

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Third Sunday in Lent
10 AM

March 7, 2021
Morning Prayer, Rite II

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

Prelude

Lenten Organ Chorales

Welcome & Announcements

Anne Wismer
Guest Officiant

THE WORD OF GOD

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

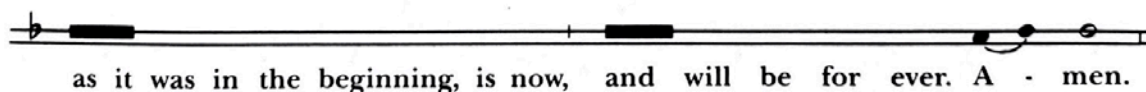
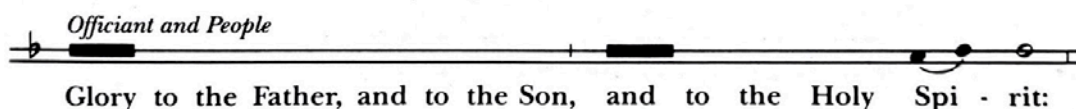
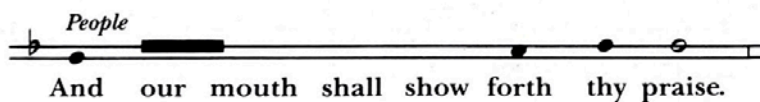
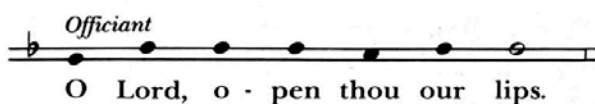
THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

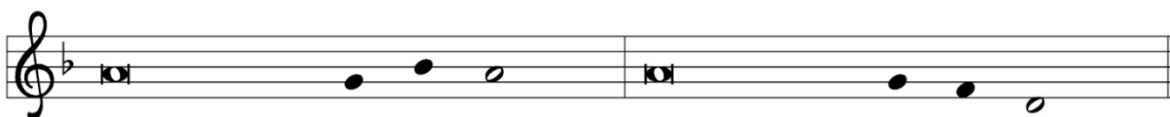
Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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 INVITATION AND PSALTER



A SONG OF PENTINANCE - PSALM 51



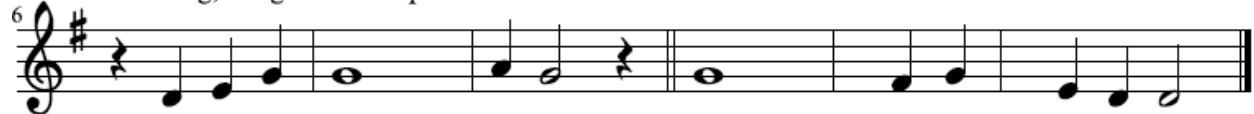
- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ev-er before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spi-rit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit; ***
**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for e-er. Amen.**

PSALM 19 - *Caeli enarrant*

Psalm tone VIIIg, Gregorian compline



- 1 The heavens declare the gl-ory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure

and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

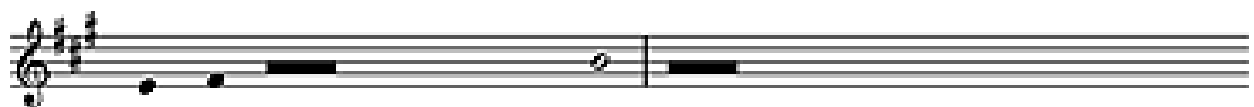
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

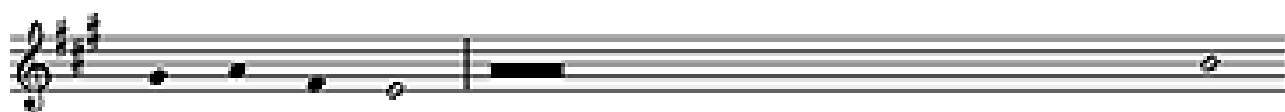
CANTICLE 18 - A Song to the Lamb, *Dignus es* - S261



