

# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany  
10 AM

January 31, 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

*Elegy* - William Walton

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 - S280

*Glory to God in the highest*

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, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:  
 Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak – that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

*Said in unison*

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*

in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*

all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*

because they are done in truth and equity.

- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

*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, Harold, Dan L., Sandy & Jack, Julie, and Lettie; let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating anniversaries including Kathleen and Marty, as well as birthdays including Sandy, Ted, and Dylan B., 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. We especially remember and give thanks for the life of Ernest Anderson; 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.**

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.*

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

*There is a balm in Gilead - arr. Harry T. Burleigh*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B – BCP pg. 367

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

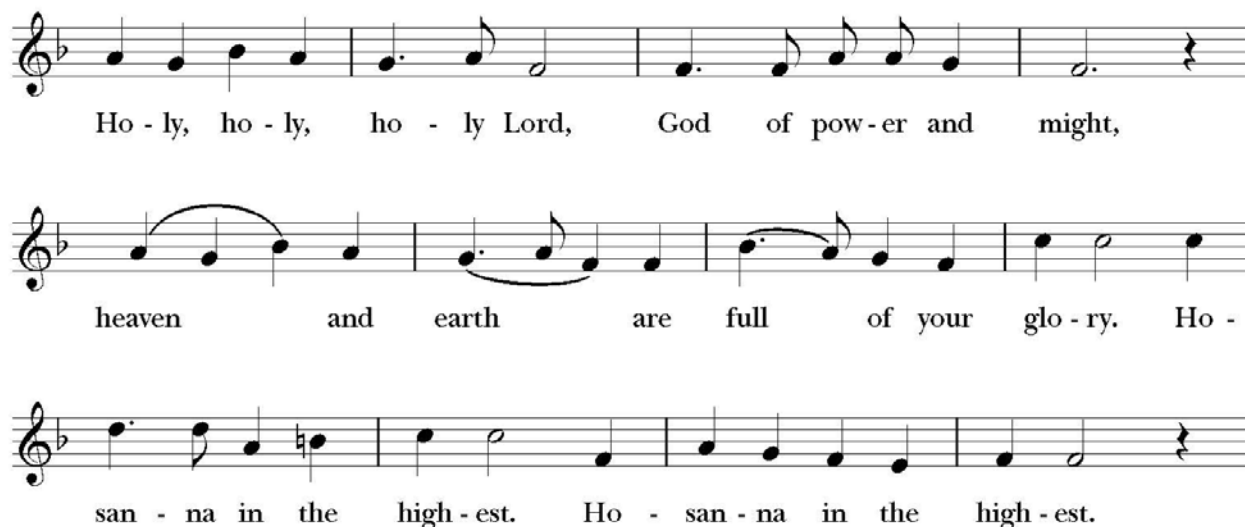
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

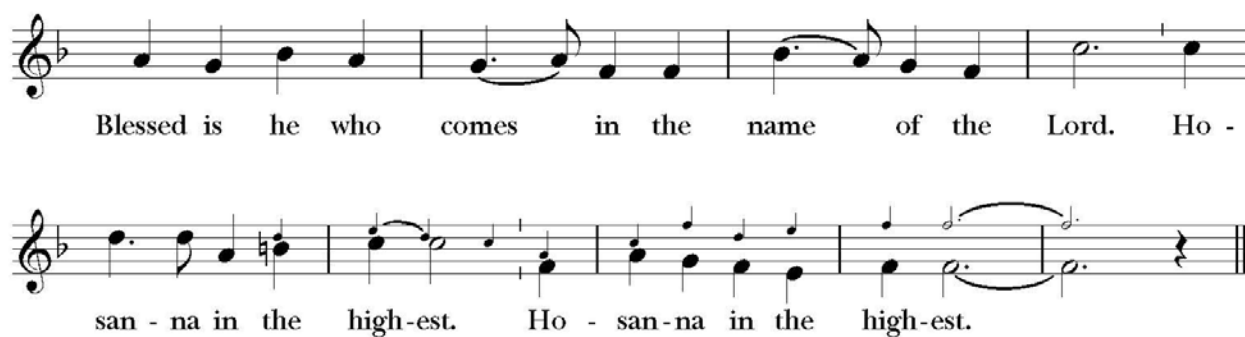
*The Celebrant offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available in Christ, and in response the people sing:*

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 -  
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 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 - S175

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 – 567

*Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old*

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old  
was strong to heal and save;  
it triumphed o'er disease and death,  
o'er darkness and the grave.  
To thee they went, the blind, the deaf,  
the palsied, and the lame,  
the leper set apart and shunned,  
the sick with fevered frame.

2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health,  
gave hearing, strength, and sight;  
and youth renewed and frenzy calmed  
owned thee, the Lord of light:  
and now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
almighty as of yore,  
in crowded street, by restless couch,  
as by Gennesaret's shore.

