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Last Sunday After Pentecost/Christ the King
10 AM

November 22, 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

Prelude on *Pange lingua*
Cassidy Dixon, Soprano
Mr. Greg Seseck, Music Director & Organist

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

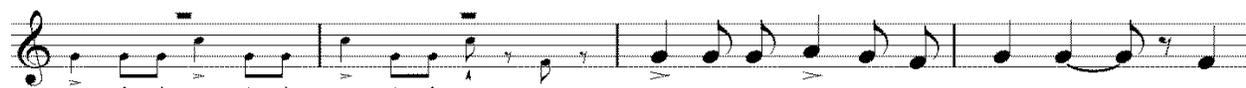
THE OPENING SENTENCES

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.**



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



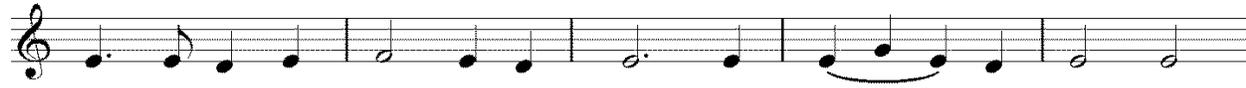
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



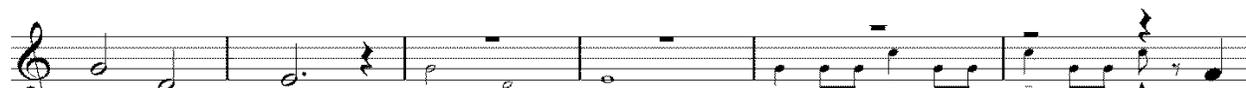
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100

Said in unison

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

ALLELUIA



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and

gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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.

Organ Meditation

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.

Help our nation seek harmony and justice, giving us poise and patience in the wake of our unsettling election. Bless our candidates and their supporters with wisdom and respect for their opponents; And help every voter realize the gift of democracy, the privilege of voting, and our responsibility in determining our destiny, that we may truly be one nation under God with liberty and justice for all; 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, Charles, 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 including George and Anne, as well as anniversaries including Scott and Mary; 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 have been sent out. 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?

You may now [make your pledge online](https://sherwoodcokeysville.org/2021-stewardship-pledge-form/). <https://sherwoodcokeysville.org/2021-stewardship-pledge-form/>

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. 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. (sherwoodcokeysville.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 - 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Cassidy Dixon, Soprano

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B - BCP pg. 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

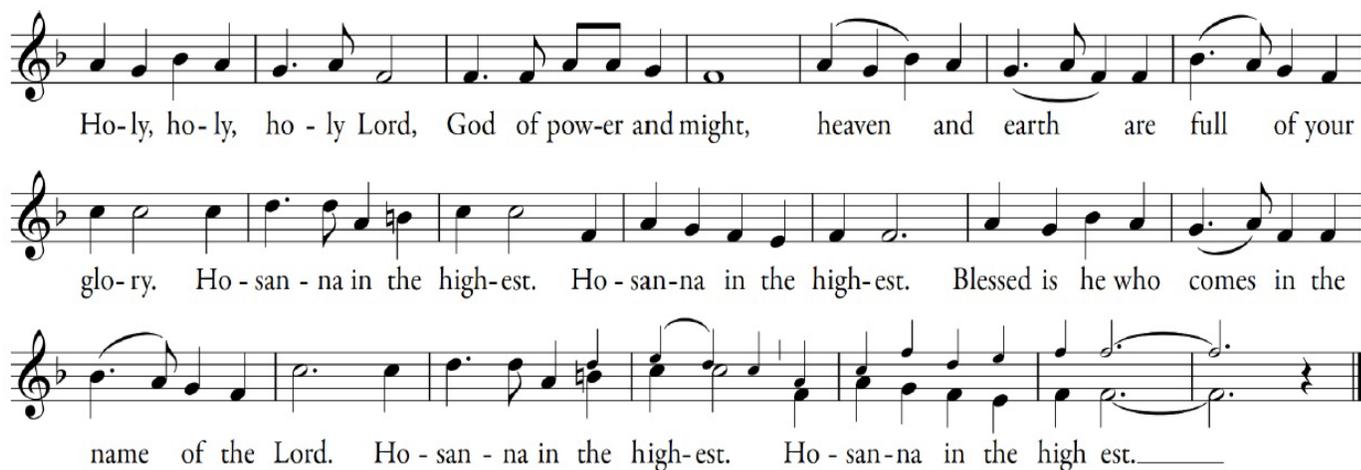
Lift up your hearts.

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 - S125

Setting by Richard Proulx



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. 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 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

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

Fanfare – Eric Thiman
Mr. Greg Sesek

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Seseck

Soloist: Cassidy Dixon

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

Communion by the Red Door 11:15-11:45 am

Monday

Staff Advent/Christmas Liturgy planning via Zoom @ 10 am

Tuesday

Bible Study via Zoom @ 2 pm

Thursday

Thanksgiving Morning Prayer @ 9 am via Facebook Live

Friday

Office closed

Announcements

From My Home to Yours—Giving Thanks:

It's time for a recalibration, so please join Mother Nancy on Thanksgiving morning, November 26 at 9 am for Morning Prayer. We are in a time like no other and we might not feel like giving thanks, but we must. Our God never waivers and is ever present—even as we whine and complain about all that is going on around us and there is plenty to whine and complain about! During the service, Mother Nancy will ask for prayers of thanksgiving. Let us refocus on the goodness of our lives and give thanks to our family, friends, and our God for all the large and small blessings of our lives.

INCARNATION

REDISCOVERING THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF CHRISTMAS

Walking Through Advent:

I hope you will join us for the Advent Series, *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*. Perhaps more than ever before we need to keep our focus on the true meaning of Christmas, and we are given the four weeks in Advent to do so. Here are the details:

- There are four sessions, and each session will last an hour over Zoom. Don't let Zoom deter you. We can help get you set up!
- A book accompanies the series, and we have 10 books purchased. If you would like a book [email Carey Mednick](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com) sherwoodparish@gmail.com and she will place one in the blue bin on the Parish Office porch for you to pick up. The cost of the book is \$12, and checks can be made out to Sherwood Episcopal Church.
- We will offer two meeting times each week. One will take place on the weekend and the other a weekday. Date and time to be determined by those signed up.
- You may also [purchase an e-book](http://cokesbury.com). (Visit cokesbury.com and search for *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*)
- This is open to everyone—friends and family alike.

Communion by the Red Door:

This Sunday receive the Eucharist and blessings from Mother Nancy from your car between 11:15-11:45 am. Masks and gloves will be worn, and each wafer has been carefully and safely wrapped. We hope to see you Sunday!

Did You Know:

Today is the last Sunday after Pentecost, known by most as Christ the King Sunday or The Reign of Christ, meaning that Jesus stands above all earthly power and authority. As our liturgical year comes to an end, we turn our eyes towards preparing for the birth of Christ during the four weeks of Advent.