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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
10 AM

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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

Take up your cross
Mr. Greg Seseck, Music Director & Organist

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.**

HYMN

Take my life, and let it be

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.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Said in unison

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!

ALLELUIA



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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, Lorraine, Debbie, Elizabeth, Shannon, Jeff & Kim, Norma, Sharon, Margaret, Ed, Laura, Steve, Joyce, Christine, Richard, Mike and his family, Kendall, Jean, Marge, Sarah, Becky, Joe, Gail, Suzanne, the Frost family, Margaret S., Ruth Ann, Mark, Steve W., Pam, Denise, Joan, Michelle, Joe G., Carole, Rosalie, Hannah, Tom, Jay, and Joell; let us pray.
Hear us Lord.

We thank you for the blessings of this life; especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.
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

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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. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my Name be known?
 Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave your self behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoner free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen?
 And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

5. Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show,
 thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me?

Postlude

Postlude on Take up your cross (tune: BOURBON)
 Mr. Greg Seseck

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey
 Music Director & Organist: Greg Seseck
 Soloist: Cassidy Dixon
 Broadcast Engineer: Anne Wismer

*The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given by Bill and Karyn Galetto
 from the garden of Tim Galetto*

*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

Sunday

Youth Book Discussion via Zoom @ 11:30

Monday

Office Closed

Property Imperatives Meeting @ 3 pm

Wednesday

Commission on Ministry Executive Board Meeting

11 am-1 pm via Zoom (Mother Nancy)

UCAN meeting @ 4:30 (Mother Nancy)

Thursday

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

Announcements

Calling All Lectors:

As we continue to worship via Facebook Live we would like to invite those who are willing to read the scripture, psalm, and the Prayers of the People. Would you be interested in reading on a given Sunday? This is open to our current lectors and those who may want to become one. Please only participate if you are comfortable and healthy. Interested? Please call or email Carey Mednick expressing interest and your availability in September and October.

Carey on Vacation:

Carey will be away this Tuesday through Thursday. Emails and voicemails will still be checked and responded to.

Pop-Up Tent Needed:

As we begin to look at alternative ways to worship, the worship team may be in need of a pop-up tent. If you have one and wouldn't mind lending it to the church on a given Sunday, please contact Carey Mednick.

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.*

Youth Zoom Book Study Final Meeting:

This Sunday will be our last Zoom gathering for our book discussion. Thank you to seminarian Kathleen Schotto for coordinating and leading our discussions. Kathleen and Mother Nancy have been impressed with how our youth are grasping the underlying themes of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Stay tuned for an opportunity to watch the movie, "The Chronicles of Narnia", on which the book is based.

Volunteers Needed for Food Pantry:

We continue to experience high need for food in our community! Epiphany Community Center will host Pantry on the Go this coming **Tuesday September 1 from 4-6 pm**. This event will be a **drive-through event only** held in the parking lot and run from **4-6 pm**. Volunteers may serve in shorter shifts or from 4 pm until 6 pm. Volunteer tasks include distributing food to cars and assisting in clean-up tasks.

For the health and safety of all, volunteers are required to bring and wear masks and maintain physical distance of 6 feet. Epiphany Community Center will provide gloves. Wearing masks and practicing physical distancing is an act of love and care for our larger community and for ourselves, as we share the gifts of food that we have been given. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we seek to keep you and others safe! Please stay home if you are ill or at high-risk; there are many other ways you can support the work of Epiphany Community Center. Please [e-mail revamy@steepmd.org](mailto:revamy@steepmd.org) if you would like volunteer.

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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!