

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter

10 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL. PLEASE WEAR ONE AT YOUR DISCRETION.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Prelude on *O filii et filiae*

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - 208

The strife is o'er

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

3 The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!

Alleluia!

4 He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!
Alleluia!

5 Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, #208 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt. Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE OPENING SENTENCES

BCP pg. 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

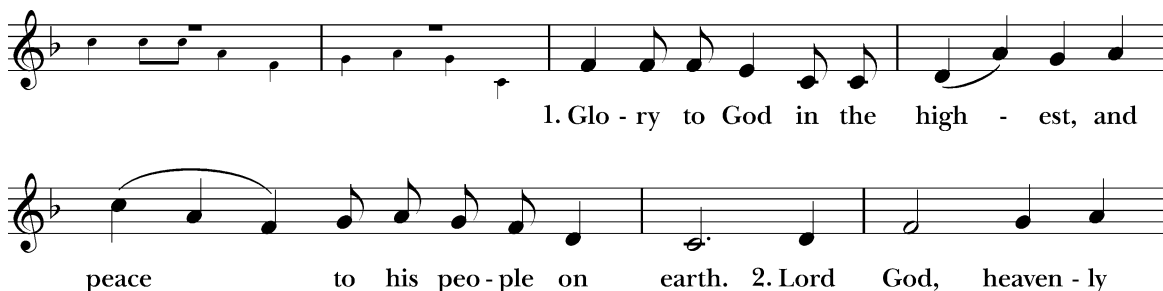
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

GLORIA - S280

Glory to God in the highest



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

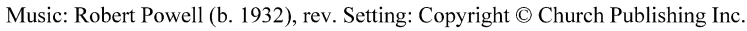
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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.

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’” Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants

on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

Said responsively by whole verse

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

**2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

**6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL AFFIRMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia.

Psalm tone for Gospel Verse

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, | says the | Lord;
blessed are they who have not seen | me, but |
still be|lieve.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and

stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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: Joe C., Chip, Raymond, Peggy, Sally E., Liz M., Kevin M., Lisa P., Victor, Joyce T., Bill H., Kim, Bernie C., Tony, Midge, Jeff, Timothy G., Alex V., Barbara, Joan L, and Rachael.

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

Give to the departed eternal rest.
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

BCP pg. 360

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. Give online (sherwoodcockeyville.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 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN - 206

O sons and daughters, let us sing

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death and hell rose triumphing.
Alleluia!

2 That night the apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be on all here."
Alleluia!

3 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

4 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;
my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
not faithless, but believing be."

Alleluia!

5 No longer Thomas then denied,
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“Thou art my Lord and God,” he cried.
Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing, #206 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866).
Music: *O filii et filiae*, melody from *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et Noël*s, 1623; acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

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 D – BCP pg. 372

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

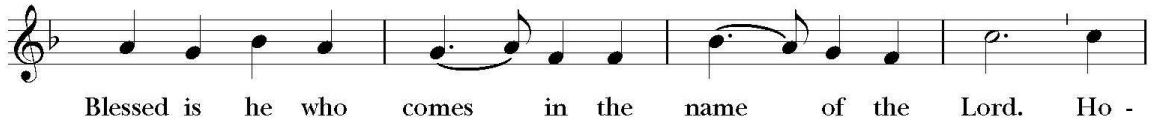
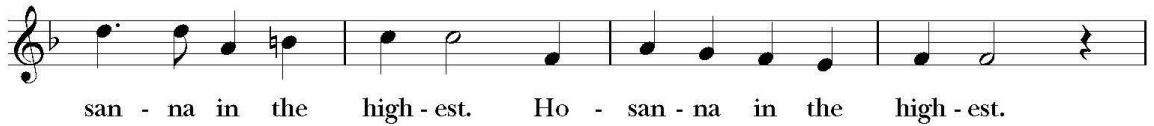
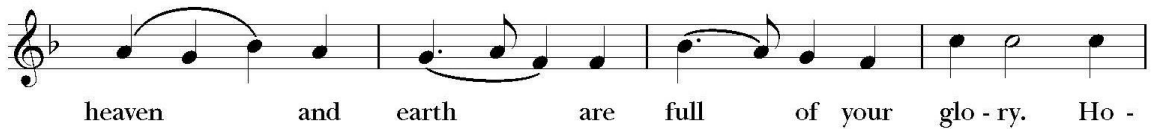
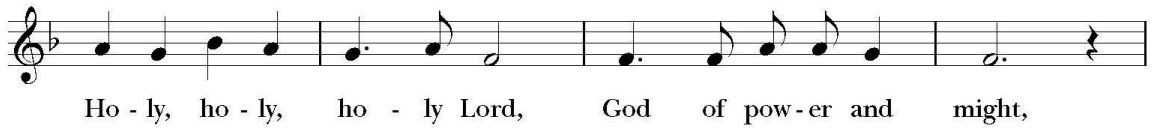
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are
God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever ...
Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim
you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS - S125



