

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II



About Maundy Thursday: *On Maundy Thursday, Jesus gives us a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you, signified in the washing of the feet. The altar is stripped in preparation for the desolation of Good Friday, and we will all leave in silence after we witness the stripping of the altar by the Altar Guild.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Prelude on *Vexilla regis*

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - 329

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling

1 Now, my tongue, the mystery telling
of the glorious Body sing,
and the Blood, all price excelling,

which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
once on earth among us dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.

2 Given for us, and condescending
to be born for us below,
he with us in converse blending
dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
till he closed with wondrous ending
his most patient life of woe.

3 That last night at supper lying
mid the twelve, his chosen band,
Jesus, with the Law complying,
keeps the feast its rites demand;
then, more precious food supplying,
gives himself with his own hand.

4 Word made flesh, the bread he taketh,
by his word his Flesh to be;
wine his sacred Blood he maketh,
though the senses fail to see;
faith alone the true heart waketh
to behold the mystery.

5 Therefore we, before him bending,
this great Sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.

6 Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honor, thanks, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing
who from both with both is One.

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THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us, setting by John Merbecke



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.



Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Please be seated.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

Said responsively by whole verse

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 **How shall I repay the LORD ***
for all the good things he has done for me?

- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD ***
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 **O LORD, I am your servant; ***
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD ***
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend William Dunning

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

THE CEREMONY OF THE WASHING OF THE FEET

BCP, p. 274

Everyone is invited to take part in this symbolic act, which for many can be extremely moving. Mother Nancy will first wash the feet of Fr. Bill, and Fr. Bill will wash the feet of Mother Nancy. Before coming forward, remove your shoes, and socks/stockings while still in your pew. Merely sit in one of the chairs and your feet will be washed. If you would like, you may wash the next person's feet. Otherwise, Mother Nancy or Fr. Bill will wash the next person's feet. This simple and intimate act brings to life what the disciples must have felt when Jesus knelt down to wash their feet. It makes Jesus' new commandment to love one another real and impactful.

HYMN - 162

The royal banners forward go

1 The royal banners forward go,
the cross shines forth in mystic glow
where he through whom our
flesh was made,
in that same flesh our ransom paid.

2 Fulfilled is all that David told
in true prophetic song of old;
how God the nations' King should be,
for God is reigning from the tree.

3 O tree of beauty, tree most fair,
ordained those holy limbs to bear
gone is thy shame, each
crimsoned bough
proclaims the King of glory now.

4 Blest tree, whose chosen branches bore
the wealth that did the world restore,
the price which none but he could pay
to spoil the spoiler of his prey.

5 O cross, our one reliance, hail!
Still may thy power with us avail
to save us sinners from our sin,
God's righteousness for all to win.

6 To thee, eternal Three in One,
let homage meet by all be done;
as by the cross thou dost restore
so rule and guide us evermore.

Following the ceremony of the washing of the feet, the people stand as they are able for the Prayers of the People.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form I, BCP p. 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town of Cockeysville, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all affected by the collapse of the Key Bridge: the first responders, the injured and those who care for them, and those who have lost their lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. We especially pray 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.

Lord, have mercy.

For the blessings of this life, including for those celebrating birthdays as well as anniversaries, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud. A period of silence follows after which the Celebrant concludes with the following prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus 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.

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 you, 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 Chaliceist 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 ANTHEM

Agnus Dei - Georges Bizet

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own we have given thee.**

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

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.

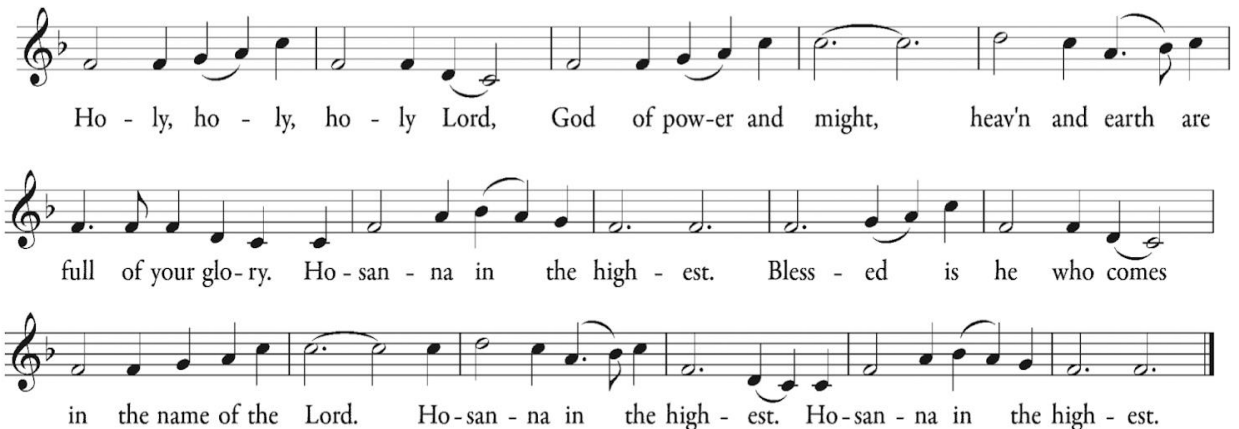
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. 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:

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.

AGNUS DEI S157

Lamb of God, setting by John Merbeke

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 - 171

Go to dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
ye that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see,
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away,
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall;
view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn of him to bear the cross.

3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Go to dark Gethsemane, #171 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: Petra, Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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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 STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Please remain seated as the Altar Guild lovingly and reverently strips the Altar. This is a custom that has been done for centuries and is our symbolic act of preparing ourselves for Good Friday, just as Jesus prepared himself for his final hours. As we witness the stripping the altar, we too are reminded of the emptiness we would feel if our Lord were not active in the world. We are laid bare, except for the Altar of Repose, where the Sacrament is reserved for Good Friday.

HYMN

Stay with me (Taizé)

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system of music includes the following lyrics: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and No - ho pū no - ho mai me ia'u ki - a'i a". The second system includes: "pray, watch and pray. pu - le kiai a pule.". Chord markings are placed above the staves: Dm, Gm6/D, Dm, Gm6/D, Dm, C, F, C, Dm, Gm/D, Asus, A.

Following the stripping of the altar, we will all exit the church in silence.

Worship Participants

Rector: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Preacher: The Rev. William Dunning

Music Director: Greg Sesek

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lectors: Jack & Jane Turnbull

Acolyte: Dylan Barrett

Usher: Kevin Hennessey, Megan Hennessey

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Altar Guild: Dolly Guarini, Sandy Thompson

Lay Participants for Good Friday, March 29 @ Noon

Lectors: Loretta Cunninghame, Laure Covert, Dylan Strong

Acolyte: Dylan Strong

Ushers: Cindy Haraughty, Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau, Mason Strong training

Altar Guild: Dolly Guarini, Sandy Thompson

Lay Participants for Easter Sunday, March 31 @ 10 am

Lectors: Carrie Fowler, Dylan Strong

Acolyte: Dylan Barrett

Crucifer: Mason Strong

Torch Bearers: Bria Arnold, Christina Pitts

Ushers: Karyn Galetto, Cindy Haraughty, Kevin Hennessey

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Altar Guild: Dolly Guarini, Sandy Thompson

Hospitality: Susan Boucher, Bill & Karyn Galetto, Joyce Mann, Sandy Thompson

Please remember those on our list with ongoing prayer 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.