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The Second Sunday After the Epiphany
10 AM

January 17, 2021
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Watch live on our Facebook page and our website at 10 am, and on our YouTube channel after the service

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

O Christ who art the Light of the World - Marcel Dupré
Mr. Greg Seseck, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

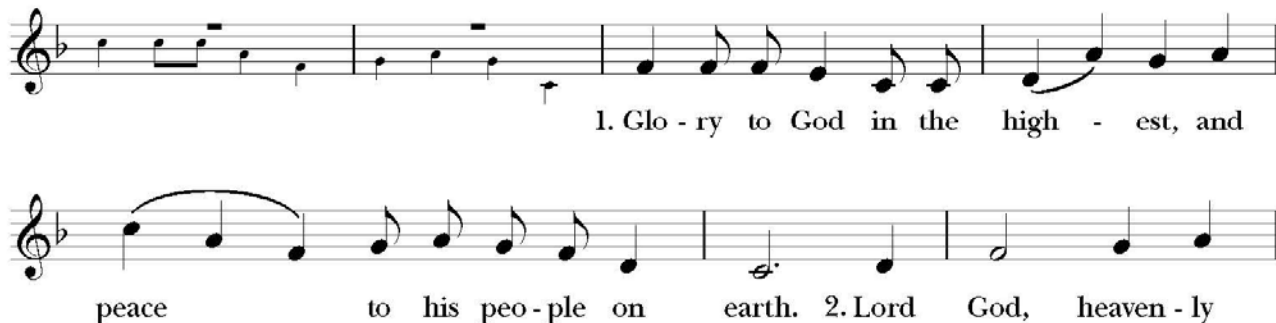
And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

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 - Hymn S 280

Glory to God in the highest



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 God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told

you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

Said in unison

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in

number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

HYMN – 371, v. 1

Thou, whose almighty word

Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind,
let there be light!

THE SERMON

The Rev. 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

Form I, BCP, p. 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Cockeysville, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. We pray for all those impacted by COVID-19, and 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, Steve W., Michelle, Joe G., Jay, Stan, Rick; David C., Ella Mae, Steve & Debbie, Jeanetta, Christina, Khalil, Charles, Samantha, Courtney, Bud, Steve S., Debbie H., Danny, Allison, the Daniels family, Linda and her family, Harold, and Dan L.

Lord, have mercy.

For the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating anniversaries as well as birthdays including Charles S., let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Celebrant concludes

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

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 - 542

Christ is the world's true Light - Stanton

1 Christ is the world's true Light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright
of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

2 In Christ all races meet,
 their ancient feuds forgetting,
 the whole round world complete,
 from sunrise to its setting:
 when Christ is throned as Lord
 all shall forsake their fear,
 to ploughshare beat the sword,
 to pruning-hook the spear.

3 One Lord, in one great Name
 unite us all who own thee;
 cast out our pride and shame
 that hinder to enthrone thee;
 the world has waited long,
 has travailed long in pain;
 to heal its ancient wrong,
 come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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.

