Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost **October 11, 2020**
10 AM **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 *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness)*
- Johannes Brahms
Mr. Greg Sesek, Music Director & Organist

Welcome and Announcements The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

HYMN – 684 *O for a closer walk with God*

1 O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heav'nly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

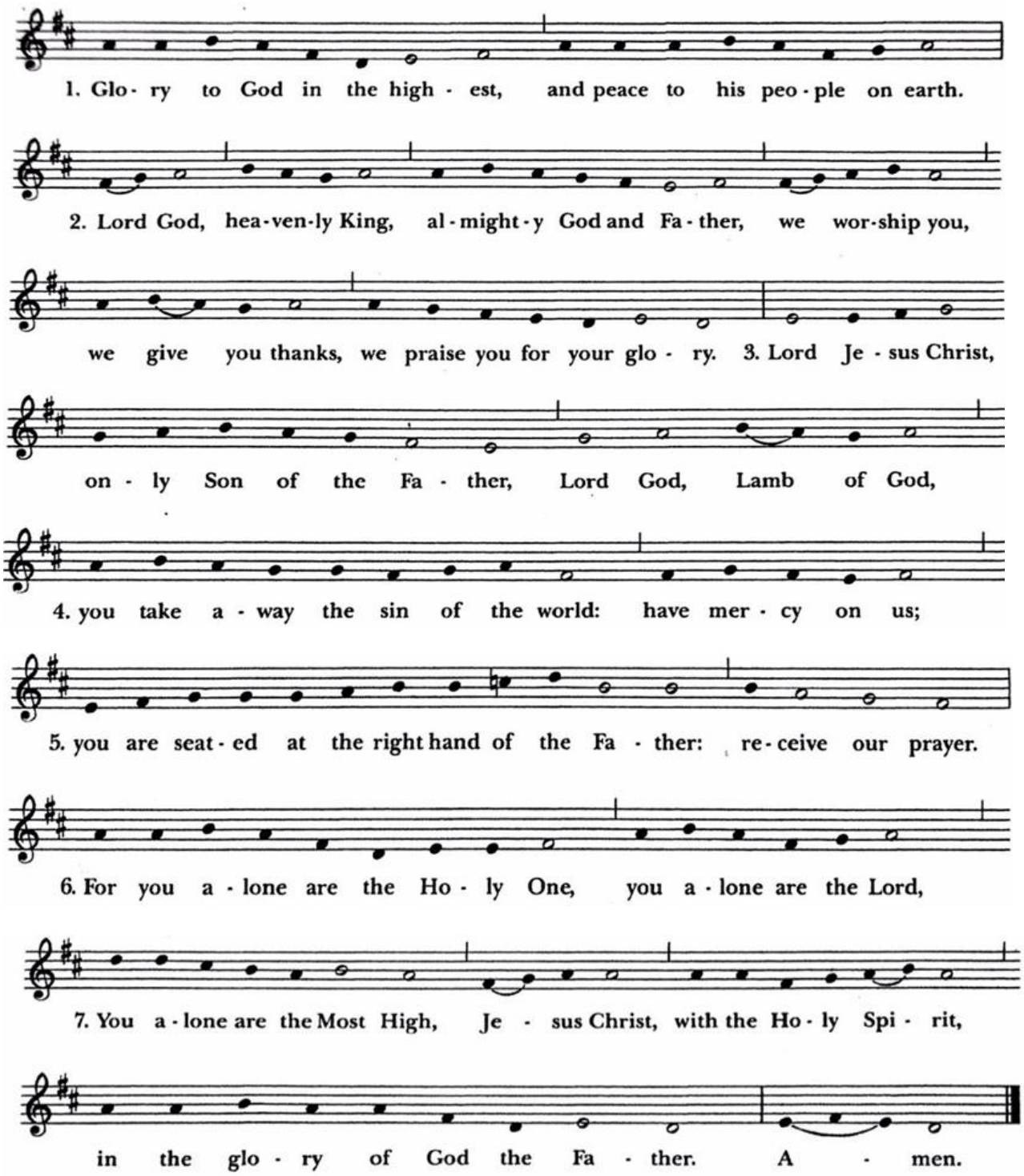
2 Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I sought the Lord?
Where is the soul refreshing view
of Jesus and His Word?

