



Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday
10 AM

May 24, 2020
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Watch live on our Facebook page at 10 am and our YouTube channel after 2 pm

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude - 220

Prelude on *Aeterne Rex altissime*
Mr. Greg Seseck, Music Director & Organist

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

THE OPENING SENTENCES

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.**

HYMN - 494

Crown him with many crowns

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of him
who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

3 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed over the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;

his glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King, to whom is given,
the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns,
as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for he is King of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said

this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47

Said in unison

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.

Organ Voluntary

Prelude on *Viri Galilæi* (Ascension) - Louis Raffy
Mr. Greg Sesek

THE NICENE CREED

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**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 I

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Celebrant

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town of Cockeysville, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. We especially pray for those on our parish prayer list: Sally, James, Avery, Deryk, Katarina, Carol, Lorraine, Debbie, Elizabeth, Shannon, Jeff & Kim, Norma, Sharon, Harsh, Mary Rose, Margaret, Ed, Laura, Steve, Joyce, Hayley, Paul, Christine, Richard, Mike and his family, Kendall, Theresa, Jean, Marge, Sarah, Becky, Joe, and David, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

And we also thank you for the blessings of this life, especially for those who are celebrating birthdays including David Fowler, Cecil Offutt, Leslie Szymaszek, and Christina Pitts, as well as anniversaries such as Greg and Leslie Szymaszek, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. We especially pray for those who have lost their lives to the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Celebrant concludes with a Memorial Day Prayer

Lord God, in whom there is life and light: Accept our thanks for those who died for us, our prayers for those who mourn, our praise for the hope you have given us. Refresh our hearts with dedication to heroic ideas, with appreciation for the honesty of the just, with obedience to upright laws. Forgive us when our patriotism is hollow, when our nationalism is arrogant, when our allegiance is halfhearted. Stir within us thanksgiving for all we have inherited, vigilance for the freedoms of all people, willingness to sacrifice for fellow citizens. Comfort us with the joy that Christ died for all those who died for us, bringing life and immortality to light for all who believe in Him. **Amen.**

We will now sit in silence as we toll the church bell to remember those who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of our country.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Let us pray.

**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.**

EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

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!**

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
 glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
 Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
 enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!
2. There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
 lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
 Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!
 take the King of glory in! Alleluia!
4. Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
 there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

Postlude

Vater unser im Himmelreich - Johann Schneider
 Mr. Greg Sesek

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey
 Organist: Greg Sesek, Music Director
 Reader: Carrie Fowler
 Choir: Carrie Fowler, Robin Rouleau
 Tech Support: Sandy Thompson, Anne Wismer

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 @ Sherwood

Monday

Office closed

Tuesday

Church Property Imperative
 Meeting @ 3 pm

Wednesday

- Bishop/Clergy Zoom Meeting
 (Mother Nancy) @ 10 am
- CMS Imperatives Zoom Meeting
 @ 10 am
- Zoom Bible Study @ 11:30 am

Announcements

Sermons in Print:

If you would like to receive Mother Nancy's Sunday sermon, please [contact Carey Mednick](#) and she will be happy to forward Mother Nancy's sermon to you.

Did You Know?

All three of the imperative teams have met and are beginning their research so they can create a 3-5 year strategy to bring our mission statement and imperatives into fruition. Mother Nancy is in awe of how so many of you have taken hold of your imperatives. COVID-19 certainly will impact our imperatives, but instead of seeing it as a roadblock, we are seeing it as a new opportunity. We will continue to keep you updated.

Pentecost Sunday!

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. It also marks the beginning of the Christian church. Although we won't be together (literally) we will still celebrate Pentecost. So I encourage you to dress in red, the liturgical color for this feast day and come prepared to rejoice in the fact that the Holy Spirit empowers us to continue to be the Body of Christ out in the world—even in a COVID-19 world.

Zoom Bible Study Opportunities:

We are having an excellent bible study on The Gospel of Matthew. Every Wednesday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, several people gather via Zoom to discuss scripture. This form of adult formation will be offered through the summer months. Some have expressed a desire for a Bible 101 class, but there may be other interests as well. Mother Nancy is also open to offering a children's bible study for our younger members. Whatever your interests may be, please [contact Mother Nancy](#). She looks forward to hearing from you.

Sherwood Zoom Account:

We now have a Sherwood Zoom account and anyone who is leading a meeting for the church is welcome to utilize it. Please [contact Carey Mednick](#) if you would like to host a church meeting. She will manage the schedule (we can't have simultaneous zoom meetings on the Sherwood account) and also send you the invitation. You are welcome to use your personal account if it is easier. The choice is yours.