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

Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,

Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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.

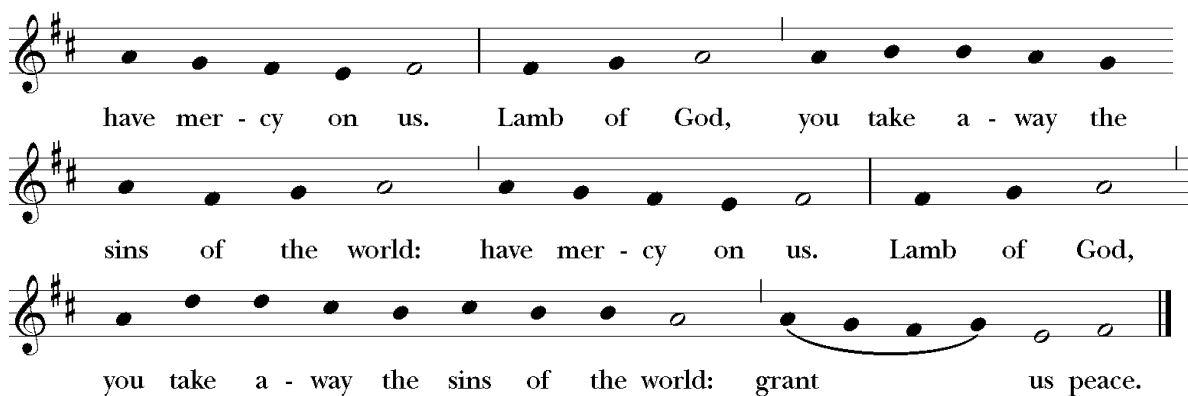
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI - S161

Lamb of God





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 - 209

We walk by faith, and not by sight

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.

2 We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

4 that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

We walk by faith, and not by sight, #209 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt. Music: St. Botolph, Gordon Slater (1896-1979). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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.***

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;

and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

The day of resurrection, #210 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Ellacombe, melody from Gesangbuch..der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katolischen Hofkapelle, 1784, alt.; adapt. Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973). Descant by permission of Oxford University Press.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey	Acolyte: Dylan Barrett
Music Director: Greg Seseck	Ushers: Derrick Danelon, Sandy Thompson
Cantor: Cassidy Dixon	Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts
Lectors: Sheila Fitzgerald, Robin Rouleau	Altar Guild: Sandy Thompson

Lay Participants for Sunday, April 23

Lectors: Carrie Fowler, Greg Szymaszek

Acolyte: Greg Szymaszek

Ushers: Bill & Karyn Galetto

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Altar Guild: Connie Bonsiero

Please remember those on our parish prayer list with ongoing needs:

Virginia, Louis, Shannon T., Sally, Shannon, Norma, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny, Dante, Sandy & Jack, Alice, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Tommy C., Linda, Kyle, Marissa, Frances T., David D., Hannah, the people of Ukraine, and those impacted by COVID-19.

