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Fourth Sunday in Easter
10 am

April 25, 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 *Voluntary on CRIMOND* - Everett Titcomb

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

Glo - ry be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we
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,



got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
 Son of the Fath-er, that tak-est a way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak-est a way 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know

him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 4:1-12

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand. The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the

dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Read responsively by whole verse

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, ***

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for
ever.**

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE – 205, v. 2

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring

them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

BCP pg. 358

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

BCP pg. 387

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, Debbie H., Danny, Allison, Sandy & Jack, Jen, the Lawry family, Virginia, Susie H., the Alexander family, Kiernan & Colleen, Walter S., Linda P.,

the residents of the Caribbean islands affected by the volcano eruptions, and the Cromwell Family.

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life, especially for the upcoming marriage of Anthony Parker and Sarah Carson.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy. We especially remember and give thanks for the life of Mary Cromwell.

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://sherwoodcockeysville.org/give) to check it out.
(sherwoodcockeysville.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

We walk by faith, and not by sight

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.

2 We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

4 that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

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

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

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, — ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heav'n and earth are full of thy Glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O — Lord Most High. A - men. High Bles - sed is he that com-eth in the". The score includes a section titled "If no Benedictus" which starts with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics "thee, O — Lord Most High. A - men." are written below the staff. The final line of the score is "High Bles - sed is he that com-eth in the".



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.

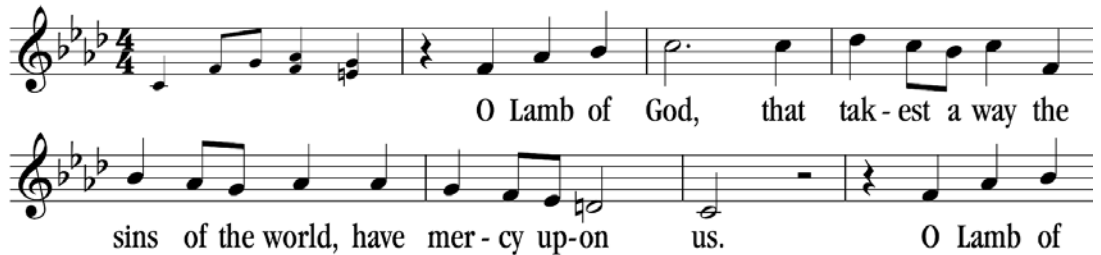
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

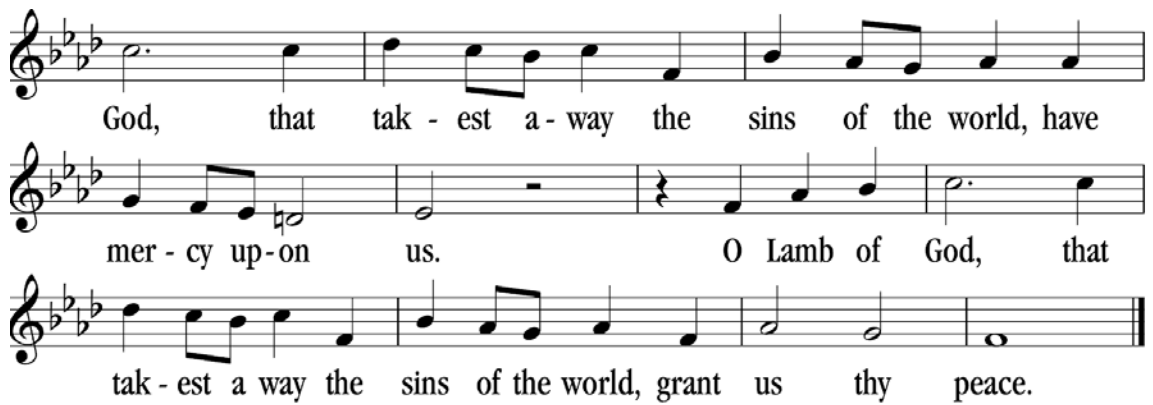
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI

The Tisbury Service – Richard Shephard





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

The Lord's my Shepherd

1 The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and
 3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet
 4 My ta - ble thou has fur - nish - ed in
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
 will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
 pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
 sure - ly fol - low me; and in God's house for -

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 right - eous - ness, the e'en for his own name's sake.
 and thy rod and staff my com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

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

Prelude in G - William H. Harris

For those with us in person today, communion will be offered following the service. Your usher will dismiss you from your pew. For others, Communion at the Red Door is from 11:15 to 11:45 am.

