

# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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**First Sunday in Lent**  
**10 AM**

**February 21, 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*

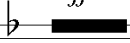
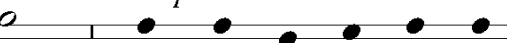
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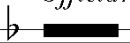
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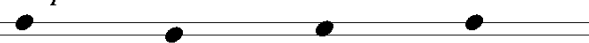
On this first Sunday of Lent, we begin worship with the Great Litany. This was the first prayer translated into the English language in the 16th century, done at the command of Henry VIII by Thomas Cranmer for use by the English Army before an invasion of France. At first it may seem as though we have dusted off an ancient relic, but if we listen carefully, we still find ourselves in the 21st century, surrounded by temptation and evil forces in our world. It is particularly meaningful to be reminded that we are always surrounded by the witness and prayers of the faithful who have gone before us. – *written by The Rev. Paul St. Germain, St. Mark's Parish, Ohio*

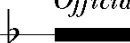
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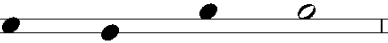
Officiant	People
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,	Have mer - cy up - on us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	Have mer - cy up - on us.
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful,	Have mer - cy up - on us.

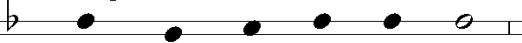
*Officiant*  *People*   
 O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*   
 Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

 *People*   
 preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

*Officiant*   
 From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

   
 devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

*People*   
 Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder;  
and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the  
Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death  
and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the  
Holy Ghost,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in  
the day of judgment,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to  
rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true  
knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and  
living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all  
mankind into thy kingdom,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy  
Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are  
deceived,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (*or* of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins,  
negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to  
amend our lives according to thy holy Word,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to  
turn their hearts,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

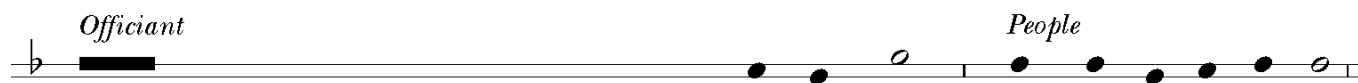
That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-  
hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain  
to thy heavenly kingdom,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**



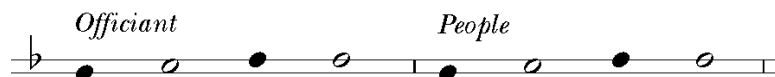
*Officiant* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



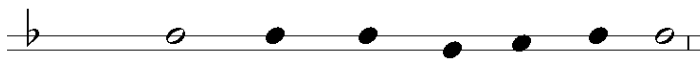
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.



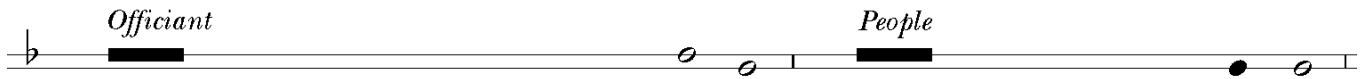
O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.



*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*People* Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



V. O Lord, let thy mercy be showed up - on us; R. As we do put our trust in thee.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

PSALM 25:1-9

*Said in unison*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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 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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

*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      *A Lenten Walk (Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley) - arr. Hal Hopson*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING      Eucharistic Prayer A – BCP pg. 361

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 – S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*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.*

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

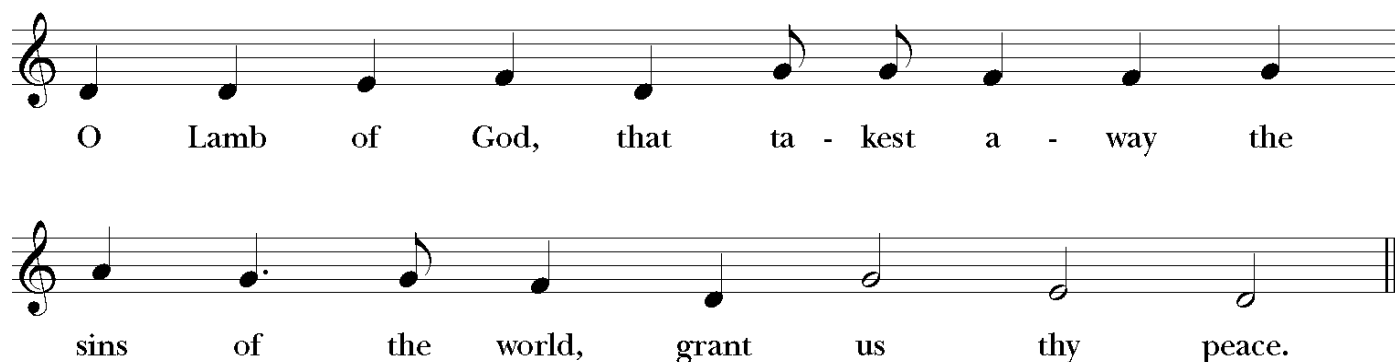
## AGNUS DEI - S157

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

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## 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 - 609

*Where cross the crowded ways of life*

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of thy tears.

3 The cup of water given for thee  
still holds the freshness of thy grace;  
yet long these multitudes to see  
the true compassion of thy face.

4 O Master, from the mountain side,  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide,  
O tread the city's streets again;

5 till all the world shall learn thy love,  
and follow where thy feet have trod;  
till glorious from thy heaven above,  
shall come the city of our God.

#### 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!

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Prelude in E minor, BWV 555 - J.S. Bach*

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

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Sesek

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lector: Greg Szymaszek

Altar Guild: Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

*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**

Adult Lenten Bible Study via Zoom @ 11 am- noon

### **Wednesday**

Winter Trivia with the Strong Family via Zoom @ 6:30 pm

### **Friday**

Campus Water Analysis @ 1 pm (Mother Nancy, Junior Warden)

### **Saturday**

Adult Lenten Bible Study via Zoom @ 9-10 am

### **We Are Burying the Alleluias!**

Our church year flows through “seasons” that mark the time that we are in as a church. Ash Wednesday began our season of Lent and therefore we will be omitting the Alleluia from our liturgy. This shift to a more somber and quiet tone allows us to focus on the Lenten season as a time for reflection on our faith and relationship with God. On Easter Day the Alleluia will return, and it will bring forth the celebration of our Risen Christ!

### **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 @ 6:30 pm!**

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

**LAST CHANCE!!**  
**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. Our Saturday session will be @ 9 – 10 am beginning 2/27. [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. Read about Mother Nancy's Lenten Word experience from last year in this week's e-newsletter.

**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.