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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
10 am

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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

Andante - Alfred Herbert Brewer

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

HYMN - 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Please stand as you are able.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

BCP pg. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

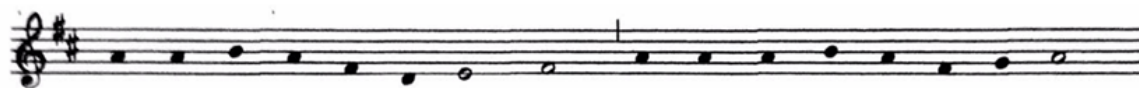
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – Hymn S 277

Setting by David Hurd



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,

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.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Job answered the LORD: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; ***
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me ***
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me ***
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; ***
happy are they who trust in him!
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; ***
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, ***
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL AFFIRMATION



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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

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

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: Virginia, Timothy, Margaret S. & family, Louis, Shannon T., Marisa, Debbie R., Tom T., Bill P., Casey, Betsey, Kiernan & Colleen, Lou D., Wayne L., Nancy C., and Sheila.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays, especially Loretta, as well as anniversaries.

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 and give thanks for the lives of John, Dawn, Jessica, and Gail, friends of the Strong family.

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) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, 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

Come, Holy Ghost - Thomas Attwood

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C - BCP pg. 370

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

The Celebrant continues

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer and at the conclusion says

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

BCP pg. 365

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 - 671

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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 *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* Op. 58, No. 6 - Basil Harwood

Worship Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director: Greg Seseck

Seminarian: Karen Mercer

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lector: Greg Szymaszek

Acolyte: Greg Szymaszek

Ushers: Bill & Karyn Galetto

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Hospitality: Greg Davis

Lay Participants for Sunday, October 31

Lector: Loretta Cunninghame

Acolyte: Kevin Hennessey

Usher: Kevin Hennessey

Broadcast Engineer: Anne Wismer

Hospitality: Bill & Karyn Galetto

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., Dante, David D., Sandy & Jack, and Alice.

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 Week @ Sherwood

Monday

Mother Nancy's day off
Office closed

Wednesday

Office hours 10 am-3 pm

Thursday

Bible Study via Zoom @ 11 am
Waking Up White Book Study via Zoom @ 6:30 pm

Who Is Our Community?

In this week's Gospel message as Jesus continued his journey towards Jerusalem, a blind man named Bartimaeus cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Immediately he was scolded by those around him. Clearly his outburst wasn't considered "good behavior" by the disciples. But it didn't stop him from crying out again. Bartimaeus was persistent and ultimately gained his sight after Jesus declared him faithful.

There are many meaningful threads woven within this passage. But I want us to focus on one thread entwined within this reading and throughout all the gospels and that is Jesus' vision of community. Despite the disciples' attempt to push Bartimaeus away, Jesus pulled the outsider into his ever-expanding circle. He continued to break down the boundaries we tend to put up around ourselves and others.

Some boundaries are intentional, some unintentional. Boundaries can be the railroad track that divides one community from another. An unspoken boundary

that keeps communities separated. There can be informal boundaries that are established within schools: the cool kids, the nerds, and the jocks. There are intentional boundaries such as the ones that keep our three branches of the government separate so as not to tip the balance of power. And the list goes on. But the boundary that Jesus kept crossing over pertained to relationships and community. Time and time again, he invited people to sit with him at the table who wouldn't normally be invited. He healed those whom no one would touch and cared for those who were shunned. His message was clear, God's kingdom welcomed all, no exceptions.

Who is Sherwood's community? Is it limited to our congregation? This past year it would have been understandable if we gathered the wagons around our small church family and did nothing else. Taking care of those we love and consider family is important. But I also witnessed us going beyond our own property line to engage with Cockeysville Middle School (CMS). In fact, this last year, thanks to the leadership of the Outreach Team, we have a stronger relationship with CMS than ever before. We are beginning to see the deep-seated challenges of our county that we otherwise may have missed. We have continued to engage with the United Churches Assistance Network (UCAN) and because of our engagement and care for those in need, we will be adopting a family this Christmas. Thanks to your generous support of my discretionary fund, I can cover the cost of a hotel room so homeless families can sleep in safety. Gas, restaurant, and grocery cards can be given to those with specific needs, and this is just a sampling. Our community does and must continue to extend beyond our property lines. As you consider your stewardship pledge for 2022, I hope you will keep in mind that the community we care for goes far beyond our borders. We truly are living out what Jesus was showing his disciples who felt Bartimaeus was "not one of them" when he cried to Jesus to be healed.

Protecting God's Creation, Part 9

*A Series About Sherwood's Water Management Initiative
by Bronwyn Mitchell-Strong, Sherwood Hill Green Team Leader*

For most of human history, rivers and streams were used as ready-made waste disposal systems. Pipes carrying all manner of waste from human excrement to toxic chemicals were dumped into rivers all over the world under the mantra of

“dilution is the solution to pollution”. You may remember the Cuyahoga River in Ohio being so polluted that it caught on fire in 1969. Not being able to swim or fish in bodies of water became the norm. It was the price humanity (and our faunal and floral neighbors) had to pay for modernization. In 1972, the Clean Water Act was signed into law by then President Nixon. The objective of the Act is the restoration and maintenance of the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the country’s water. One of the goals is to achieve water quality that is both “fishable” and “swimmable” by the mid-1980s. While the date has passed, the goal remains and efforts to attain it continue—unfortunately.

The first action undertaken by the government under the new regulations was to turn off the pipes discharging into streams and rivers and lakes. These pipes were referred to as point sources of pollutions because they came from a single point. This was relatively easy to accomplish because points could be identified and staunched.

Today the major source of pollution into our water is from non-point sources. This is basically the stormwater flowing off the surface of watersheds picking up pollutants along the way we have learned about. NOTE: There are also inputs with wastewater treatment plants. These are also point sources. They are old, antiquated, crumbling, and require a lot of money to be revitalized.

Since the source of the pollution is shared by all, it is harder to point a finger at the problem. We are all part of the problem. In 2012, the State Assembly passed the Stormwater Tax to raise funds to help mediate the harmful effects of stormwater. It was based on the percentage of impervious surface. Dubbed “The Rain Tax” by opponents, the bill was reversed when a new administration took power. Don’t worry—not going into politics.

When the woman was about to be stoned for adultery (doesn’t it take two to tango?), Jesus said, “he who is without sin should cast the first stone”. No stone was thrown because all present were sinners. Similarly, we are all polluters—in big and small ways each and every day. The manipulations we have made to the watershed, the energy we use, the products we use, the resources we waste. Our houses are full of chemicals and heavy metals. In nature there is no away. It all goes somewhere. So when they ask, “Who is polluting the Bay?” you can answer, “We are”.

Blind Bartimaeus



"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." Mark 10:51 (NIV)

Words are taken from Mark 10:46-52 (NIV).

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