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

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

Music Director & Organist: Greg Sese

Cantor: Christa Beveridge

Lector: Sheila Fitzgerald

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Usher: Sandy Thompson

Thank you for joining us for worship. 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 Sunday's organ prelude, composed by Everett Titcomb (30 June 1884-31 December 1968), is a setting of the hymn *The Lord's my shepherd*, set to the tune CRIMOND. This hymn, a setting of Psalm 23, will be sung after communion, as this is Good Shepherd Sunday. Many of you will remember Betty Manlich, who died in 2016. She told me after I played one of his compositions, "I knew Everett Titcomb." Betty grew up in Boston and sang in the choir of St. John the Evangelist on Beacon Hill, just behind the State House, where Titcomb was music director and organist from 1910-1960. She recalled that Titcomb was serious and stern, that it was an accomplishment to sing with his choir which rehearsed Friday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm. Betty recalled Titcomb playing the organ and conducting the choir from the balcony, where the organ was located. The Church of St. John the Evangelist [closed in September 2013](#) and sold to a developer to convert the building into residences. The organ was saved and is for [sale](#). Susan Ouellette Armstrong, in her [1987 article about Titcomb](#) in the organist periodical, *The Tracker*, recounts that although he did not have the opportunity to receive a university education, he was meticulously prepared for his trade through fine teachers in Boston and apprenticeship, including the Church of the Advent. Years later, after Titcomb gained stature due to his successes at St. John the Evangelist, he turned down the job at the Church of the Advent, preferring to remain at the lesser St. John's where he found the atmosphere necessary for him to thrive. Though his works did not reach the fame of some of his peers, such as Leo Sowerby, Titcomb did enjoy success as a scholar of chant and composer of organ compositions and anthems. In addition to their quarters

in the St. John's property of the Cowley fathers shared with his life partner, Chester Bonney (1892-1983), who had shared his residence since 1911, the two owned a summer cottage in Epping, New Hampshire, where Titcomb composed many of his works at his Steinway piano. This included one of his most popular anthems, *Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love* (1947), dedicated to his friend, organist Roy Carlson. Carlson stopped by one afternoon to find Titcomb struggling with his oven door, which had fallen off its hinges. Carlson repaired the oven door and Titcomb dedicated the anthem to him, which seemed like an even exchange of labor as the anthem was quickly composed. He sold the rights to the publisher for \$25 which was a mistake, as the anthem would become a huge success due to two performances by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. It was nicknamed the "oven door anthem". *By Greg Seseck*

This Week at Sherwood & Upcoming Events

Sunday

Communion by the Red Door @ 11:15

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

Special Vestry Meeting via Zoom @ 6

Thursday

Mother Nancy in Office 10-3:30 Parker/Carson Rehearsal @ 6

Friday

Anthony Parker and Sarah Carson Wedding @ 6!

Communion by the Red Door This Sunday: Join us for COVID-safe communion in the parking lot at Sherwood following the service from 11:15 to 11:45 am.

Honoring Earth Day and Forming a Green Team: The three churches on Sherwood Hill-Sherwood, Faith Lutheran and Basil AME—are forming a Green Team to combine our people power and commitment to being good stewards of our earth. This group is just forming so the opportunities are unlimited. If you have a love of nature, enjoy working in the garden, and are committed to maintaining the beauty of our environment, please join! We will be partnering with [Interfaith Partnership for the Chesapeake](https://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/). <https://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/> Interested? Contact Mother Nancy @ sherwoodrector@gmail.com or 301-606-8447 or Carey Mednick @ sherwoodparish@gmail.com or 410-666-2180.

Magazines Needed by May 6: The Baltimore International Seafarers Center is asking for donations of *Time*, *Sports Illustrated*, and *People* magazines that are no more than a few months old. Other magazines include *Baltimore*, *Reader's Digest*, and car magazines--all of which may be a few years old. Copies of *National Geographic* are welcome and may even be older if they are in excellent condition. You may leave magazines in the blue bin on the parish office porch and we will arrange delivery. The deadline for this round of donations is May 6.

Office Day/Hours Changed: Please note Mother Nancy will be in the office next week on Thursday, April 29 from 10 am–3:30 pm. She will return to her normal Wednesday hours the following week.

Book Study to Begin! We have a group interested in studying and discussing the book *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, by Debby Irving. We will begin to meet in early May. Those who have contacted Carey Mednick with their interest will be receiving an email about details. This is the last call for those who might be interested. Sign up now! Call 410-666-2180 or [email Carey](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com). sherwoodparish@gmail.com