

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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The First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

10 am 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

Drop down, ye heavens, from above (Rorate caeli, from 12 Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes, Op. 8) - Jeanne Demessieux

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

The candle is lit.

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Psalm 33:20

Let us pray.

Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope.

Amen.

Compiled and written by the Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

HYMN - 66

Come, thou long expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art: dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king, born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

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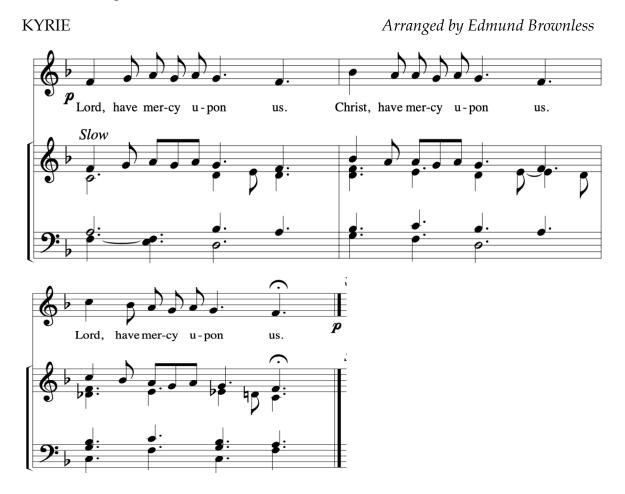
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Please stand as you are able.

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.**



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9

Read responsively by whole verse

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.

- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL AFFIRMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

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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

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Let us pray.

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 pray especially for those impacted by COVID-19 as well those on our parish prayer list:, Virginia, Timothy, Margaret S. & family, Louis, Shannon T., Marisa, Bill P., Casey, Betsey, Kiernan & Colleen, Lou D., Wayne L., Nancy C., Sheila, Hoa, Diane B., Kaylay, Lorraine, Kathy, Patricia, Butch, Paige, and John M.

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

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.

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. <u>Give online</u> (sherwoodcockeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, 21030. Thank you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All persons, including children, are invited to receive the real and living presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Communion. Come forward to the altar rail at the invitation of the ushers. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of Communion, please cross your arms on your chest.

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Drop down, ye heavens, from above - plainchant

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

1 Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. [Antiphon]

2 We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away: thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquites. [Antiphon]

3 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. [Antiphon]

4 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. [Antiphon]

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own we have given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B - BCP pg. 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

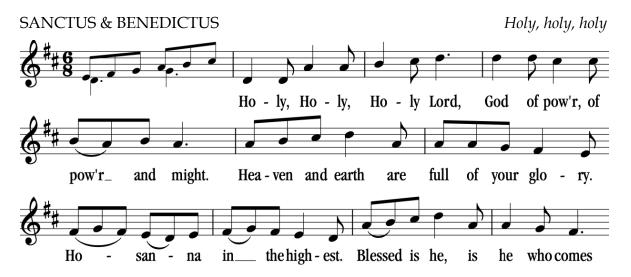
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

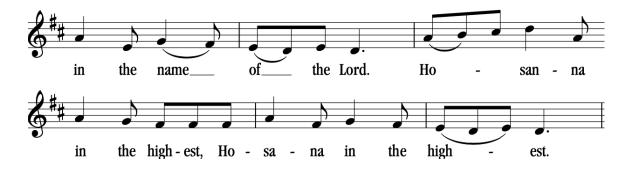
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People and Celebrant

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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 for ever. **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.

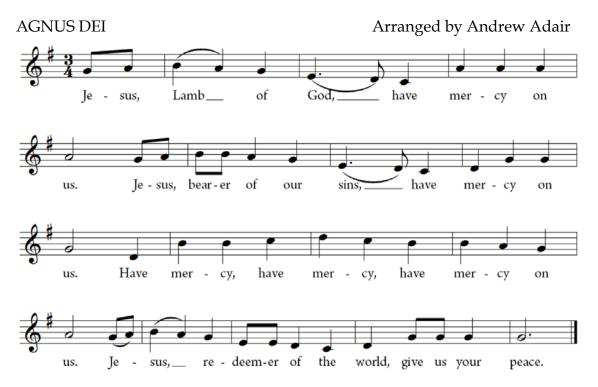
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.