1. Splen - dor and hon-or and king - ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,



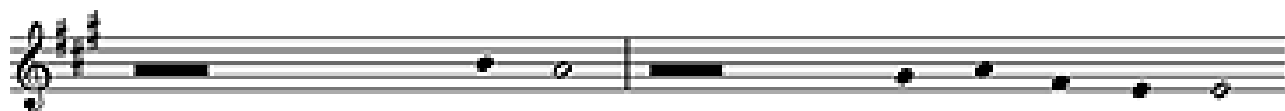
2. For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and



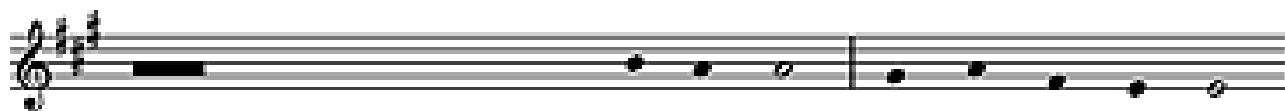
have their be - ing; 3. And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,



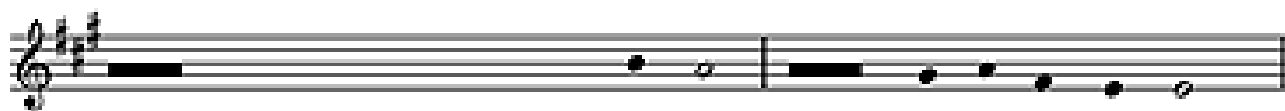
for with your blood you have re-deemed for God, 4. From every family,



language, people, and na - tion, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.



5. And so, to him who sits up - on the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,



6. Be worship and praise, dominion and splen-dor, for ever and for ev - er - more. [Ant.]

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

John 2:13-22

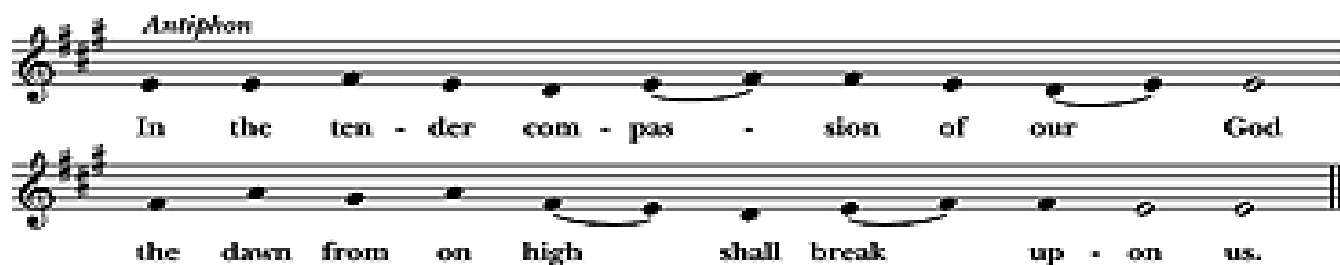
The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

