

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Second Sunday of Lent

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The God of Abraham praise, v. 1-3

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1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the
sacred Name for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn:
we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagle-wings
upborne, to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his
grace for evermore.

3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and
sin, the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in
light, for ever reigns.

The God of Abraham praise, #401 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody;
harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

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.**

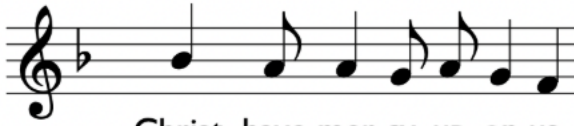
KYRIE

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121 setting by Henry Walford Davies Chanted by Cassidy Dixon

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore

THE SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say?
“Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”
Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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 worshipped 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 II

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Carrie; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We especially pray for those our parish prayer list: Kevin M., Bill, the Leezer family, Steve K., Leslie C., Chloe R., Rosalie J., Anne, Dominic D., Butch H., Michael L., Stephanie, Conner, Janice R. Anne K. and family, Bob. O. and Don S.. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for the blessings of this life including those celebrating birthdays, especially Jane T. and Ralph W., and those celebrating anniversaries.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant concludes

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 worshipping 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 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. Your contributions of any size make a difference. [Give online](https://sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) (sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cokeysville, 21030. Thank you!



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OFFERTORY HYMN

God so loved the world

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

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:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven 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. _____

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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.

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 for ever. **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.

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 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen 314

- 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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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

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Refrain

2 Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Refrain

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

Refrain

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain

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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 in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants for Sunday, March 1st

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Deacon: The Rev. Rebecca C. Warlow

Music Director: Greg Seseck

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lectors: Mary D., Loretta C.

Crucifer and Acolyte: Greg. S.

Ushers: Karyn G., Kathleen S.

AV: Robin R.

Hospitality: On hiatus during Lent

Altar Guild: Connie B., Sandy T.

Lay Participants for Sunday, March 8th

Lectors: Tom H., Loretta C.

Crucifer and Acolyte: Bronwyn S.

Ushers: Fran G., Kevin H.

AV: Mary D.

Hospitality: On hiatus during Lent

Altar Guild: Mary D., Bronwyn S., Sandy T.

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 us at sherwoodparish@gmail.com. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.

*Please remember those on our parish prayer list with ongoing needs:
Shannon T., Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny,
Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Marissa, Frances T., David D., Hannah, Jessica,
Ruth, Don M., Andrea, Peggy, Angelina, Leslie, and the people of Ukraine, Israel,
and Gaza.*

This Week @ Sherwood

Sunday

Sunday Worship, Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10 am

Pickersgill, HE from the Reserved Sacrament, 2 pm

Casa de Oración Hossana, 2-4 pm

Wedding, Charlene Rozich and Michael Gantt, 4:30 pm, Frederick, MD

Wednesday

Broadmead, HE Rite II, 11 am

Mother Nancy's Office Hours, 10 am - 3 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Thank You from our Intern:

Please see Bonnie Montalvo's note to the entire parish on the bulletin board in the church wing. She loved her time at Sherwood and is so appreciative of her internship experience.

Lenten Study: Begins Sunday:

Everyone is invited to join us for our Lenten program on Sundays following the 10 am service. Our Lenten Study begins after church on Sunday (March 1). It will be the first of four sessions in our series. All are welcome to join us as we explore the traditions, practices, and worship practices of the Episcopal Church.

Lenten Word Challenge:

Pick up your Lenten word and live with it during the season of Lent. Discover how the word comes alive in ways you never imagined. Words will be available in church or Mother Nancy can send one to you.

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Taking Steps to Care for Our Environment:

Beginning next Sunday, March 8 we will begin to use our hymnal for our processional and recessional hymns. We will no longer print the words in the bulletin. Why? We need to be good stewards of our resources and start to cut down on the number of pages we print for our bulletin each week.

Community Blood Drive:

Church of the Holy Comforter is hosting a community blood drive on Saturday, March 14 from 8:30 – 1:30 pm in their parish hall, 103 West Seminary Avenue, Lutherville. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Alison Wampler by email at awampler2@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar for Sherwood's Annual Meeting!

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 22 immediately following our worship. The vestry will provide hospitality, so we won't go hungry. We will vote on our new vestry members, say thank you to those who are coming off the vestry, have a report from our treasurer, and look towards our future. Please don't miss this important *State of the Church* meeting.

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