

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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October 23, 2022 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

MASKS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED DURING THE SERVICE. THEY ARE STILL REQUIRED FOR SINGING.

We encourage everyone to get vaccinated and thank you for your patience.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude - Selections from *Te Deum in E flat* by Arthur Sullivan arranged for solo organ

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - 636

How firm a foundation

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

- 3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
- 4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
- 5 "The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

THE OPENING SENTENCES

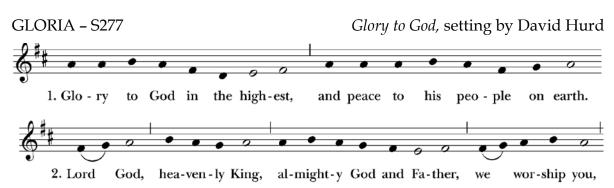
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Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84, 1-6

Said responsively by whole verse

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

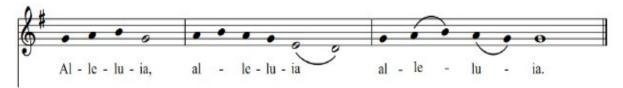
I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





God was reconciling the world to him | self in | Christ,

and entrusting to us the | message | of sal|vation

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a

Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.

THE NICENE CREED

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Said by all, standing as you are able.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form III

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Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress. We especially pray for those on our parish prayer list: Virginia, Louis, Shannon T., Marisa, Casey, Wayne L., Kaylay, Lorraine, Kathy, Irene, Charlotte, Brad, David H., Joe C., Jay, Janelle, Frances T., Janelle H., Cheryl K., Robert A., Nancy D., Angie, Tom K., Karen R., Betsey K., Nancy C., Rachel, the Del Porto family, Timothy, Ruth, Barney, Chip, Mike B., Jack T., Kevin, Bronwyn, and Carrie B.

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life, including for those celebrating birthdays, especially Loretta, as well as anniversaries.

Give to the departed eternal rest. We especially pray for and give thanks for the life of Tommy Kemp.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence follows after which the Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.

Please be seated.

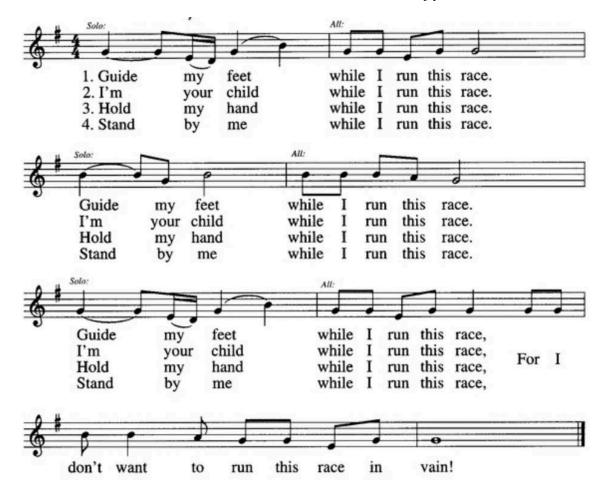
We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. <u>Give online</u> (sherwoodcockeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, 21030. Thank you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All persons, including children, are invited to receive the real and living presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Communion. Come forward to the altar rail at the invitation of the ushers. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. If you wish to also receive the wine indicate this to Mother Nancy and she will intinct the bread into the wine and put it in your hands. Those who prefer a blessing in lieu of Communion, please cross your arms on your chest.

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world.



Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own we have given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A - BCP pg. 361

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

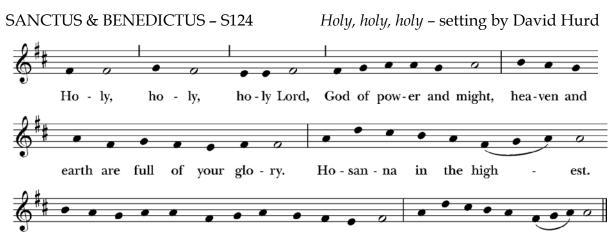
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

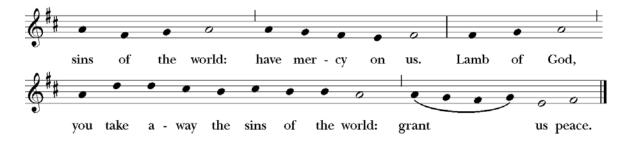
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI - S161 Lamb of God Lamb of God, the the world: take a - way sins of you Lamb of God. have mer - cy on us. you take a - way



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Facing the people, the Celebrant offers an invitation to Holy Communion. For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988): In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN - 517

- How lovely is thy dwelling-place
- How lovely is thy dwelling-place,
 O Lord of hosts, to me!
 My thirsty soul desires and longs
 within thy courts to be;
 my very heart and flesh cry out,
 O living God, for thee.
- 2 Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest; how happy they who dwell with thee and praise thee without rest, and happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim's quest.