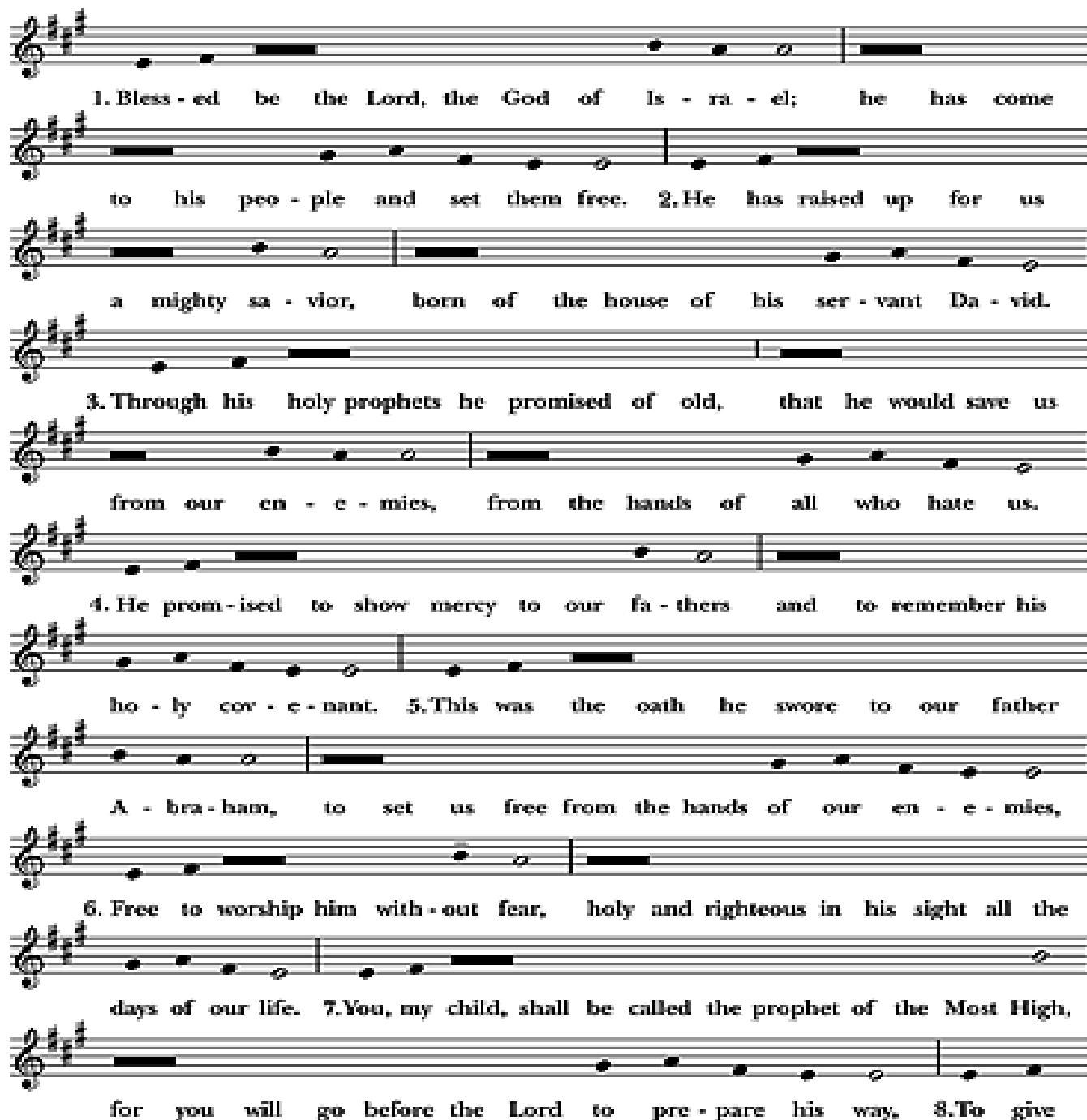
Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 4 - The Song of Zechariah, *Benedictus Dominus Deus* - S248

Antiphon



In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.



1. Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has come
to his peo - ple and set them free. 2. He has raised up for us
a mighty sa - vior, born of the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.
3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us
from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who hate us.
4. He prom - ised to show mercy to our fa - thers and to remember his
ho - ly cov - e - nant. 5. This was the oath he swore to our father
A - bra - ham, to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,
6. Free to worship him with - out fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the
days of our life. 7. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare his way, 8. To give

his people knowledge of sal - va - tion by the for - give - ness of their sins.

9. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall
break up - on us, 10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

11. Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit

12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

REFLECTION

Anne Wismer

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**


Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

**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 SUFFRAGES

S52

Creator or Officiant

V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

People

R. And grant us your salva - tion.


V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;



R. Let your people sing with joy.



V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.



V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;



R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



V. Let your way be known up - on earth;



R. Your saving health among all na - tions.



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

A COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

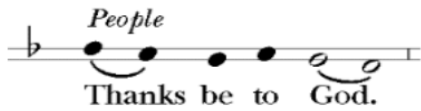
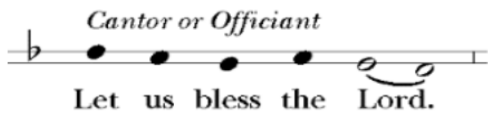
ANTHEM

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts - Henry Purcell

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People:

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**



Officiant:

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

HYMN - 594

God of grace and God of glory

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore.

Postlude

Please remember in your prayers: all those impacted by COVID-19 and 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, the Lawry family, and Virginia.

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Guest Officiant: Anne Wismer
Music Director & Organist: Greg Sesek
Cantor: Cassidy Dixon
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.

This Week @ Sherwood

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

Adult Lenten Bible Study via Zoom @ 11 am

Wednesday

Vestry Meeting via Zoom @ 6 pm

Saturday

Adult Lenten Bible Study via Zoom @ 9-10 am

Sunday

Youth Bible Study via Zoom @ Noon

Thank you, Anne!

