

# **Sherwood Episcopal Church**

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March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Lent 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

# THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN – 488 Be thou my vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art — thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, #488 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

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.** 



Lord, have mercy upon us - setting by John Merbecke





### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

#### THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-13

Said responsively by whole verse

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \* in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \* and cleanse me from my sin.

- 3 For I know my transgressions, \* and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \* and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \* and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \* a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \* and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \* wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \* that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \* and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \* and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \* and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

#### THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

### SEQUENCE HYMN - 707

1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my life, and let it be

2 Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Take my life, and let it be, #707 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: Hollingside, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** 

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up

from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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.

he ascended into heaven

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;

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

Intercessions for the Christian People, p. 97

The hour has come; now is the time to glorify God's name. Let us intercede for the church and for all God's creation, turning to God and saying: Lord, your kingdom come.

You are our God: may those who are poor and those who are rich, those near and those far, welcome your covenant of peace. We pray:

# Lord, your kingdom come.

We are your people: be with those who will receive your promise and baptism at Easter. We pray:

# Lord, your kingdom come.

You honor those who choose to serve: help us to be true followers of your servant son. We pray:

# Lord, your kingdom come.

We know that we must die so that we may truly live: strengthen all who suffer in mind or body. We pray:

# Lord, your kingdom come.

For those on our parish prayer list: Joe C., Chip, Raymond, Peggy, Sally E., Kevin M., Victor, Joyce T., Kim, Bernie C., Tony, Midge, Barbara, Joan L., Rachael, Doreen, Norma, Virginia, Don M., Tom D., Josh F., Michele G., Kathryn, Charles, Bill P.,

Mike, Don, Karen K., Olivia, Mary Ellen, Andrea, Stephanie, and Phillip. We pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.** 

You draw all people to yourself: bring us out of our slavery to possessions and away from the desire for wealth. We pray:

# Lord, your kingdom come.

For the blessings of this life, including for those celebrating birthdays, especially Sarah and Floyd, as well as anniversaries, we pray:

# Lord, your kingdom come.

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

Lord God, show us the way of obedience through patience endurance and the way of glory through the law written in in our hearts. Here are our prayers and come to our aid. We pray through Christ our Lord.

#### 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

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the

bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes <u>you</u>, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Mother Nancy following the service. To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. To receive the wine, please assist the Chalicist by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips. If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Sherwood!

#### THE OFFERTORY

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



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#### OFFERTORY HYMN - 439

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.

What wondrous love is this

2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme I will sing.

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free

I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

What wondrous love is this, #439 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: Wondrous Love, from The Southern Harmony, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, (b. 1926).

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.

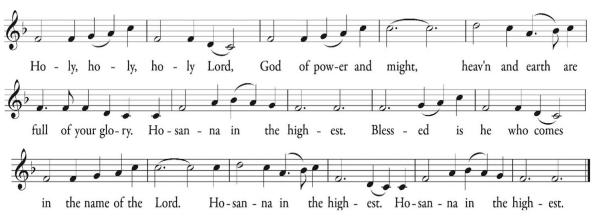
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available in Christ, and in response the people sing:



Holy, holy, Lord, setting by John Merbeke



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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer and at the conclusion says

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 forever. **Amen.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*The Celebrant says* 

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

People and Celebrant

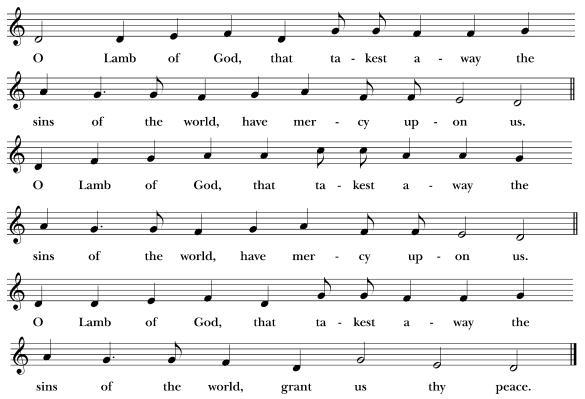
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.



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# 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 - 314

Humbly I adore thee

1 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean; lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

2 Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil. I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told; what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

3 O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death; living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath, grant my spirit ever by thy life may live, to my taste thy sweetness never-failing give.

4 Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold, what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold: face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see, in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, #314 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. Hymnal 1940; st. 4, tr. Hymnal 1982. Sts. 1-3, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: Adoro devote, French church melody, Mode 5, Processionale, 1697; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.

