

# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10 am**

**September 26, 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

Largo from *Xerxes* - Handel

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

*Please stand as you are able.*

THE OPENING SENTENCES

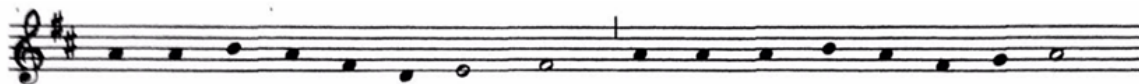
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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**



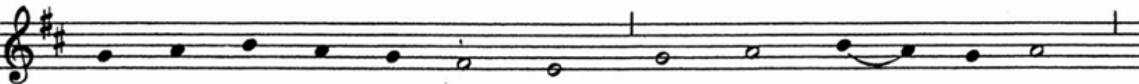
1. Glo- ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



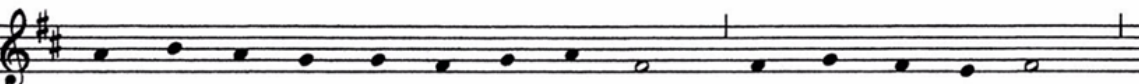
2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



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,



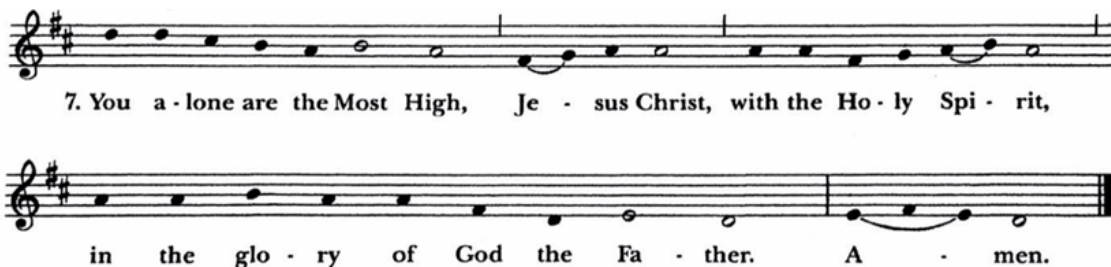
4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



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,



Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me--that is my petition--and the lives of my people--that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then

Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 124

*Read responsively by whole verse*

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \***  
**when enemies rose up against us;**
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \***  
**and the torrent gone over us;**
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! \***  
**he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL AFFIRMATION**



**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 9:38-50**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

THE SERMON

Seminarian Karen Mercer  
St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute

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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

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.

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 especially pray for those impacted by COVID-19 as well those on our parish prayer list: Sandy & Jack, Virginia, Timothy, Margaret S. & family, Jackie & Rick, Louis, David D., Caitlyn, Alice, Shannon T., Marisa, Debbie R., Tom T., Bill P., Casey, Ron L., Ron S., John C., Betsey, and Adrian.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays as well as anniversaries, including Carrie & David F. and Carey & Scott M.

*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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

*Concluding Collect:*

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 will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.*

***Please be seated.***

*We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. Give online ([sherwoodcokeysville.org/give](http://sherwoodcokeysville.org/give)) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cokeysville, 21030. Thank you!*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please remain seated in your pew and Mother Nancy will come to you during the Eucharist. If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of Communion, please cross your arms on your chest.*

