

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
10 AM

October 4, 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

Prelude

Fantaisie in C major (Quasi lento; Adagio) - César Franck
Mr. Greg Seseck, Music Director & Organist

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

HYMN

Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Prayer attributed to St. Francis, music by South African composer
Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)*

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - S277

Setting by David Hurd

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y 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 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *

then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

ALLELUIA

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two systems of staves. The top system has a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes. The bottom system has a grand staff with a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The bass line features a simple accompaniment with chords and a few melodic lines. The key signature and time signature are consistent with the top system.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 Seseck

THE NICENE CREED

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**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, Joyce, Christine, Richard, Mike and his family, Kendall, Jean, Marge, Sarah, Joe, Gail, Suzanne, the Frost family, Margaret S., 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; let us pray.
Hear us Lord.

We thank you for the blessings of this life; especially for those celebrating birthdays including Diane, Bill, Sheila, Lauren, and Don as well as anniversaries including David and Carrie, and Bronwyn and Christina; let us pray.
Hear us Lord.

Gracious God, give to the departed eternal rest in your loving arms. We especially remember and give thanks for the lives of Stephen John Taft, loving brother of Sheila Fitzgerald, and Ruth Ann Beavers, loving mother and grandmother of the Beavers family; 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

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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 by going [here](http://sherwoodcockeyville.org/give). (sherwoodcockeyville.org/give) Or if you would prefer, mail in your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeyville, 21030. We are checking the mail regularly and depositing any checks. Thank you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

Ave verum corpus - Edward Elgar
Choir: Cassidy Dixon, Carolyn Fowler

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B – BCP pg. 367

The Lord be with you.

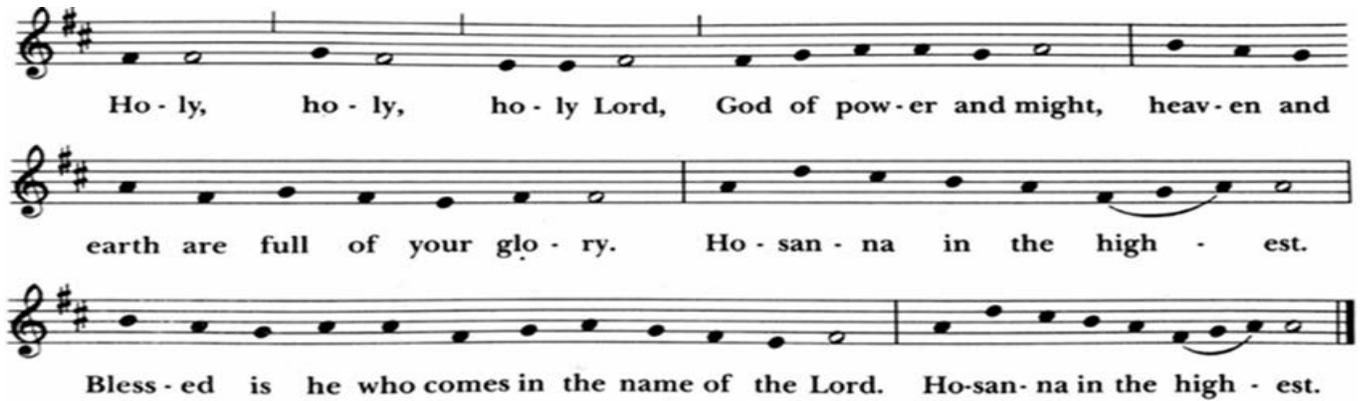
And also with you.

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.

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 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



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

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 - 400

All creatures of our God and King

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!

stars nightly shining, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
O praise Him, Alleluia!

2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
You clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,

Postlude

Mr. Greg Seseck

*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 Seseck

Choir: Cassidy Dixon, Carolyn Fowler

Lector: Laure Covert

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

Sunday

Blessing of the Animals 11:15–11:45 am

Monday

Office Closed

Wednesday

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

Thursday

TRC Meeting via Zoom 6-7:30 pm

Friday

CMS Drive-Thru Distribution 10 am–12 pm

Announcements

Cockeysville Middle School Drive-Thru Food Distribution – Donations Needed BY OCTOBER 5:

To help put the CMS Imperative team's goals into action, Sherwood has joined the Student Support Network. The first CMS event sponsored by SSN will be a drive-thru food distribution on **October 9**. Produce boxes, gift cards, and bread will be distributed. We would also like to provide high-demand personal items:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Bar soap

Monetary donations to purchase items can be made by check to Sherwood Episcopal Church with Student Support Network on the notation line. You may also give online at our website--under Pledge, designate the amount you'd like to contribute and add a note in the right column that it is for the SSN.

Donations may be left in the bin on the porch of the parish house or office and must be made by October 5 so that the items can be bagged for distribution. *Please help to make this first event a success!* If you have any questions, contact Joyce Mann at joymann3@hotmail.com.

Welcome All Creatures Great and Small:

Today we will be honoring St. Francis of Assisi who was designated by the Catholic Church as a Patron Saint of Italy. He is best known for his love and care of animals and the natural environment. Following our virtual worship service, we will gather between 11:15–11:45 am in the parking lot so Mother Nancy can individually bless your beloved pets. Mother Nancy blesses well-loved stuffed animals too!

Communion by the Red Door:

In an effort to continue to connect with our faith and our God, Mother Nancy will be providing “Communion By the Red Door” starting on Sunday, October 11 following our virtual worship service. Between 11:15–11:45 am Mother Nancy will greet you at your car and give you communion. This is an opportunity to connect with Mother Nancy and more importantly to be restored and renewed by receiving the Eucharist. Blessings and prayers will be offered as well. Going forward, communion will be offered on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. We hope to see you by the Red Door!

It’s Time for a Bible Study (again!):

Starting the week of October 18, a five-week bible study will be offered (via Zoom) titled *Living Discipleship: Exploring the Bible*. This curriculum offered by Forward Movement will take us on a journey through the scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation. One of the main ways that we know and understand the hope to which God has called us is the gift of God’s Word, the Bible. By focusing on the vast narrative of the scriptures, we can see the great story of God’s love from the beginning of creation, through the life of Jesus Christ, and in our own time, guided by the Holy Spirit. We will explore this 26-week curriculum by taking it in sections, with breaks in between. Who knows, maybe by the time we reach the last class we will be doing it in person! Purchasing the book is optional as you will be emailed the readings and questions each week. Interested? ... I hope so! [Email Carey Mednick](#) with your interest – friends are invited too!

Mother Nancy’s Gmail Account Scammed:

Did you receive a brief email from Mother Nancy asking for your financial help with an issue? This was not sent by Mother Nancy. This it is referred to as a phishing scam. A phishing attack happens when someone tries to trick you into sharing personal information online by posing as a legitimate person—such as your priest. **Do not answer these emails.** Mother Nancy would not send out a brief message asking for your financial help and often the messages are poorly written.