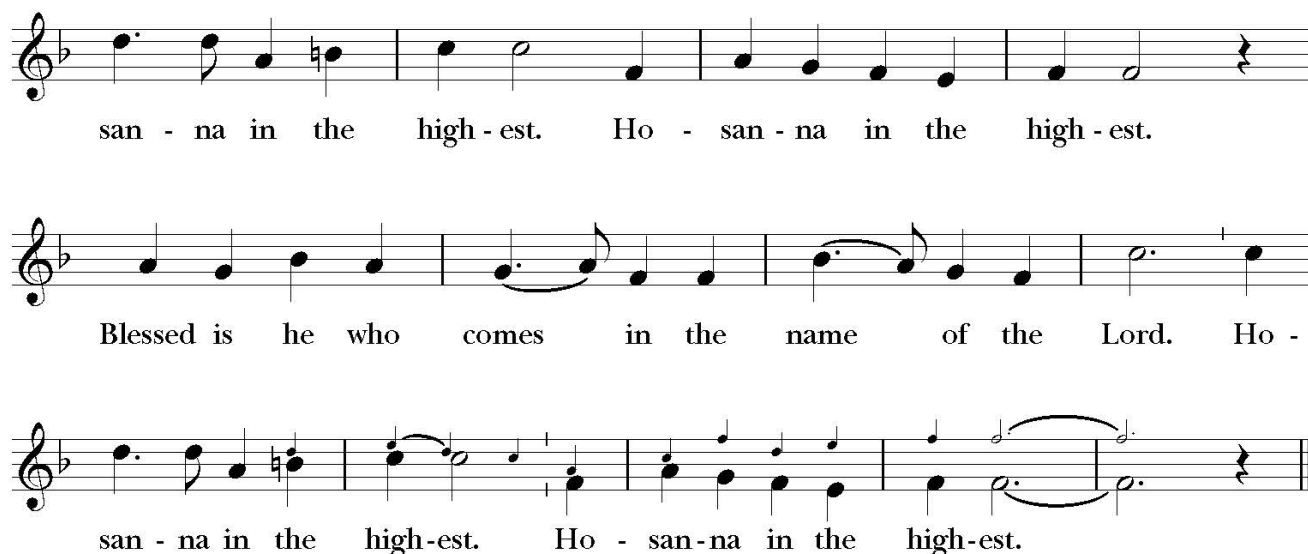
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available in Christ, and in response the people sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS - S125

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

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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

BCP pg. 364

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 - O Lamb of God, S157

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy 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.***

HYMN – 535

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing and infinite love.

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

Postlude on an old Irish church melody
(Love came down at Christmas, GARTAN) - Charles Villiers Stanford

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Sese

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lector: Greg Szymaszek

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

CMS Imperatives Presentation @ 11:15 am

Monday

Office Closed

Announcements

Our Imperatives in Action - Don't Miss This!

Following worship today, the Cockeysville Middle School Imperative Team will present its update to the congregation. They have been busy and are eager to share with you what they are doing to bring Sherwood's mission statement to life. Please make every effort to attend the Zoom presentation so you can plug in and get connected. The presentation will begin at 11:15 am.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87945092543?pwd=clBMellXTlkwV0tYZ3VNU3BnVzIEdz09>

Meeting ID: 879 4509 2543

Passcode: 124820

COVID-19 Vaccine Town Hall Tomorrow:

University of Maryland Medical System invites you to *Finding Hope on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day—A Town Hall on Understanding the COVID-19 Vaccine* on Monday, January 18 from 11 am-noon on Facebook Live.

A year into the pandemic, the virus is still raging across our nation. More than 375,000 Americans—and counting—have died and more than 20 million have been infected. This town hall is designed to inform our community about the harsh effects this pandemic has had on our lives and livelihood in addition to addressing questions and concerns about the vaccine, particularly for communities of color.

COVID is real. It is devastating. This much-needed discussion offers hope, clarity, and some practical steps forward as we together create pathways to end COVID-19. For more information and to register, visit:

<https://www.umms.org/coronavirus/covid-vaccine/finding-hope-town-hall>

Mother Nancy Wants to Meet You!

Are you one of our “new” virtual worshippers? Mother Nancy would like to get to know you and help you connect. How about sharing conversation with Mother Nancy over Zoom or by phone? Please [email Mother Nancy](mailto:sherwoodrector@gmail.com) (sherwoodrector@gmail.com) if you would like to chat with Mother Nancy and get to know more about the Sherwood community.

Did You Know?

We have been a part of United Churches Assistance Network (UCAN) for many years. UCAN provides emergency financial assistance to area residents to prevent evictions and utility turn-offs. Thanks to the recent generosity of an anonymous donor, this past month UCAN was able to give up to \$6000 per family unit for the prevention of evictions and utility turn-offs. To give you an idea of the financial hardships facing many in our community, this past month a total of \$91,653 was given to assist residents with their electric bills and rentals. As a part of our outreach, we provide financial and volunteer support to UCAN. If you want to volunteer or donate to UCAN, please [email Mother Nancy](mailto:sherwoodrector@gmail.com) or [Joyce Mann](mailto:joymann3@hotmail.com). (sherwoodrector@gmail.com or joymann3@hotmail.com)

Save the Date:

The Campus Imperative Team will be presenting their findings on Sunday, January 31 following our worship service. Please mark your calendar!