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Fourth Sunday in Lent
10 AM

March 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

Prelude

Lenten Organ Chorales

Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Nancy Hennessey, Rector

THE WORD OF GOD

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

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*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be 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.**

KYRIE

arr. Edmund Brownless

p Lord, have mer-cy u - pon us. Christ, have mer-cy u - pon us.

Slow

The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are "Lord, have mer-cy u - pon us. Christ, have mer-cy u - pon us." The piano accompaniment is written on two staves (treble and bass clef) and is marked *Slow*. It features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

Lord, have mer-cy u - pon us. *p*

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line ends with a fermata over the final note, followed by a piano (*p*) dynamic marking. The piano accompaniment continues with the same *Slow* tempo and concludes with a final chord.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

Confitemini Domino

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- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy en-dures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has re-deemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to re-bellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all man-ner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

**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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

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.**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. 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, Sandy & Jack, Jen, the Lawry family, and Virginia.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating anniversaries as well as birthdays including Nancy C. and Sarah C.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We especially remember and give thanks for the life of Katherine "Kitty" Stierhoff.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

And now let us commemorate the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic by honoring the more than 2.63 million lives lost worldwide with a moment of silence while the bell is tolled in their memory. Lord, commend their spirits.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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 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.

(sherwoodcockeyville.org/give) Or if you would prefer, mail in your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, 21030. We are checking the mail regularly and depositing any checks. Thank you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

God so loved the world - John Stainer

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.

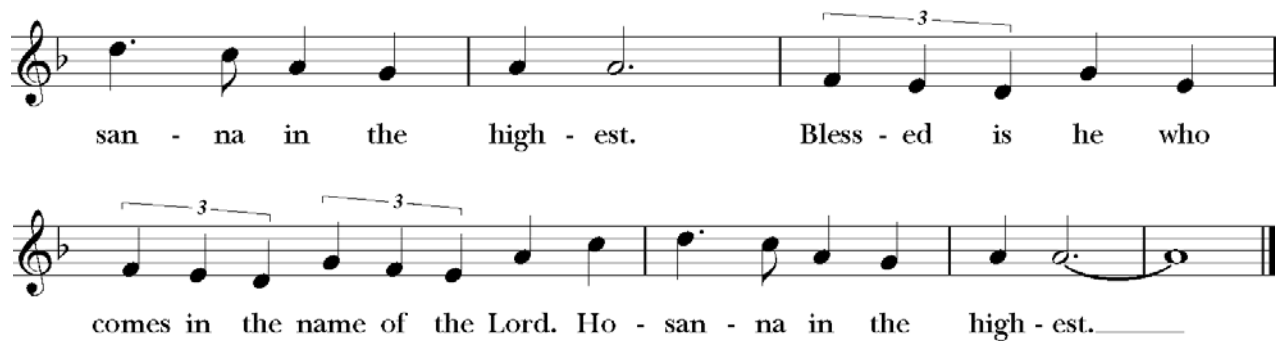
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 -



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.

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 - 565

He who would valiant be

1 He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.

There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

2 Who so beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound,
his strength the more is.

No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight;
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.

3 Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.

Then fancies flee away;
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labor night and day
to be a pilgrim.

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

Trio in D-flat major (Op. 49) - Josef Rheinberger

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Seseke

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lector: Sheila Fitzgerald

Broadcast Engineers: Stephanie Everts & 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

Annual Meeting via Zoom @ 11 am

Youth Bible Study @ noon

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

Adult Lenten Bible Study via Zoom @ 11 am-noon

Saturday

Adult Lenten Bible Study via Zoom @ 9-10 am

No Communion by the Red Door Today:

Due to our Annual Meeting today, we will not have Communion by the Red Door. We will have it on Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday).

Outreach Update:

On February 26, Sherwood participated in the monthly Student Support Network food distribution event at Cockeysville Middle School. We welcomed Sandy Thompson to the Sherwood volunteer team.

Thanks to your donations Sherwood contributed 25 bags with household essentials and personal items. (These necessities are not covered under assistance programs.) The event was extremely busy. Over 100 cars passed through the line. We distributed almost everything on hand within an hour and for first time had to close down early. In total, close to 600 individuals were served between the drive through, walk-ups and deliveries.

Our next event is scheduled for March 19. Extra hands on day of event are always welcome. Monetary and essential item donations are also appreciated. Please go to studentsupportnetwork.org for more information on how you can help.

Sherwood also continues to support the good work being done at Loaves and Fishes. This week we are providing them with Dollar Tree gift cards, soap and toothpaste. This represents the final donations from the Virtual Giving Tree that Sherwood sponsored over the Christmas holiday. I spoke with Pris Sicard, the Director of Loaves and Fishes, and she is thankful for Sherwood's generosity. - *Joyce Mann, Outreach Director*

EASTER FLOWERS

Please complete this form and mail it to Sherwood Episcopal Church, 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030, or email your names to sherwoodparish@gmail.com, or leave a voicemail at 410-666-2180. Mail in your donation and write Easter Flowers in the memo.

**DEADLINE TO SEND IN NAMES IS THURSDAY, APRIL 1.
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

Your Name _____

Your Email or Phone _____

Name(s) you would like listed under "In thanksgiving/honor for"

Name(s) you would like listed under "In memory of"