- 3 They who go through the desert vale will find it filled with springs, and they shall climb from height to height till Zion's temple rings with praise to thee, in glory throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
- 4 One day within thy courts excels a thousand spent away; how happy they who keep thy laws nor from thy precepts stray, for thou shalt surely bless all those who live they words they pray.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, 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 for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN - 562 (v. 1, 3-5)

 Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before! Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; forward into battle, see, his banners go.

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before!

3 Like a mighty army
moves the Church of God;
Christians, we are treading
where the saints have trod;
we are not divided,
all one body we,
one in hope and doctrine,
one in charity.

Refrain

4 Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the Church of Jesus constant will remain; gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail; we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.

Refrain

5 Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng; blend with ours your voices in the triumph song: glory, laud, and honor, unto Christ the King; this through countless ages we with angels sing.

Refrain

THE DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Lectors: Loretta Cunninghame, Sheila Fitzgerald

Acolyte: Anne Wismer Crucifer: Dylan Barrett

Ushers: Bill & Karyn Galetto

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts Altar Guild: Susan Boucher, Joyce Mann

Hospitality: Sheila Fitzgerald

Lay Participants for Sunday, October 30

Lectors: Bronwyn Strong, Dylan Strong

Acolyte: Dylan Strong

Ushers: Suzie Merryman, Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts, Mason Strong

Altar Guild: Susan Boucher, Joyce Mann Hospitality: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please remember those on our list with ongoing needs: Virginia, Louis, Shannon T., Sally, Debbie, Shannon, Norma, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Marge, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Jeanetta, Christina, Khalil, Danny, Marisa, Dante, David D., Sandy & Jack, Alice, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Tommy C., Butch, Linda, Kyle, the people of Ukraine, and those affected by COVID-19.

This Week @ Sherwood

Monday

Office closed

Wednesday

Office hours 10 am-3 pm



And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled.

What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Luke 9:16-17, NRSV

Dear Sherwood Family,

Throughout the year I have witnessed such generosity as you contribute your ideas, your funds, and your time to our community. Every dollar that we raise, every minute of volunteerism, every good plan comes from the heart and goes toward our mission. I am grateful to all the members of the Sherwood community, thank you.

This week we are kicking off our Stewardship Campaign with the theme, *More Than Enough*. It brings us back to that miracle moment described in Luke's Gospel having just been fed by Jesus from only a few loaves and fishes. The people in the story heard Jesus' call to share what they had in order so all would benefit; and that is what you do with your gifts of *Wealth*, *Works*, *and Wisdom*.

With our theme of *More Than Enough* coupled with our giving theology that focuses on the three-legged stool of *Wealth, Works, and Wisdom,* we are witness to the ways which we offer our gifts to the world. When we have strategies that need to be funded, or committees that need to be staffed, or problems that need to be solved, you answer the call and share in your gifts. Your support of Sherwood is an inspiration, without whom our church and our ministry would be diminished.

Next week, you will receive an invitation from the vestry to name and pledge the gifts you will make in the coming year. I ask that you prayerfully consider your gifts of *Wealth*, *Works and Wisdom*, trusting that we will have "more than enough" to continue God's work at Sherwood and in the world beyond.

In Abundant Gratitude, *Mother Nancy*

Hospitality Volunteers Needed! A sign-up sheet is in the church wing.

Join Us Today to Learn About Matthew:

We will be starting a new lectionary year come Advent 1 and our Gospel changes from Luke to Matthew. Who was Matthew? When was the gospel written? What are the similarities and differences between the Gospel of Matthew and the other three gospels? These questions and more will help us get to know about this gospel writer and his message. Join us this Sunday for the last session after the service.

Have You Met Cody the Yellow Lab?

On any given Sunday you may have the opportunity to meet Cody, Stephanie Everts' yellow lab. Cody is a trained therapy dog and is always looking for someone to love and pet him. Don't be shy, he is comfortable around everyone. In most cases you will not know he with us as he sits quietly at Stephanie's feet during worship. He does come up for communion. :-) Stephanie and Cody are part of Pets on Wheels and they visit various places--including the local library--to offer comfort and companionship to anyone.

UCAN Looking for Volunteers!

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The New Forward-Day-by-Day is Here:

For November, December, and January. Please pick up your copy at the church entrance or in the church wing.

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Save the Date-October 30 After the Service:

On October 30, the Clean Water Project Team will present a brief progress update. It has been a very busy few months, so don't miss out on what's happened and what the future holds.

Save the Date-November 20 After the Service:

There will be a combined Coffee Hour with our friends at Faith Lutheran (across Sherwood Rd.) on Sunday, November 20 @ Faith Lutheran. Our new office (now at Faith) will be open for you to check out. Please plan on attending the combined Coffee Hour. It will give us all a chance to meet again or for the first time our friends at Faith Lutheran. We have a long history of working side-by-side in important ministry. More details about food/drink will be forthcoming.

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