

# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
10 AM

November 15, 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 *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing)*  
Johann Gottfried Walther, arr. Mark Schweizer  
Cassidy Dixon, Soprano  
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.

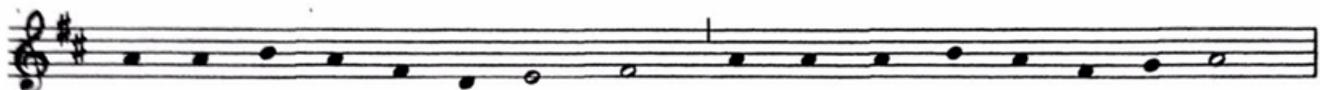
**And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

## 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.**

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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 123

*Said in unison*

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

ALLELUIA



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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey

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

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, Debbie, Shannon, Jeff & Kim, Norma, Sharon, Margaret, Ed, Laura, Joyce, Christine, Mike and his family, Kendall, Jean, Marge, Sarah, Joe, Gail, Mark, Steve W., Pam, Michelle, Joe G., Carole, Jay, Stan, Rick; David C., Ella Mae, Steve & Debbie, Jeanetta, Christina, Khalil, Samantha, Courtney, Bud, and Steve S.; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

We thank you for the blessings of this life; especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries including Mason and Jack; 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: Stewardship 2020-2021**

Our annual Stewardship Campaign has begun. The theme this year is "Faith-Filled Generosity." Stewardship letters will be sent out in the coming week. In the meantime, through prayer and reflection, how will you use the gifts you have been

given to help our church this coming year? How will you hear the Gospel call to seek and serve Christ in all people, and respond with generosity?

If you are not on our mailing list and would like to pledge support to Sherwood for 2021—in time, talent and treasure, please contact Carey Mednick at [sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com). Thank you.

*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. (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 – 312

*Strengthen for service, Lord  
Cassidy Dixon, Soprano*

1 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands  
that holy things have taken;  
let ears that now have heard thy songs  
to clamour never waken.

2 Lord, may the tongues which “Holy” sang  
keep free from all deceiving;  
the eyes which saw thy love be bright,  
thy blessed hope perceiving.

3 The feet that tread thy holy courts  
from light do thou not banish;  
the bodies by thy Body fed  
with thy new life replenish.

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 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.**



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, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

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



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;  
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,  
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;  
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

## 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

*Voluntary in C (Adagio, Andante) - John Stanley*  
Mr. Greg Seseck

### **Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood**

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Seseck

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 [sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com).*

### **This Week @ Sherwood**

#### **Monday**

Office closed

#### **Tuesday**

Bible Study via Zoom @ 2 pm

#### **Wednesday**

Interfaith Advisory Board Meeting via Zoom @ 10 am

#### **Thursday**

Mother Nancy in the office (please call or e-mail her for appt.)

Broadmead Bible Study @ 2 pm

TRC Meeting via Zoom @ 6 pm

## Announcements

### **CyberCoffee Virtual Fellowship Today from 11 to 11:30 am:**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84578094659?pwd=UVp1aThVR2Y4OHZ1aCs4bm1UbWN5QT09>

Meeting ID: 845 7809 4659

Passcode: 552460

### **Morning Prayer ... Interested?**

Are you interested in participating in morning prayer once a week during Advent? If so, please reach out to [Mother Nancy](mailto:Mother Nancy) or [Carey Mednick](mailto:Carey Mednick) [sherwoodrector@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodrector@gmail.com) or [sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com). This can be offered, but we are trying to find out if there is interest. We look forward to hearing from you!

### **COVID Update from the Diocese:**

Due to the increase of COVID cases in Maryland, the diocese announced that all in-person worship services will be halted until Saturday, November 28. Churches are permitted to continue with the small teams used to provide worship via Zoom or Facebook Live. We will keep you posted as to any further changes. Remember to stay safe you must:

1. Wear your mask ([Watch the Sherwood video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJBnZCzJZhk&t=106s) about the importance of masks) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJBnZCzJZhk&t=106s>
2. Wash your hands
3. Avoid large crowds
4. Keep a physical distance of 6' from others

### **Advent Series ~ Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas:**

Advent and Christmas 2020 promise to be substantially different from years past. Even so, now more than ever, we need to experience the hope and joy that comes to us in Jesus Christ, whose birth we await during the Advent season. Engaging deeply in worship and study in the weeks leading up to Christmas can help us remember and recommit to this hope and inspire us to bring that same gift of hope to others. Let us prepare together during this Advent season. Dates and times TBD but if you are interested, [email Carey now!](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com) [sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com)

### **We Are Moving Forward:**

Next week Soundscape will install the wiring for our new A/V system! This will allow us to provide better quality sound and video for our worship service. A special thank you to our donors who in the early weeks of COVID mentioned to Mother Nancy their willingness to help upgrade our equipment and to the vestry for moving boldly to support this endeavor. Stay tuned!

### **Becoming Beloved Community Anti-Racism Workshop:**

Sessions to take place in November and December are **rescheduled for January 14, 21, 28** from 1-5 pm. This virtual workshop will focus on a series of videos that attendees will view prior to each session and are provided prior to the workshop. There is a limit of 30 participants, so please register early. Contact Adam Barner [abarner@episcopalmaryland.org](mailto:abarner@episcopalmaryland.org) or Canon Chris McCloud [cmcloud@episcopalmaryland.org](mailto:cmcloud@episcopalmaryland.org). More information is coming; you can [visit here](https://episcopalmaryland.org/social-justice-and-reconciliation/).