

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Second Sunday in Easter
10 am

April 11, 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Variations on *O filii et filiae* - Pierre Dandrieu

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

BCP pg. 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

The Tisbury Service - Richard Shephard



wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks to thee for
thy great glo-ry, O Lord God heav'n-ly King,
God the Fath-er Al-migh-ty. O Lord, the on-ly-be-
got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fath-er, that tak-est away the sins of the world, have
mer-cy up-on us. Thou that tak-est away the sins of the world, re-
ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the
Fath-er, have mer-cy up-on us. For thou on-ly art ho-ly;
thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art the
most high in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A-men.

Our service music during this Easter season is The Tisbury Service, composed by Richard Shephard.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into

the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133

Read responsively by whole

verse

**1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!**

2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

**3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

**5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.**

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE – 206, v. 1

O sons and daughters, let us sing!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death and hell rose triumphing.

Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE – 206, v. 4-5 *O sons and daughters, let us sing!*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;
my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
not faithless, but believing be."

Alleluia!

5 No longer Thomas then denied,
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 III

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Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We especially pray for those impacted by COVID-19 as well as 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.

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating anniversaries as well as birthdays including Dylan S.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

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://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

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain - arr. R.S. Thatcher

1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel
into joy from sadness;
'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
2 Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

3 Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold thee as a mortal;
but today amidst the twelve
thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.

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

The Tisbury Service – Richard Shephard

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:

Heav'n and earth are full of thy Glo - ry. Glo - ry be to

If no Benedictus

thee, O Lord Most High. A - men.

High Bles - sed is he that com-eth 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 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

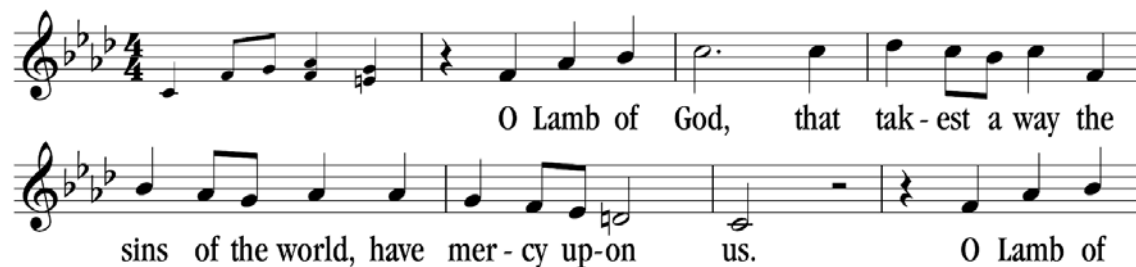
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

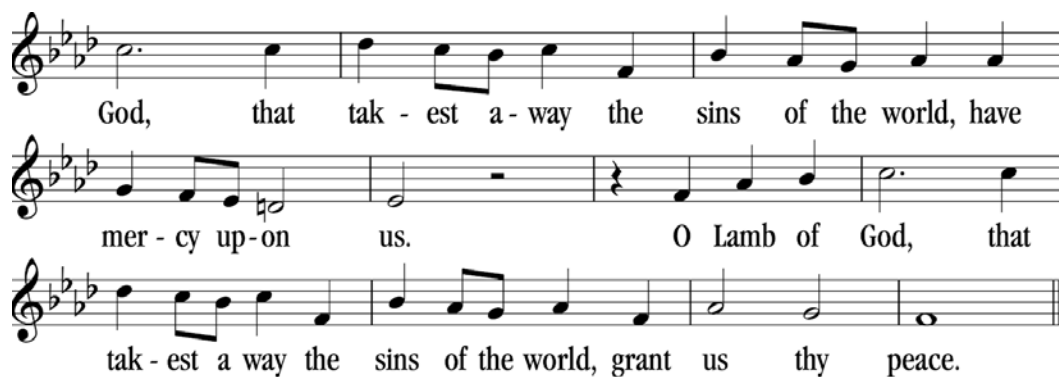
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI

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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

RECESSIONAL HYMN - 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

1 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness
wake your noblest, sweetest strain,
with the praises of your Savior
let his house resound again;
him let all your music honor,
and your songs exalt his reign.

2 Sing how he came forth from heaven,
bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,
stooped to wear the servant's vesture,
bore the pain, the cross, the grave,

passed within the gates of darkness,
thence his banished ones to save.

