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Last Sunday After the Epiphany
10 AM

February 14, 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

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr - Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow
Johann Christoph Bach

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

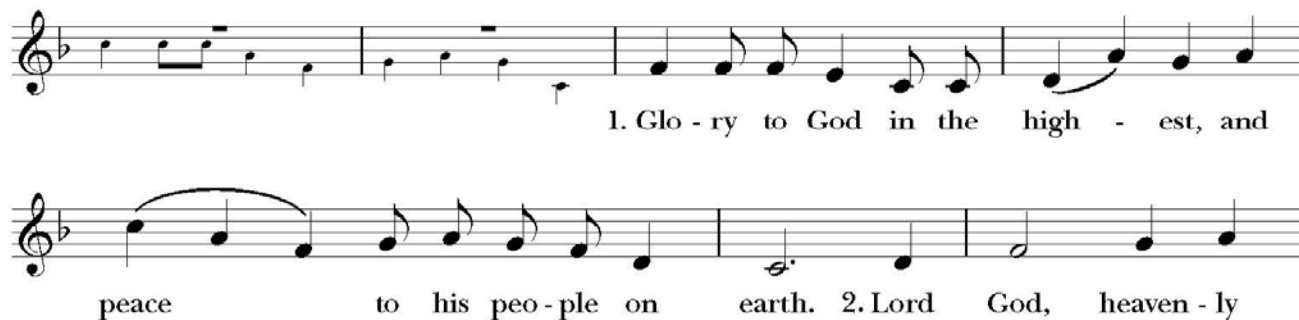
And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

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



King, al - mighty 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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father,

father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-6

Said in unison

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is

my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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, Jen, and the Lawry family; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, 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.

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](http://sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) to check it out. (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

Jesus, take us to the mountain - Carl Schalk

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.
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 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

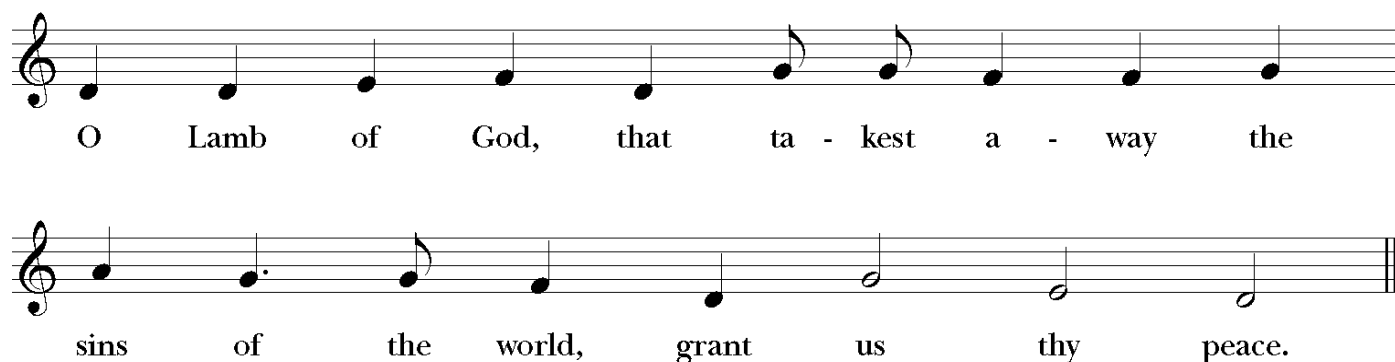
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI - 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.



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 - 137

O wondrous type! O vision fair

1 O wondrous type! O vision fair
of glory that the Church may share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

2 With Moses and Elijah nigh
the incarnate Lord holds converse high;
and from the cloud, the Holy One
bears record to the only Son.

3 With shining face and bright array,
Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.

4 And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

5 O Father, with the eternal Son,
and Holy Spirit, ever One,
vouchsafe to bring us by thy grace
to see thy glory face to face.

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 WAREHAM - Henry Coleman

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Sesek

Cantor: 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.

This Week @ Sherwood

Sunday

Last Day for SSN/CMS Donations

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

Pick-up Ash Wednesday Bags 11 am- noon

Wednesday

Virtual Ash Wednesday Service @ 12 pm

Ashes to Go by the Red Door 1:15-1:45 pm

Announcements

Plans for Ash Wednesday 2021:

We will be having a virtual Ash Wednesday service at 12 noon on February 17. In order to make it as meaningful as possible, we will be handing out ashes ahead of time (details below) so that during the virtual service you can mark your forehead with our blessed palm ashes. We will also offer Ashes by the Red Door (1:15-1:45 pm) following the Ash Wednesday service in the event you would prefer to impose your ashes while Mother Nancy recites, “remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.” We hope by offering both options we can best make this unusual time as grace-filled and sacred as possible.

Pick Up Your Ashes:

If you would prefer to have your own ashes for Ash Wednesday please come on Tuesday, February 16 (11 am-noon) and we will provide you with ashes and a brief summary on the history and importance of Ash Wednesday. If you cannot make it Tuesday morning, email [Carey Mednick](#) and we will leave your bag in the blue bin on the parish office porch. We are aware that many of you may not want to drive in this cold and snowy weather. If not, but you still want ashes please contact [Carey Mednick](#) and we will make arrangements to drop off your ashes and other Lenten goodies.

Donations Needed by February 14 for Student Support Network:

We are collecting new, unused, family-sized personal and household items for the next SSN drive-thru distribution on February 19 at Cockeysville Middle:

- Bar soap
- Liquid hand soap
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Hand sanitizer
- Moisturizer
- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Napkins

- Dish liquid
- Baggies
- Aluminum foil
- Scrubbing sponges

Items must be unopened and within the expiration date.

Donated items may be placed in the bin outside of the office by February 14. When you drop off your donations, please email Joyce Mann at joymann3@hotmail.com to let her know so she can pick them up.

Save the Date--Annual Meeting March 14:

Please be sure to mark your calendar for March 14 right after the service. Our annual meeting will be via Zoom and is a time for us to gather to vote for new vestry members and discuss the past, present, and future of Sherwood. Your presence at the meeting is extremely important to Sherwood moving forward.

Winter Trivia Fun February 23!

Mark your calendar also for another night of trivia via Zoom with the Strong family! Last time was a great mix of pop culture and Bible questions and was a lot of fun for all. Be sure to join us!

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 (sherwoodrector@gmail.com) if you would like to chat with her and get to know more about the Sherwood community.

**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) with your choices. Questions? Email Mother Nancy. (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.

WE WILL HAVE A SATURDAY SESSION AS WELL!

[Click here to order a book.](#) Or go to 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 Debby 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.