3 Be thou our great deliverer still,  
thou Lord of life and death;  
restore and quicken, soothe and bless,  
with thine almighty breath:  
to hands that work and eyes that see,  
give wisdom's heavenly lore,  
that whole and sick, and weak and strong,  
may praise thee evermore.

## 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

*Corrente* - Michelangelo Rossi

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

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Sesek

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

### **This Week @ Sherwood**

#### **Sunday**

Campus Imperatives Presentation via Zoom @ 11:15 am

#### **Monday**

Office Closed

#### **Wednesday**

Godspeed Courtney Brown via Zoom @ 6:30 pm

### **Announcements**

#### **Inquiring Minds Want to Know!**

Join us for the Campus Imperative Update today following worship. The Campus Imperative Transition Team has begun the next stages of the 5-year plan. Their

presentation will be a chance for you to learn more about the plans for Sherwood's future and perhaps how you can be a part of this exciting time.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84316619294?pwd=bXRjWmNQMGRRaR0tIWTV4R2txb0FKQT09>

Meeting ID: 843 1661 9294

Passcode: 618289

### **Volunteers Needed:**

St. Francis Episcopal Parish-Epiphany Community Center will host another drive-through Pantry on the Go on Tuesday, February 2 from 3 to 5 pm. This month, they will receive 100 dairy boxes and 100 boxes of fresh produce from the Baltimore County Emergency Operations Center to distribute. Volunteers are needed to:

- Set up tables, signs, check in other volunteers
- Welcome and count the families who attend the event
- Direct traffic
- Load boxes into trunks of cars
- Put away tables, signs at the end of the event, general clean-up

All volunteers are required to wear masks and practice social distancing. Please be sure to dress appropriately for the weather! If you are interested in volunteering this month, please email Reverend Amy. (revamy@stfrancismd.org)

### **Godspeed Courtney Brown!**

Please join us via zoom on Wednesday, February 3 @ 6:30 pm to say goodbye to Courtney. She has joined the United States Marine Corp and reports for basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina very soon. Courtney is a member of the Strong family and has been a part of our parish community for several years. We will miss her! If you can't join us, send a message to be shared with Courtney to Mother Nancy (sherwoodrector@gmail.com) and she will be sure to share it with Courtney. Plan to be a part of sending Courtney off with lots of love, prayers, and support.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89305464472?pwd=T3ExeEl6M3h5aHFDeWs4Sjd4VjVDUT09>

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### **A Heartfelt Thank You!**

Bud King wants everyone to know how much he has appreciated your prayers and cards as he recuperates from his surgery and COVID-19. He is feeling much better and is rehabilitating at the Masonic Home. The entire King/Lewis family has felt Sherwood's love and support and for this they are most thankful.

### **Year-End Statements:**

Statements were put in the mail today. The post office is still delivering Christmas mail, so you haven't received yours by Tuesday, February 9, please email Carey. ([sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com))

## **2021 Lenten Opportunities - Where Will Your Journey Take You?**

Let this year be the year you move beyond giving up chocolate, ice cream, or any other beloved foods to dive a bit deeper into the true meaning of Lent. There will be several Lenten options available for all ages—the choice is yours. But please, do take advantage the season of reflection and shed whatever keeps you from fully experiencing the presence of God in your life. Please sign up for one (or more) of these opportunities by emailing Carey ([sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com)) with your choices. Questions? Email Mother Nancy. ([sherwoodrector@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodrector@gmail.com))

### **Adult Bible Study:**

Do you have Sunday school memories of Moses, Joshua, Ruth, Naomi, Eli, Samuel, and David? Let's rediscover these remarkable people of faith as we journey through stories from the Old Testament. We will use the curriculum from *The Path*. This study will be offered each Tuesday (beginning 2/23 @ 11 am-12 pm). If there is interest, there will be a Broadmead group scheduled for another day.

[Click here to order a book.](#) Or go to [forwardmovement.org](http://forwardmovement.org) and search for *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*.

### **Lenten Word Challenge:**

Back by popular demand. A random word will be sent to you (i.e.: hope, joy, wisdom, restraint, etc.) and your charge is to focus on, pray over, and just *live* with the word during the season of Lent. Inevitably the work of the Holy Spirit will bring your Lenten word to new life, new meaning, and in ways you never imagined.

This is an excellent tool for a Lenten prayer practice.

Ask Mother Nancy about her word from last year.

### **Book Reading:**

*Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, by Debra Irving is an opportunity to learn about Irving's journey of self-discovery and insight into the racial issues that impact all of us. Read the book by yourself or with a friend during the season of Lent. There are questions at the end of each chapter to stimulate thought and reflection. There will be an in-depth book study offered after Easter. Order your book now and start reading! (It's available on amazon.com)

### **Youth Bible Study:**

Why did Jesus speak in parables? Who were his disciples? Did healings really happen? These questions and many more will be explored as we study about the life of Jesus. We will learn through discussion, comical videos, and challenging questions. This is available to our young people (and their friends) and will be offered via Zoom beginning the week of 2/21. Day and time TBD.