3 So, he tasted death for mortals,
he, of humankind the head,
sinless one, among the sinful,
Prince of life, among the dead;
thus he wrought the full redemption,
and the captor captive led.

4 Now on high, yet ever with us,
from his Father's throne the Son
rules and guides the world he ransomed,
till the appointed work be done,
till he see, renewed and perfect,
all things gathered into on

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 *Variations on O filii et filiae - Pierre Dandrieu*
Grand Jeu

For those with us in person today, communion will be offered following the service. Your usher will dismiss you from your pew.

Communion by the Red Door will follow the service today from 11:15 to 11:45 am.



Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

Richard Shephard MBE, DL, FRSCM was a composer, former educator, and retired Director of Development and Chamberlain of York Minster. He is acclaimed as one of the most significant composers of church music today. Dr. Shephard was educated at The King's School, Gloucester and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He was Chamberlain of Yorkminster, head of their development department, and Honorary Visiting Fellow in the Music Department of the University of York. His compositions include operas, oratorios and orchestral works but it is perhaps for his church music that he is best known. His anthems and service settings are sung widely in the cathedrals and churches of the UK and they have a considerable following in the USA. He held the Lambeth Doctorate of Music from Oxford University and two Honorary Doctorates from the University of the South (Sewanee, TN) and the University of York (York, UK). (St. James Press)

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Officiant: **The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey**

Music Director & Organist: Greg Seseck

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Acolyte: Anne Wismer

Lector: Ann Wismer

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Usher: Lauren Hennessey

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 at Sherwood & Upcoming Events

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

United Churches Assistance Network (UCAN)

Board Meeting via Zoom @ 4pm

Wednesday

Mother Nancy is in the office, 10 am – 3:30 pm

Vestry Meeting via Zoom @ 6 pm

Thursday

Clergy Group, Mother Nancy 12 – 2 pm, via Zoom

Friday

Parker/Carson Wedding Rehearsal @ 6 pm, church

Saturday

Parker/Carson Wedding @ 2 pm, church and via Facebook Live

Private Graveside Burial for Woody Banister @ 3:30 pm

Office Hours for Mother Nancy:

Beginning Wednesday, April 14, Mother Nancy will be in the church office between the hours of 10 am–3:30 pm every Wednesday. If you would like to meet with Mother Nancy, please feel free to call her at (301-606-8447) or email (sherwoodrector@gmail.com) to set up an appointment.

Communion by the Red Door This Sunday:

Join us for COVID-safe communion from 11:15 to 11:45 am. Communion by the Red Door is the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. In-person worshippers will have communion immediately following the service.

Statements Will Be Emailed:

In an effort to save money on postage and circumvent the post office's ongoing unreliable delivery, your next quarterly statement will be emailed to you. **If you DO NOT want your statement emailed** and would like a paper copy mailed to you instead, please email sherwoodparish@gmail.com or leave a message on the office phone at 410-666-2180.

Future Meetings at Sherwood:

As we re-open we are permitting small ministry meetings. If you want to hold a ministry meeting in person, contact Carey Mednick at sherwoodparish@gmail.com or 410-666-2180 to set up a meeting time. Meetings will take place in the parish wing because it offers more space and there is WIFI. All safety protocols will have to be adhered to, including distancing and the wearing of masks.

Calling all Ushers and Lectors:

All ushers and lectors will be contacted via email about their interest to return to worship and serve as an usher and lector. If you are not ready to return, that is perfectly fine, but please tell us. If you are comfortable returning–wonderful! We will provide simple instruction on the changes that have been made in order to adhere to the diocese's safety guidelines.

***Waking Up White*–Book Discussion Group:**

Are you interested in being a part of the book discussion on *Waking Up White*, by Debby Irving? If so, please [contact Carey Mednick](#) because a group is being formed and will begin soon. Order your book and begin reading now!

Do Your Part!

Based on the state's accelerating vaccination rate and an anticipated increase in supply from the federal government, all Marylanders 16 and older are eligible for their vaccinations at Maryland's mass vaccination sites. Please do your part and get vaccinated! [Go here to pre-register.](https://onestop.md.gov/preregistration) (<https://onestop.md.gov/preregistration>) If you have any concerns or you are having difficulty getting a vaccine, please contact Mother Nancy at sherwoodrector@gmail.com or 410-666-2180. She is happy to talk with and assist getting scheduled for your vaccine. And don't forget to continue to wash your hands, maintain six feet from others, and wear your mask—whether you have been vaccinated or not!

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](#) 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!