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 - 57 (v. 1-2. 4)

Lo! he comes with clouds descending

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him,

robed in dreadful majesty; those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own: Alleluia!

Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

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 Postlude on Helmsley

Worship Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director: Greg Sesek Guest Cantor: Emma Foster Lector: Loretta Cunninghame Acolyte: Seminarian Karen Mercer

Usher: Kevin Hennessey

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Hospitality: Susan Boucher

Lay Participants for Sunday, December 5

Lector: Greg Szymaszek Acolyte: Greg Syzmaszek Ushers: Bill & Karyn Galetto

Broadcast Engineer: Anne Wismer Hospitality: Sandy Thompson

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, Alice, Debbie R., and Marian.

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 enewsletter, 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

Saturday

Kathleen Schotto's Ordination to the Deaconate 11 am, The Cathedral of the Incarnation

Liturgical Changes Beginning in Advent:

Beginning today, we will distribute communion from the altar rail. We feel it is a good time to once again come to the table to receive the body of Christ.

Did You Know ...

Each Sunday in Advent we will be adding figures to the manger? Advent is a time for preparation and waiting. Because of this, churches aren't decked out in

their Christmas finery until Christmas Eve and not every figure is placed in the manger on Advent I-only the animals will be present not including the sheep, donkey, or camels, they come later in the story. Stay awake!

Kathleen Schotto's Diaconal Ordination!

Many of you know Kathleen who is a senior at Virginia Theological Seminary. She will be ordained a deacon on Saturday, December 4 @ 11 am at The Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore. Mother Nancy will be in attendance and if you would like to attend or watch via Livestream, go to https://episcopalmaryland.org/event/ordination-of-deacons-2/ for details. If you would like to send Kathleen a card, her address is: 17 Hawthorne Ave., Pikesville, MD 21208.

Please Help Us Reward Great Students:

As part of our imperative, Sherwood continues to deepen our relationship with Cockeysville Middle School. The 2021 school year at CMS has had its share of challenges. The school is short on staff, students are still getting acclimated to full-time in-person learning, and resources are stretched.

Despite these obstacles, the 6th graders at CMS have demonstrated many positive behaviors. The CMS staff would like to recognize these hardworking students with a holiday movie and snacks. Sherwood has been asked to help sponsor this event on December 22 by providing a small snack bag and drink for each student. (There are about 300 students in the 6th grade.)

If you are interested in making a financial donation to assist in the purchase of items for this event, please make your check out to Sherwood Episcopal Church and note CMS. Cash donations may be placed in an envelope in the collection plate with CMS noted on the outside of the envelope, or you may drop them in the parish office mailbox. You may also make your donation online at https://sherwoodcockeysville.org/give/ (Enter the amount next to Pledge and then type CMS in the note field/box on the right.) We would also like to have an event to put together the bags for the students. Stay tuned for more information. If you have questions, please <a href="mailto:contact_loyce_contact_lo

Christmas Service Schedule 2021:

This year Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the First Sunday after Christmas fall right after each other: December 24, 25, and 26! Please see our Christmas Service Schedule and we hope you will join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Eve Service @ 5 pm In person and Facebook Live

Christmas Day Service @ 9 am Morning Prayer Facebook Live

First Sunday after Christmas @ 10 am

Christmas Lessons and Carols

This will be a wonderful time to sing our beloved Christmas Carols!

In person and Facebook Live

Volunteers Needed--and Christmas Cookies on 12/19!

December 12 and 26 are open for hospitality volunteers with an invitation to bake a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share on the 19th. Please <a href="mailto:emai

This Tuesday, November 30 is the Deadline!

Save time, an envelope, and a stamp and <u>make your pledge online</u>. https://sherwoodcockeysville.org/give/2022-stewardship-we-need-your-help/ We plan the year's budget based upon the amount of pledges, so it is critical that all are made no later than November 30, 2021. **Thank you!**

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