### 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.







#### 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.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

# **Worship Participants**

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Guest Organist: Vance Ziglar

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lectors: Loretta Cunninghame, Greg Szymaszek

Acolyte: Greg Szymaszek

Ushers: Karyn Galetto, Kathleen Stewart

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Altar Guild: Dolly Guarini, Sandy Thompson

# Lay Participants for Sunday, March 24

Lectors: Laure Covert, Carrie Fowler, Tom Hood, Greg Szymaszek,

Jane & Jack Turnbull Acolyte: Dylan Barrett

Ushers: Cindy Haraughty, Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Altar Guild: Connie Bonsiero, Sandy Thompson

A very special welcome to visitors and newcomers! Thank you for joining us for worship. If you are seeking a church home and are interested in learning more about Sherwood Church, or if you would like to receive weekly emails and announcements from our parish, please contact Carey Mednick at

<u>sherwoodparish@gmail.com</u>. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Please remember those on our prayer list with ongoing needs ... Louis, Shannon T., Sally, Shannon, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny, Dante, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Marissa, Frances T., David D., Hannah, Jessica, Ruth, Guy, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.

### This Week @ Sherwood

Monday

Office closed

### **Tuesday**

UCAN Board Meeting @ 1 pm (Mother Nancy) Lenten Book Study 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom

# Wednesday

Office hours 10 am-3 pm Lenten Book Study 3-4 pm @ Faith Lutheran, Conference Room

# **Guest Organist Today:**

Vance Ziglar, a familiar face at Sherwood, will be filling in for Greg. Please be sure to welcome him back. Today, Greg will be playing at Ben Boellner's (another Sherwood guest organist!) new church, St. Matthew's Lutheran in Hanover, PA.

# **Annual Meeting Wrap-Up:**

Thank you everyone for being a part of our annual meeting. There were good questions asked about the Clean Water Project and a productive discussion on creative ways to develop a fund to support the restoration and maintenance of our buildings and property. Congratulations to Laure Covert and Charles Roebuck for being voted in for their second term on the vestry. Special kudos to Greg Sesek, Stephanie Everts, and Sandy Thompson for being recognized by Mother Nancy for their "behind the scenes" care for our worship community.

### Senior and Junior Warden Announcement:

At our March vestry meeting, Mother Nancy brought forth Carrie Fowler (Senior Warden) and Stephanie Everts (Junior Warden) as her slate for the 2024 Vestry. The vestry unanimously approved the slate. Both Carrie and Stephanie are continuing their tenure as the leaders of the vestry. Be sure to congratulate and thank them for their commitment to serve God and their community.

# Outreach Update - Toiletries Needed:

There is an ongoing need for toiletries at Cockeysville Middle School. The shelves at the SSN warehouse are almost empty. Through Lent we will be asking our Sherwood members to help to restock the shelves with donations of regular-sized & unopened shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, liquid hand soap and hand cream/body lotion. Please leave donations in the bin by the church wing door. Thank you!

# Thursday, March 28--Car Wash @ Sherwood!

On the first Maundy Thursday, Jesus washed feet as a radical act of hospitality. Thus the youth of Sherwood, St. Francis, and Trinity, Long Green will follow his lead by offering a car wash to the area community from 3 to 5 pm. No feet washing, just car washing! Feet washing will be offered at our Maundy Thursday service @ 6 pm that evening.

Be sure to get your car washed at Sherwood on Maundy Thursday. Encourage your friends too! Any donation is appreciated.

# Help with Hospitality:

Week in and week out a few good folks have been the consistent hostesses for our Coffee Hour. If you haven't contributed to bringing something to eat or drink for Coffee Hour, please consider doing so. It takes a village in order to provide a good church coffee hour and anything that you can provide is appreciated. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the church wing. Thank you! -- Mother Nancy

# Adopt-a-Stream Workshop March 23:

In this workshop, you will learn about the threats to the health of the Gunpowder Watershed and how to help protect and improve our local creeks and rivers. Topics include:

- Understanding stormwater's effect on the health of waterways and landscapes
- Properly identifying and reporting stream hazards (e.g. sewer breaks, illicit discharges) and impairments
- Best practices for leading volunteers in a stream clean-up

This workshop will be conducted by the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy at Faith Lutheran, on Saturday, March 23 from 10 am to noon. Everyone is invited. <u>Please register here.</u> https://www.gunpowdervalleyconservancy.org/event/adopt-a-stream-workshop-march23/Questions? <u>Email Susan Meier suziorganizer@comcast.net</u> or call 410-913-4187.

# Lenten Study this Week:

The fourth week of our Lenten Study begins this week via Zoom on Tuesday, March 19 @ 6:30 pm or in person on Wednesday, March 20 @ 3 pm in the Conference Room at Faith Lutheran.

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# Sunday Worship at 10 am

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#### **Parish Office Hours:**

Closed Monday; Wednesday 10 am-3 pm or by appointment