



Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
10 AM

August 23, 2020
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Watch live on our Facebook page and our website at 10 am, and on our YouTube channel after 2 pm

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit

Hear ye, Israel (Elijah) - Mendelssohn
Cassidy Dixon, Soprano
Mr. Greg Seseck, Music Director & Organist

Hear ye, Israel! hear what the Lord speaketh: 'Oh, had'st thou heeded my commandments!' Who hath believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and His Holy One, to him oppressed by Tyrants: Thus saith the Lord:

'I am He that comforteth; Be not afraid, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee! Say who art thou, that thou art afraid of a man that shall die; and forgettest the Lord thy Maker, who hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the earth's foundations? Say, who art thou!'

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

2 To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to our midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

3 With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have

many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 124

Said in unison

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

ALLELUIA



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA



THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

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

Organ Voluntary

Mr. Greg Seseck

THE NICENE CREED

BCP pg. 358

**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

Celebrant

Mercifully receive our prayers, O God, that we may know your ways and follow where you lead, responding, *Hear us Lord.*

For those who are seeking a spiritual home, that they may be inspired to seek a faith community and receive a deep sense of God's presence as they explore what is stirring inside them; let us pray.

Hear us Lord.

That we may be set free from the need to claim our worthiness through possessions and position, so that we may discover our true identity in the life and hope of the Holy Spirit; let us pray.

Hear us Lord.

Guide the leaders of our Church, diocese and congregation that there may be mutual respect across, and a renewed sense of partnership in bringing God's Kingdom into the most troubled corners of our neighborhoods and nations; let us pray.

Hear us Lord.

Encourage our civic leaders to modify their convictions with compromise, that there may be a renewal of hope for those who live in poverty, unemployment, and lack of education opportunities; let us pray.

Hear us Lord.

Reveal the unfolding beauty of creation, the uniqueness of seasons, and the joy and wonder of your handicraft, that we may delight in guarding these gifts; let us pray.
Hear us Lord.

Hold in your arms of mercy for the ill, poor, hungry, oppressed, and those impacted by COVID-19. We ask for your prayers especially for those on our parish prayer list: Sally, Avery, Deryk, Lorraine, Debbie, Elizabeth, Shannon, Jeff & Kim, Norma, Sharon, Mary Rose, Margaret, Ed, Laura, Steve, Joyce, Hayley, Christine, Richard, Mike and his family, Kendall, Jean, Marge, Sarah, Becky, Joe, the Smith family, Gail, Suzanne, the Frost family, Margaret S., Ruth Ann, Mark, the Jackson family, Charles, Steve W., Pam, Denise, Joan, Michelle, Joe G., Carole, Rosalie, Hannah, Tom, Jay, Joell, and Bishop Ilhoff; let us pray.
Hear us Lord.

We thank you for the blessings of this life; especially for those celebrating birthdays including Bernice, Lee, and C.J.; let us pray.
Hear us Lord.

Gracious God, give to the departed eternal rest in your loving arms; let us pray;
Hear us Lord.

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP pg. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is 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 greet one another virtually with a sign of God's peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP pg. 364

Let us pray.

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

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!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
 he whose word cannot be broken
 formed thee for his own abode;
 on the Rock of Ages founded,
 what can shake thy sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See the streams of living waters,
 springing from eternal love,
 well supply thy sons and daughters,
 and all fear of want remove;
 who can faint while such a river
 ever flows their thirst t' assuage?
 Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
 never fails from age to age.

4. Blest inhabitants of Zion,
 washed in the Redeemer's blood!
 Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
 makes them kings and priests to God.
 'Tis his love his people raises
 over self to reign as kings:
 and as priests, his solemn praises
 each for a thank offering brings.

Postlude

Mr. Greg Sesek

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Sesek

Soloist: Cassidy Dixon

Broadcast Engineer: Anne Wismer

Thank you for joining us for our virtual worship this morning. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and also remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.

If you are interested in receiving our e-newsletter, please contact Carey Mednick at sherwoodparish@gmail.com.

This Week @ Sherwood

Monday

Office Closed

Thursday

Mother Nancy Office Hours (E-mail or call her to make an appt.)

Sunday

Youth Book Study @ 11:30 am

Announcements

Something to Consider:

If you are interested in delving deeper into your faith, Mother Nancy encourages you to think about Education for Ministry (EfM). EfM is an annual course of study that reviews Christian Scripture, history, and theology and teaches a method to apply Christian tradition to our lives and ministries. They study in a small group seminar, meeting weekly at the Diocese of Maryland, 4 East University Parkway, Baltimore. The cost is \$375/year. Learn more at <http://efm.sewanee.edu>.

Morning Group: Meets Thursdays, 9:00 AM, beginning September 2020*
Contact: Stephanie Hull, stephaniehull@comcast.net or 410-462-1832.

Evening Group: Meets Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, beginning January 2021*.
Contact: Lisa Robey, lisarobey@gmail.com or 443-416-9007.

Please email Stephanie Hull at stephaniehull@comcast.net or Trisha Leach at sewingbee1956@email if you are interested in attending or obtaining more information.

**Actual start dates depend on physical distancing requirements.*

Mother Nancy Office Hours @ Sherwood:

Next Thursday, August 27 Mother Nancy will be on campus. If you would like to meet with her, please contact her. She is happy to meet for conversation with the proper precautions. Reach out to Mother Nancy via phone or email to set up some time. No agenda is necessary, just the willingness to be mindful of safe practices.

Thank you!

Thank you for letting Mother Nancy “lay eyes” on many of you who attended the Sherwood Gathering via Zoom. I hope you were able to get an idea of where we are right now as a congregation. A special thank you to all of you who contributed to the Annual Report and to Carey for putting it all together.

Toothpaste and Deodorant Needed:

Loaves and Fishes has requested donations of toothpaste and deodorant for their clients. Please drop off these items in the blue bin on the Parish House porch or in the bin on the Parish Office porch. Thank you!

Your Financial Contribution Matters:

Please continue as you are able to financially support Sherwood. We continue to do God’s work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. You may now contribute online via our website. Go [here](#) to check it out. Or if you would prefer, mail in your contribution. We are checking the mail regularly and depositing any checks. Thank you!