This Week @ Sherwood

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

UCAN Board Meeting, 1-2:30 pm

Wednesday

Office Hours 10 am-3 pm

Thursday

Clergy Group, Mother Nancy

A Wonderful Holy Week and Easter Experience!

We had a busy and beautiful Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The Altar Guild ensured that each service was well prepared so we all could fully experience Holy Week and Easter Sunday in the fullest. The music was exceptional. Cassidy's voice and Greg's organ skills made each service that much richer. The Easter flowers were beautiful. Thank you to our youth, our lectors, ushers, the AV team, and Cody the dog! Everyone, humans and K9 alike, ensured us a moving Holy Week and joyous Easter morning.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed:

Simplicity is still the word of the day. Please see the sign-up sheet in the church wing or speak to Karyn Galetto. Thank you!



Exciting Environmental Developments on Sherwood Hill!

In January 2023, Faith Lutheran's Susan Meier and Sherwood's Suzie Merryman met to develop a local "green team" for the greater Cockeysville-Hunt Valley area to promote environmental stewardship. Their goals were to raise awareness about the environmental issues in our community and to recruit "friends" to help get the word out so the community could understand actions they could take as individuals and as a group to reduce negative environmental impact. They asked Bonnie, Don, and Steve to join the group as each brought special talents and knowledge:

Beaverdam Green Team Members

- Don Callihan, Bazil AME Church, 320 Sherwood Rd., Cockeysville
- Steve Fauser, Gunpowder Valley Conservancy Stream Captain for Beaverdam Run
- Susan Meier, Faith Lutheran Green Team leader
- Suzanne Merryman, Sherwood
- Bonnie Sorak, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake-Senior Outreach Coordinator

The Beaverdam Green Team kick-off event is the April 23 Tree Give-Away. A fall festival is being considered as the second event for the area. Susan is working with a handful of local business groups and Suzie is contacting potential leaders from other volunteer organizations to gain support for the team's efforts. If you are interested

in working with the Beaverdam Green Team on the Tree Give-Away event or other initiatives, please contact Suzie Merryman. slmerryman@yahoo.com

Please RSVP here

https://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/treegiveaway_beaverdam_sherwood_2023
if you plan on attending the Tree Give-Away on April 23.

Many thanks to our Clean Water Project contractor Underwood & Associates for their donation of 25 American white cedar tree seedlings for the Tree Give-Away.

Bishop's Appeal Weekend:

For the next four Sundays, we're supporting our diocesan ministries by raising funds for the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal. Your gift to the Appeal supports the collective ministries of our diocese and 15% of every gift raised by our parishioners will stay here to support Sherwood's own outreach and ministry. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the ministry of our congregation and of our diocese! Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishops Annual Ministry Appeal. Make your gift online <https://episcopalmaryland.org/bishops-annual-appeal/> or you may send a check to: The Bishop's Appeal, 4 E. University Parkway Baltimore, MD 21218

Clergy in Our Midst:

Some congregations are blessed to have retired clergy in their midst and Sherwood is one of them. I hope you have had the chance to meet Fr. Bill and his wife Peggy. They have been attending Sherwood for the past several months. Mother Nancy has invited Fr. Bill to be a part of the worship team whenever he would like and on Sunday, April 23, Fr. Bill will be our celebrant. Join us in welcoming Fr. Bill and Peggy Dunning into our community.

Are You New to Sherwood?

Over the past few weeks, we have seen some new faces among us both in person and online, welcome! If you would like to learn more about our community, please touch base with Mother Nancy after the service, or [send her an email](mailto:sherwoodrector@gmail.com). [sherwoodrector@gmail.com](https://sherwoodcockeysville.org/contact-us/) Please also visit <https://sherwoodcockeysville.org/contact-us/> to be added to our email list and more. We are glad you are with us!