A big thank you this morning to Anne Wismer for leading Morning Prayer.

Mason Strong on Stage Virtually!

Hereford Middle School will be presenting their very first virtual performance in a play called *Virtually Ever After!* Come see how some of our favorite fairytale characters are living in this virtual world. (Mason plays a king and The Big Bad Wolf.) The play takes place Friday, March 12 at 7:30 pm. Virtual doors will open at 7:15. Tickets are \$5 each. Those who purchase a ticket will receive a link to the Live Google meet Stream. If you need more information, visit the Hereford Middle School website or email Mrs. Burrows at tporta@bcps.org and [get your ticket here!](https://herefordms.seatyourself.biz) <https://herefordms.seatyourself.biz>

Vestry Candidates Presented:

The Nominating Committee (Greg Davis, Suzie Merryman and Bill Galetto) presents to the congregation the two candidates who are running for vestry, Laure Covert and Charles Roebuck. Please read their bios and plan to attend our Annual Meeting on March 14 so you can cast your vote!

Charles Roebuck--Currently, I run a medium-sized printing company located in Baltimore. We are a family-run operation and have been around for over 100 years. We have approximately 25 employees with a wide variety of backgrounds, skill sets, demographics, and pay scales. This variety has provided me with some firsthand experience in human relations, conflict resolution, choice of benefits provided by our company, and pay levels of employees. Many of our folks have been with my family and the business for ten, twenty and even forty years. We have managed to maintain happy team members; all of this within the confines of what is fiscally proper and sound.

I have also been involved with the local community as well. I am the Vice President for the William S Baer School partnership board. This is an organization that helps act as a "board of directors" and fundraising arm for a Baltimore City School (public school) that takes care of the needs of physically and mentally challenged kids. I am a board member and immediate past-President of Board for the Family Tree. This is an organization dedicated to child abuse prevention. I have served as treasurer of Sherwood Church in Cockeysville for nearly twenty years. My role in that has been to manage the operational funds and organize the finances in such a way that decisions could be made with respect to financial abilities versus needs. I have been a member of the Vestry (on and off) for approximately 20 years.

I am married and have two children, both working and out of college. I live in Timonium.

Thank you,
Charles Roebuck

Laure (pronounced "Laurie") Pepper Covert – I am a newcomer to the Cockeysville/Baltimore area, having accepted a job here a year ago right before the COVID pandemic hit. I saw the Sherwood Episcopal Church sign as I drove to the grocery store one Saturday advertising a "Facebook live" service so I tuned in the next day and immediately felt I had found my church home. Somehow, even with the COVID restrictions I have experienced the connection: I engaged as a lector, met with Mother Nancy, and participated in the Advent Bible Study. I am excited to be considered for the Vestry because I see this involvement as an important way to participate more deeply and give back to the church that has given me so much.

My Episcopalian roots go back to childhood. I was raised in a family in suburban Philadelphia with all four grandparents dedicated to their parishes. My own parents' paths led them away from the Episcopal Church and so I had to find my own way back during college. I worked full-time as the youth minister at All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, MD and attended an Episcopal Church in Harrisburg, PA. I also attended and served in other church denominations, leading children's programs, leading Bible studies, chaperoning on service trips abroad, and starting a women's group.

My professional path started with social work and Spanish language study, and travel abroad, (mostly in Central and South America). When I became proficient in Spanish, I provided social services in Spanish to the non-profit in Denver, Colorado where I was Development Director. Later I became an interpreter for a non-profit organization in Harrisburg, PA while I was raising my 3 children. My career path led me to providing legal services to immigrants through the Department of Justice Recognition and Accreditation program, first in Harrisburg, PA and now in Baltimore through World Relief Immigration Programs. The new responsibility that drew me to the area is a full-time job as the Office Director of the program—a challenge to keep providing help during COVID. My own apartment community is full of immigrant neighbors, so I feel right at home.

In my free time, I enjoy walking in nature, birding, reading fiction, and watching Masterpiece Mystery on PBS. I have 2 granddaughters back in Harrisburg and this pandemic social distancing is wreaking havoc on my grandmother's heart, but I am hopeful we will see brighter days ahead.