## OFFERTORY

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring* - J.S. Bach

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A – BCP pg. 363

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

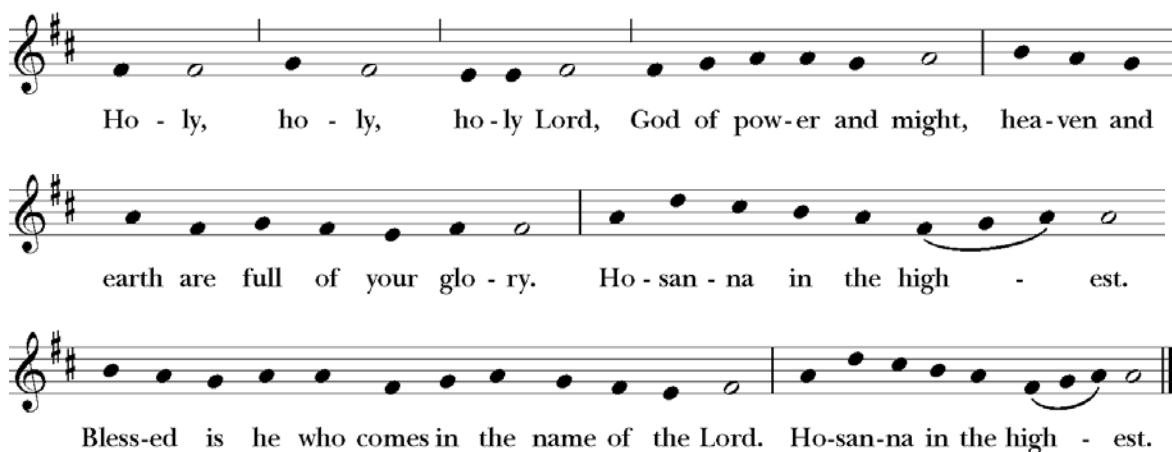
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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 – S124



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

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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.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## 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.

*For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while Mother Nancy distributes communion to those present.*

## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

*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.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**

of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - 636

*How firm a foundation*

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

## 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

Overture (excerpt) from *Esther* - Handel

## Worship Participants

Officiant: The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director: Greg Sesek

Seminarian & Preacher: Karen Mercer

Guest Cantor: Emma Webster

Lector: Fran Gunshol

Acolyte: Greg Syzmaszek

Usher: Fran Gunshol

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Hospitality: Loretta Cunninghame

## Lay Participants for Sunday, October 3

Lector: Laure Covert

Acolyte: Seminarian Karen Mercer

Ushers: Bill & Karyn Galetto

Broadcast Engineer: Anne Wismer

Hospitality: Susan Boucher

*Please keep those with ongoing needs in your prayers: Sally, Debbie, Shannon, Norma, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Marge, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Joe G., Jeanetta, Christina, Khalil, Danny, Joe C., Marisa, Bill P., and Dante.*

*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](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com).*

### ***This Week @ Sherwood***

#### **Sunday**

Youth Formation via Zoom @ 12:30 pm

#### **Monday**

Mother Nancy's day off

Office closed

#### **Wednesday**

Office hours 10 am-3 pm

Bible Study @ Broadmead @ 2 pm



More than 50% of Baltimore County Public School students are living in poverty. Through SSN's *A Night for the Network*, you will help provide food, school supplies, and other basic necessities to students in 14 Baltimore County public schools, including Cockeysville Middle School. (For the in-person event, proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within 24 hours of the event is required for admission.) Sherwood is one of the sponsors of this fundraiser, and we hope you will join us in supporting this extremely important cause!

<https://studentsupportnetwork.org/events/night/>

**Outreach Update:**

Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, the number of Baltimore County Public School students living in extreme poverty has increased by 10%. Extreme poverty as defined by SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is an income at or below 130% of the federal poverty guidelines—\$34,450 for a family of four.

At Cockeysville Middle School the latest statistics show this alarming trend. While the student population for the current school year has decreased in size from 910 to 881, the percentage (and number) of students in need of assistance has risen.

- 350 students currently qualify for free meals (40%)—299 students (33%) qualified in the prior school year.
- 159 students currently depend on SNAP benefits (18%)—130 students (14%) utilized SNAP in the prior school year.

The statistics underscore the critical need in our community. We are currently in the process of setting up the in-school support room to provide students with food and personal items. As we move forward, we will provide additional information on ways that Sherwood can continue to support this important imperative. -- *Joyce Mann, Sherwood Outreach Director*

**Quarterly Statements Coming Soon:**

The last statement in 2021 will be emailed to you next week. If a printed paper copy of your last statement was mailed to you, you will receive your latest statement the same way. If you would prefer your statement to be printed out and mailed to you instead of emailed, please [email Carey](#) or call 410-666-2180.

**Online Giving Update:**

Earlier this week, you may have received an email from Vanco/GivePlus notifying you that the GivePlus mobile app will no longer be supported after 9/30/21. To ensure that you'll be ready for the change, please follow the instructions in the email to download Vanco Mobile. Your login credentials will be the ones you already use. Thank you!