship*. The book is available through our diocesan bookstore, St. Bede's stbedesbooks@erols.com or 1-888-243-1727. A limited number of copies are available on loan through our Resource Center resource@ang-md.org. A study guide for the book can be found at www.education.ang-md.org or by contacting the Resource Center.

COST: \$10

Bring your own simple lunch.
Beverages and snacks provided.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CONTACT:

Klara Tammany 1-800-793-1687 ktammany@ang-md.org
Please sign up by May 13!

Name: _____ **Church:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please check:

- _____ laity
- _____ clergy
- _____ work in a church
- _____ work outside the church

Tell us about your ministry and vocation?

What is your hope for the day?

Please send this form and \$10 (checks written to the Episcopal Diocese of MD) to:
Klara Tammany Dioc.MD/Claggett, PO Box 40, Buckeystown, MD 21717
DEADLINE: One week in advance, May 13, 2005