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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

10 AM

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 *"O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde groß"* (O man, bewail thy sin so great) - J.S. Bach

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

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass). The vocal line begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and the lyrics "Lord, have mer-cy u - pon us. Christ, have mer-cy u - pon us." The piano accompaniment is marked *Slow*. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "Lord, have mer-cy u - pon us." and ends with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar slow, arpeggiated texture.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:9-16

In quo corrigit?



9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? *
By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; *
let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *
that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O Lord; *
in-struct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite *
all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *
than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments *
and give at-tention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; *
I will not forget your word.

**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 12:20-33

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.

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, Sandy & Jack, Jen, the Lawry family, Virginia, and Susie H.

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 Floyd.

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 pray for the eight lives lost in Atlanta, GA—for their families and friends that grieve and for the Asian American communities throughout this country who live with the reality that they are targets of hate.

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](https://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

There is a balm in Gilead - Harry T. Burleigh

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

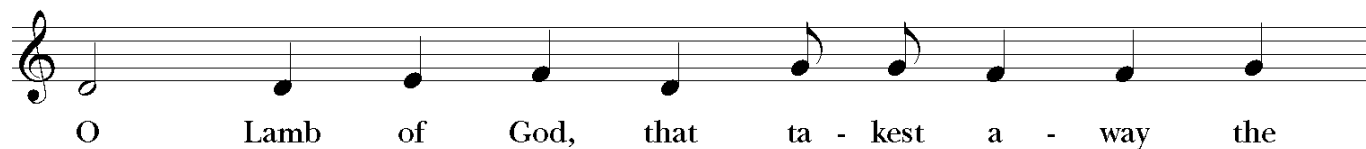
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

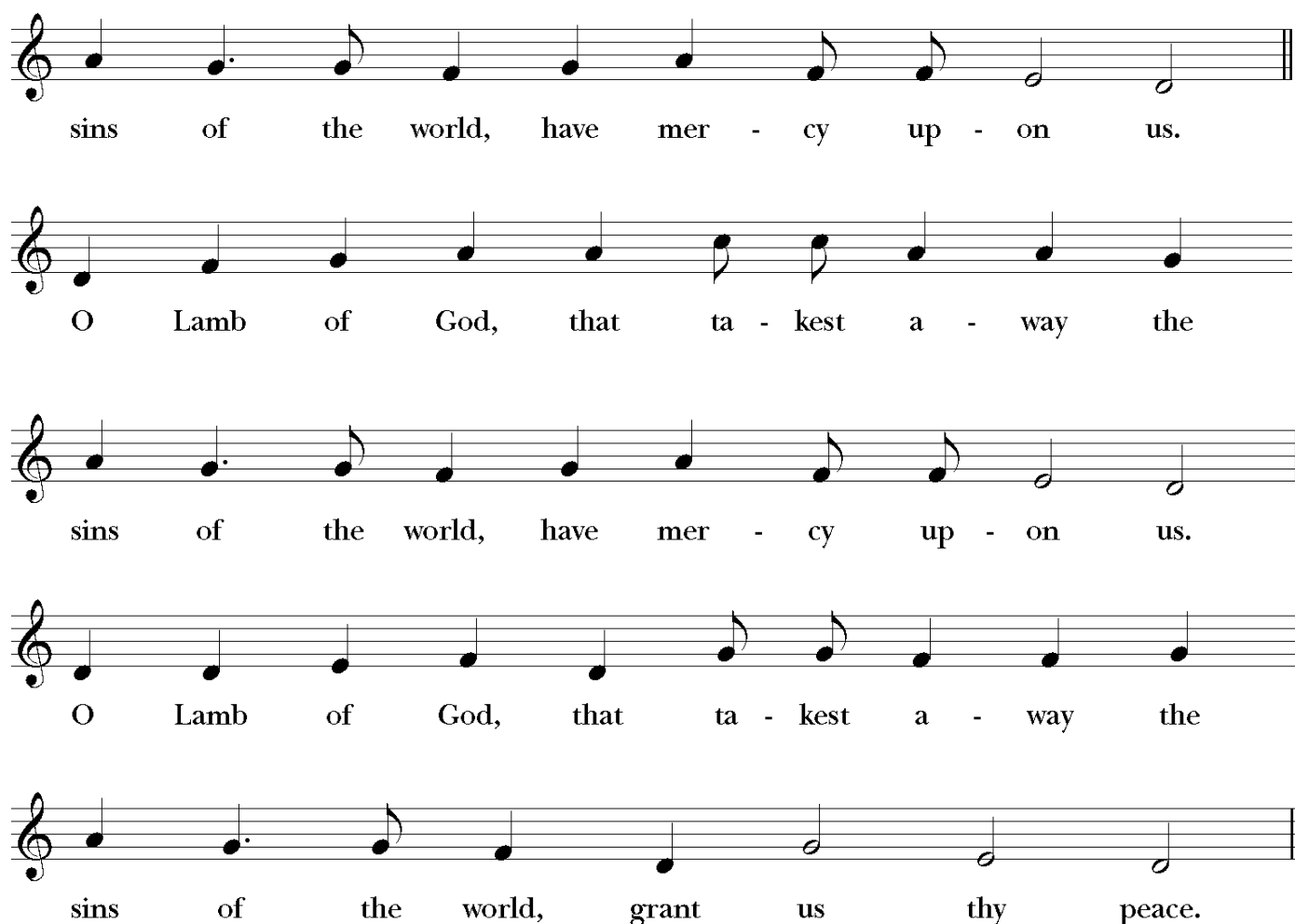
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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





