



## Sherwood Episcopal Church

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**Easter Day  
10 am**

**April 4, 2021  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

I welcome you to Sherwood Episcopal Church on this glorious day as we celebrate the Risen Christ. Take time to be in the moment on this special morning, open your heart to the scripture, prayers, and hymns that will be said and sung today. Celebrate in the mystery of the Resurrection knowing that Christ has risen and take the message out into the world. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Mother Nancy

### THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals* - Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN - 207 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

1 Jesus Christ is risen today,  
our triumphant holy day,  
who did once upon the cross,  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
who endured the cross and grave,  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured,  
our salvation have procured;

now above the sky he's King,  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above  
praise eternal as his love;  
praise him, all ye heavenly host,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## THE OPENING SENTENCES

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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - Hymn S 278

*setting by William Mathias*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y 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 Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

*Confitemini Domino*

1. O GIVE thanks unto the Lord for | he is | gracious :  
because his | mercy • en- | dureth • for | ever.

2. Let Israel now confess that | he is | gracious :  
and that his | mercy • en- | dureth • for | ever.

14. The Lord is my | strength and • my | song :  
and is be- | come | my sal- | vation.

15. The voice of joy and health is in the | dwellings • of the | righteous :

the right hand of the | Lord • bringeth | mighty things • to | pass.

16. The right hand of the Lord | hath the • pre- | eminence :  
the right hand of the | Lord • bringeth | mighty things • to | pass.

17. I shall not | die but | live :  
and de- | clare the | works of • the | Lord.

18. The Lord hath | chastened • and cor- | rected me :  
but he hath not | given • me | over • unto | death.

19. Open me the | gates of | righteousness :  
that I may go into them and give | thanks | unto • the | Lord.

20. This is the | gate of • the | Lord :  
the | righteous • shall | enter | into it.

21. I will thank thee for | thou hast | heard me :  
and art be- | come | my sal- | vation.

22. The same stone which the | builders • re- | fused :  
is be- | come the | head-stone • in the | corner.

23. This is the | Lord's | doing :  
and it is | marvel • lous | in our | eyes.

2nd Part 24. This is the day which the | Lord hath | made :  
we will re- | joice | and be | glad in it.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## ALLELUIA



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the

first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

THE NICENE CREED

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*Said by all, standing as you are able.*

**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 VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For all bishops, priests, deacons, and other ministers  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*A period of silence follows after which the celebrant concludes with the following prayer*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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.**

## 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://sherwoodcockeyville.org/give) 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

*I know that my Redeemer Liveth (Messiah) - G.F. Handel*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

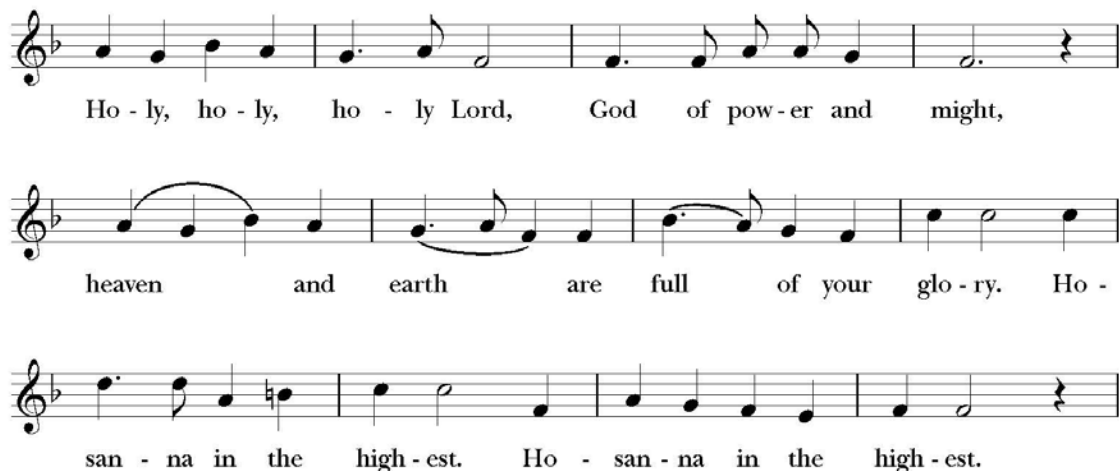
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

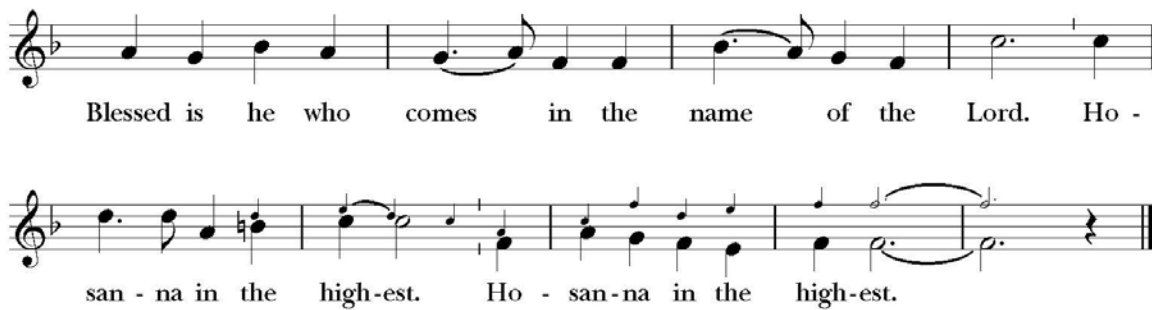
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*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.



