

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost 10 AM

September 20, 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

Panis angelicus - Cesar Franck Cassidy Dixon, soprano Mr. Greg Sesek, Music Director & Organist

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

HYMN – 541 Come, labor on

1. Come, labor on.
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today."

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.**



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the

Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

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.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42. For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

ALLELUIA



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are

you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

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 Meditation

Mr. Greg Sesek

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, Joe, Gail, Suzanne, the Frost family, Margaret S., Ruth Ann, Mark, Steve W., Pam, Joan, Michelle, Joe G., Carole, Rosalie, Hannah, Tom, Jay, Joell+, Stan, the Beavers family, Rick; the Hardy family, Pris, the True family, and Gilbert. *Hear us Lord*.

We thank you for the blessings of this life; especially for those celebrating birthdays including Kathy; 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.

A Special Note:

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 <u>here</u> to check it out. (sherwoodcockeysville.org/give) Or if you would prefer, mail in your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, 21030. We are checking the mail regularly and depositing any checks. Thank you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN - 341

For the bread which you have broken

1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which You have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B – BCP pg. 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

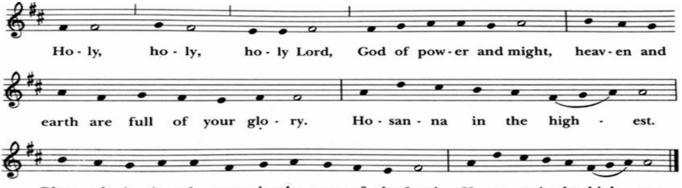
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS - S124

Setting by David Hurd



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer and at the conclusion says

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 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 God, sins of the world: Lamb of you take way the a -Lamb of God, you take a - way the have mer - cy on us. sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins the world: grant peace. us

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)

Celebrant:

Let us say together the prayer for spiritual communion.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. 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!

HYMN - 551

Rise up, ye saints of God!

- 1. Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things, give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
- 3. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

Postlude

Solemn Melody - Henry Walford Davies Mr. Greg Sesek

The flowers on the altar this week are given by Bill & Karyn Galetto from the garden of Tim Galetto

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey Music Director & Organist: Greg Sesek

> Soloist: Cassidy Dixon Lector: Sheila Fitzgerald

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 <u>sherwoodparish@gmail.com</u>.

This Week @ Sherwood

Saturday

Outdoor Movie Night for Youth and Family @ 6:30 pm The Strongs' Home

Sunday

CyberCoffee @ 11 am

Monday

Office Closed

Wednesday

Bishop and Clergy Zoom Meeting 10-11:30 am (Mother Nancy)

Wedding Consultation via Zoom 6 pm (Mother Nancy)

Thursday

Mother Nancy Office Hours (Email or call her to make an appt.)

Alumni Executive Board - General Theological Seminary Zoom Meeting @ 11 am

Announcements

CyberCoffee Today!

In an effort to stay connected we will be offering a CyberCoffee time on the first and third Sundays of the month. It will begin at 11 am and last approximately 30 minutes. Please make an effort to participate because it is important for us to stay

connected with one another during this trying time. Get comfortable, get a good cup of coffee or tea, and connect! Karyn Galetto will be our hostess this week.

Here is the link:

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Meeting ID: 812 4252 8469

Passcode: 965140

Volunteers Needed:

As we continue to work towards reopening our parish, one of the jobs that needs to be completed is to box up all of the prayer books and hymnals. I have been collecting boxes and putting them in the sacristy. If anyone feels so inclined to help with this, we can make arrangements for you to be in the church alone or with one other person. Please contact Anne Wismer via <a href="emailto:e

Did You Know?

Each week we have between 90–125 (and sometimes more) views for our Facebook Live service. People are connecting locally as well as from greater distances. Regardless, they are a part of our worshiping community and we are so glad they have joined us. For this reason, we will always film our Sunday service even when this pandemic is a distant memory.

Blessing of the Animals ~ COVID Style!

We are looking at having our annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4. Plans are being made and we hope to invite anyone with a furry friend or even a beloved stuffed animal to come to the church immediately following our virtual service and Mother Nancy will bless your animal(s) friends while you remain in or beside your car. If you don't have an animal to bless you are still welcome to join us!

Volunteers for Children and Adult Christian Formation:

Mother Nancy is looking into several options for Christian Formation for all ages. Remember our spiritual formation doesn't end when we finish school. There are some excellent resources available that will allow us to provide education via Zoom or in small groups. This will allow us to stay engaged and explore our faith with one another during COVID-19. If you would like to work alongside Mother Nancy in leading an adult or children Christian Formation group, please speak to her. No experience is necessary, except your love to share the gospel and your faith with others.