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.**



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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your

descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23 *Said in unison*

1 Hallelujah!
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

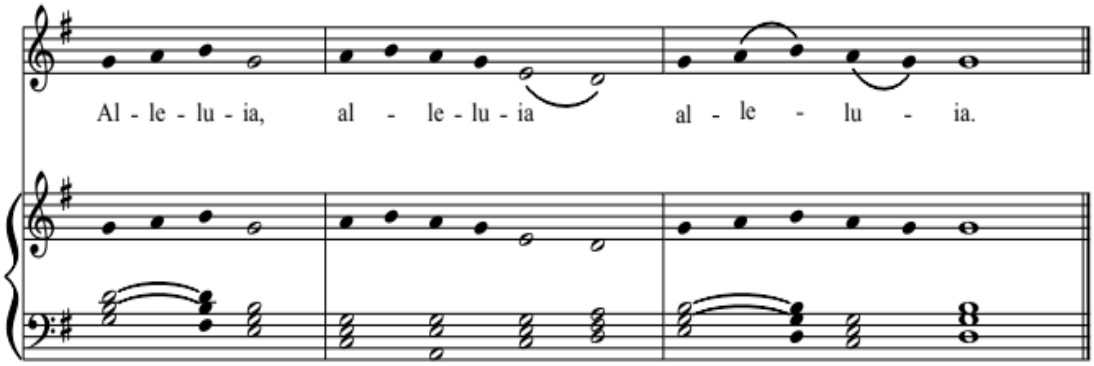
20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

ALLELUIA



THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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, Joyce, Christine, Richard, Mike and his family, Kendall, Jean, Marge, Sarah, Joe, Gail, Suzanne, the Frost family, Mark, Steve W., Pam, Joan, Michelle, Joe G., Carole, Rosalie, Hannah, Tom, Jay, Joell+, Stan, the Beavers family, Rick; the Hardy family, the True family, Gilbert, Steve & Debbie, David C., and Ella Mae; let us pray.
Hear us Lord.

We thank you for the blessings of this life; especially for those celebrating birthdays including Bria, Megan, and Carey; 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 here 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 – 317 *This is the hour of banquet and of song*

1. This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

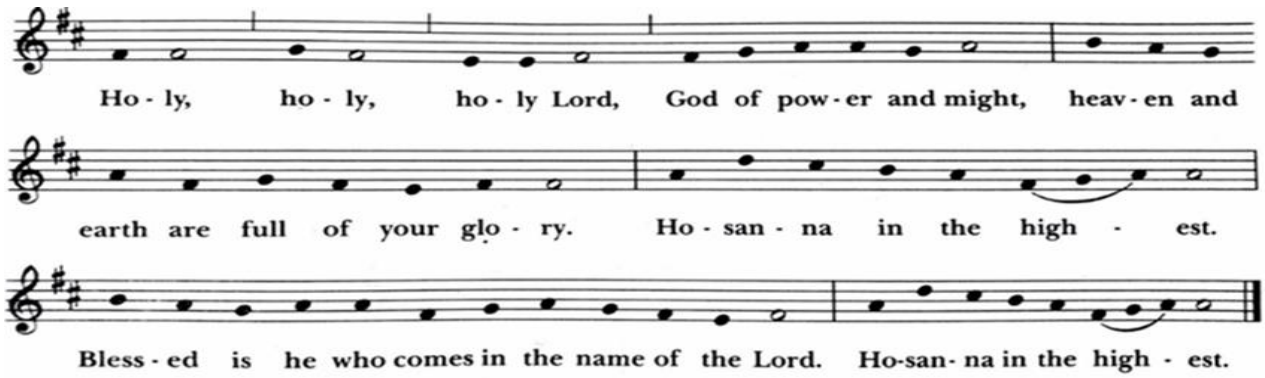
2. Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days
thou still art here with us--our Shield and Sun.

3. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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*



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

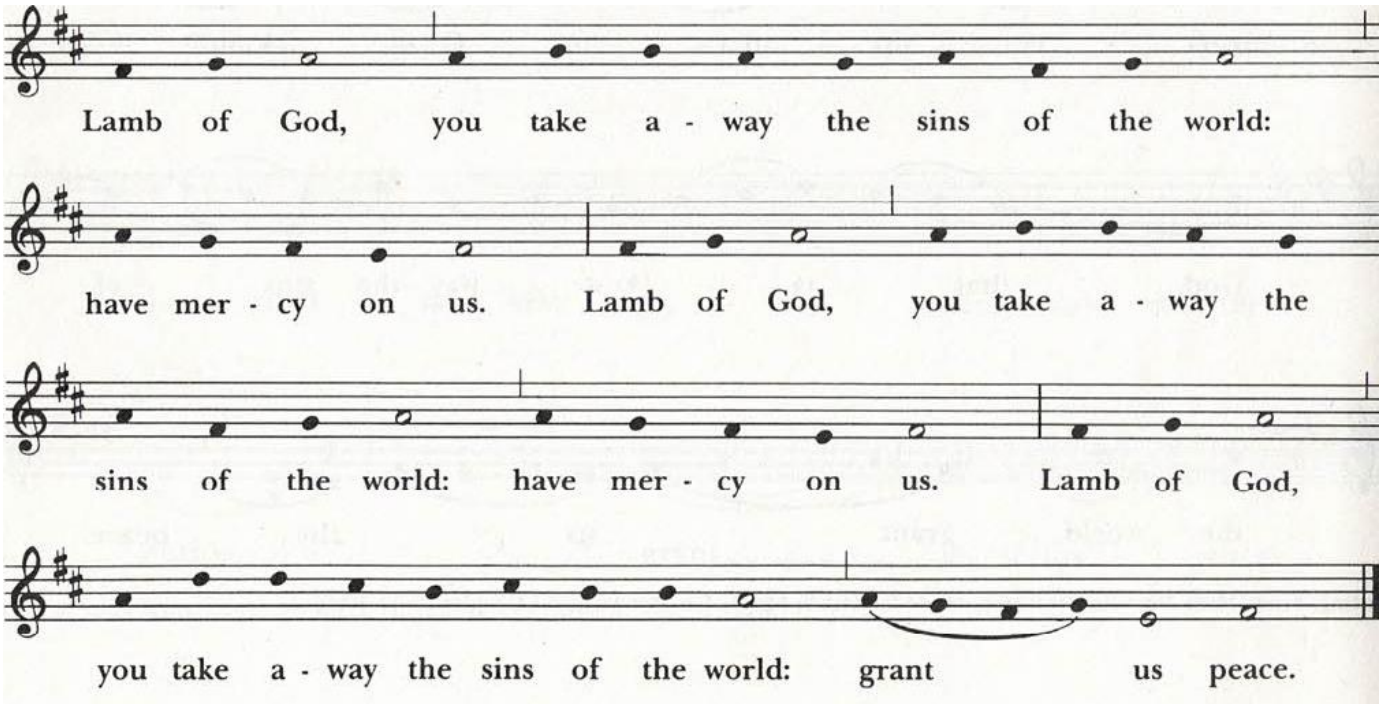
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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*



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.**

HYMN - 551 *How great thou art*

1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

Refrain:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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How great thou art, how great thou art!

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin! [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

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!

Postlude *Tuba Tune in D major, Op. 15* - C.S. Lang
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: Bud King
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-Tuesday
Clergy Conference via Zoom

Monday
Office Closed

Tuesday
UCAN Board Meeting @ 4 pm via Zoom
Holy Conversation for Vestry & Staff @ 6 pm via Zoom

Wednesday
Mother Nancy Office Hours (Email or call her to make an appt.)
Vestry Meeting @ 6 pm via Zoom

Thursday
TRC Meeting via Zoom @ 6-7:30 pm

Saturday
Graveside Service for Nellie Merryman Hardy @ 11 am
Mother Nancy officiating

Announcements

A Safe Way to Receive the Eucharist: 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 today following our virtual worship service. All safety precautions as directed by Bishop Sutton have been taken.

Between 11:15–11:45 am, Mother Nancy (wearing a mask and gloves) will greet you at your car with a pre-sanctified, pre-wrapped wafer. (The wafers have been carefully handled and wrapped by Anne Wismer in gloves and a mask.) Mother Nancy will hand you a card with a Post-Eucharistic prayer on it that you are free to recite after you receive 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!

Help a Young Parishioner & Learn Something New!
Eighth-grader Mason Strong will be leading a 4-week online origami class in November titled *Animal Origami, A Personal Paper Menagerie*. Conducted via Zoom through the Natural History Society of Maryland, Mason will be earning his Community Service Boy Scout merit badge as well as receiving service credits for school. To support Mason and join in on the fun, click here (https://www.marylandnature.org/get-involved/events/event/animal-origami-a-personal-paper-menagerie/).