*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

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*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 - S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us 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***

## RECESSIONAL HYMN - 180

*He is risen, He is risen*

1 He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore-  
sin and pain can vex no more.

3 Come, with high and holy hymning,  
hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming  
yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east,  
symbol of our Easter feast.

4 He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.

#### THE 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.**

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

*Fanfare* - Eric Thiman

*Communion by the Red Door will be offered today following the service. (11:15-11:45 am) For those with us today, your usher will dismiss you from your pew.*

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Those on our parish prayer list: Sally, Debbie, Shannon, Jeff & Kim, Norma, Margaret, Ed, Laura, Joyce, Christine, Mike and his family, Kendall, Marge, Sarah, Joe, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Joe G., Jay, Rick, Ella Mae, Steve & Debbie, Jeanetta, Christina, Khalil, Charles, Samantha, Courtney, Steve S., Debbie H., Danny, Allison, Sandy & Jack, Jen, the Lawry family, Virginia, Susie H., the Alexander family, Kiernan & Colleen, and Walter S.

**Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood**

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Sesek

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lectors: Robin Rouleau

Broadcast Engineer: Anne Wismer

Ushers: Kevin Hennessey & Ralph 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](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com).*

**This Week at Sherwood & Upcoming Events**

**Monday:** Parish Office Closed

**The Lenten Word Challenge:** Did you discover anything new with your Lenten word? Did the Holy Spirit help you find greater clarity in a word that was randomly given to you, or not? Mother Nancy would like to hear from you and perhaps you feel called to share your thoughts on your Lenten word with all of us. We all learn from one another—that is what community is all about. If you have even the slightest desire to offer a reflection please speak to Mother Nancy.

**Upcoming Book Study:** Mother Nancy and Anne Wismer will be co-leading Sherwood's upcoming book study, *Waking Up White*, authored by Debby Irving. Start reading now—if you haven't already. Go **here** to order your book. (Search on amazon.com.) If you are interested, please **email Carey Mednick**

(sherwoodparish@gmail.com). Dates and times will be forthcoming and will meet the needs of the group.

**Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation?** We have some members who are interested in being confirmed by our Bishop this early summer. This is exciting! If you are curious and want to know more, please reach out to Mother Nancy. She will be setting up a Confirmation Class this spring and she welcomes anyone who wants to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed into the Episcopal Church. Check out past e-newsletters regarding the differences between Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation. See if the Spirit is calling you!

**Please Don't be a No Show:** We are very excited to be regathering in our worship space on Sundays. Sign up is required and seating is limited. So, if you have signed up to be in church on a given Sunday and plans change (and they do) please notify the church with an **email** (sherwoodparish@gmail.com) or **phone call** to 410-666-2180. At this point there are more people who want to worship in person than there are seats available. Thank you!

***Easter Flowers are given to the glory of God and ...***

In memory of: our parents, family members, and friends

**Larry & Susan Boucher**

In thanksgiving for: my children & grandchildren, and Mother Nancy +

In memory of: Florecica Wheatley, Charles Wheatley, Roy Wheatley,  
Victoria & Alfred Thompson, Bernice Watson

**Bernice Denbow**

In thanksgiving for: the dedication of Carey Mednick &  
Mother Nancy Hennessey this past year

**Stephanie Everts**

In memory of: Stephen John Taft

**Sheila Fitzgerald**

In thanksgiving for: our children, Lauren, Megan & Ted and  
our Sherwood Family

In memory of: Fred Hennessey and Vicki Hennessey

**Mother Nancy & Kevin Hennessey**

In thanksgiving for: the upcoming wedding of Anthony Parker & Sarah Carson

In memory of: departed loved ones and beloved dogs

**Don & Joyce Mann**

In thanksgiving for: Scott & Ian, everyone at Sherwood, and the vaccine

**Carey Mednick**

In thanksgiving for: Bill Galetto, Suzie Merryman and Jack Turnbull for their extensive  
research into the Sherwood Cemetery

**Fran Merryman**

In memory of: John & Louise Merryman, John Merryman III, and Eleanor Merryman  
Kemp

**Suzie Merryman**

In memory of: Noah Offut

**Cecil Offut**

In thanksgiving for: Stephanie Everts, Maria & Joe Cadden, John Johnson, Joyce Truxel,  
and Charlotte Parker

In memory of: Shirley F. Spinks, Kimberly A. Spinks, Thomas & Jean Rattican, Alven &  
Ruth Ward, and Dorothy L. Spinks

**Charles Spinks**

In memory of: Bryce & Elise Thompson and departed loved ones

**Sandy Thompson**

In thanksgiving for: Carey Mednick

In memory of: Clifton, Madeline, Douglas & Byron Potter

**Anne & Ralph Wismer**