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***

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HENRY J. GAUNTLETT, 1852

With vigor

1 Oft in dan - ger, oft in woe, On - ward, Chris - tians, on - ward go;
 2 Let your droop - ing hearts be glad; March in heav'n - ly ar - mor clad;
 3 Let not sor - row dim your eye, Soon shall ev - 'ry tear be dry;

Fight the fight, main - tain the strife, Strengthen'd with the Bread of Life.
 Fight, nor think the bat - tle long; Soon shall vic - tory tune your song.
 Let not fears your course im - pede, Great your strength, if great your need.

4 Onward then to battle move;
 More than conquerors ye shall prove;
 Though opposed by many a foe,
 Christian soldiers, onward go.

*St. 1, HENRY KIRKE WHITE, 1806, alt.;
 St. 2, 3, 4, FRANCES S. FULLER-MAITLAND, 1827*

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

Sept pièces en fa majeur, No. 1 (from L'Organiste) - César Franck

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Sese

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lector: Laure Covert

Broadcast Engineers: 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

Youth Bible Study @ noon

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

Adult Lenten Bible Study via Zoom @ 11 am-noon

Thursday

Truth and Reconciliation Commission via Zoom @ 6 pm
(Mother Nancy)

Saturday

Adult Lenten Bible Study via Zoom @ 9-10 am

Helpful Hints for Experiencing Palm Sunday Virtually:

Many of us will be participating in Palm Sunday via FB Live so a little planning needs to take place before we begin Holy Week. It is only in the Gospel of John that palm branches are specifically mentioned. In Matthew and Mark—"leafy branches or branches from trees" are the descriptors used to describe what the people were waving as Jesus came into Jerusalem one last time. Gather up greenery (any kind will do!) to serve as your "palms" so you can wave with enthusiasm as you shout the ancient words, "Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord!"

Palm Distribution:

Following our Palm Sunday worship, we will have Communion by the Red Door and palms will also be handed out to everyone. If you cannot come on Palm Sunday, please email Carey Mednick (sherwoodparish@gmail.com) or leave a message at 410-666-2180 and we will make arrangements to get some palms to you.

Thank You All!

A big thank you for all of you who attended our Annual Meeting and for those who presented! We had a great turnout, and it was not only a good opportunity to get an update on the State of the Church but to “see” one another. We look forward to hosting next year’s Annual Meeting in person! The 2020 Annual Report can be found on our website.

Keep the Cards and Letters Flowing for Courtney Brown:

Courtney can now receive mail with she is in basic training at Parris Island. There are specific instructions outlined by her drill sergeant:

POSITIVE MESSAGES–don’t remind her how hard it is. That puts negative thoughts. ONLY SEND LETTERS–nothing else. Sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope will make it easier. Courtney’s address is:

RCT BROWN, COURTNEY
Hotel Co 2nd RTBN Platoon 2034
Box 16250
Parris Island, SC 29905-6250

What Does it Mean to be Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirmed?

Mother Nancy is inviting anyone (especially new members) who would like to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed into the Episcopal Church to speak to her.

What does this mean? Most of us are familiar with *confirmation* as a course of one’s Christian development. It is a mature public affirmation of one’s faith and commitment to the responsibilities of one’s Baptism and participants will receive the laying on of hands by their bishop. (BCP, pg. 412)

Others who were confirmed previously by a bishop in the historic succession (Roman Catholic, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or Eastern Orthodox) or

have made an adult affirmation of their faith (baptized as adults) may be formally *received* into the Episcopal Church.

And still others, who feel they are experiencing a spiritual awakening, or their confirmation experience is now a blurry memory, may want to formally *reaffirm* their faith.

There will be formal instruction and preparation for anyone who desires to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed. This instruction will conclude with the Regional Confirmation Service in June. Interested in exploring this? Speak to Mother Nancy or email her at sherwoodrector@gmail.com.

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
- Or go to our website at sherwoodcookeysville.org/easter-2021-flowers/

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"
