

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Pentecost Sunday
10 AM

May 31, 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

Variations on Veni Creator Spiritus - Anton Bruckner

J. Stuart Archer, Paul Leddington Wright
Mr. Greg Seseck, Music Director & Organist
The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Welcome and Announcements

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 - 224

Hail this joyful day's return

1. Hail this joyful day's return,
hail the Pentecostal morn,
morn when our ascended Lord
on his Church his Spirit poured!
Alleluia!

2. Like to cloven tongues of flame
on the twelve the Spirit came--
tongues, that earth may hear their call,
fire, that love may burn in all.
Alleluia!

3, Lord, to you your people bend;
unto us your Spirit send;
blessings of this sacred day
grant us, dearest Lord, we pray.
Alleluia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ “

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

Said in unison

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!



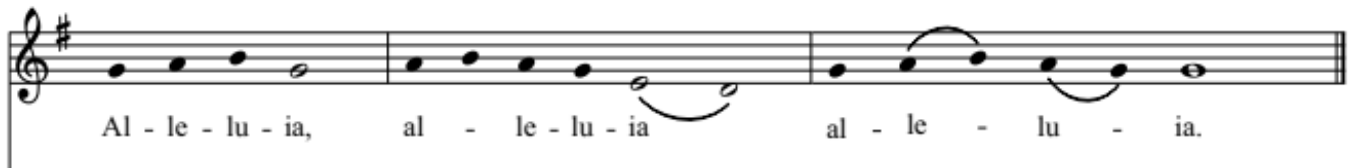
THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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.

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.**

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, Avery, Deryk, 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 Shirley Cadden.

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

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

1 Holy Spirit, ever living
 as the Church's very life;
 Holy Spirit, ever striving
 through her in a ceaseless strife;
 Holy Spirit, ever forming
 in the Church the mind of Christ;
 thee we praise with endless worship
 for thy fruits and gifts unpriced.

2 Holy Spirit, ever working
 through the Church's ministry;
 quickening, strengthening and absolving,
 setting captive sinners free;
 Holy Spirit, ever binding
 age to age, and soul to soul,
 in a fellowship unending
 thee we worship and extol.

Postlude

Riguadon -Andre Campra
 Mr. Greg Seseck

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey
 Organist: Greg Seseck, Music Director
 Reader: Robin Rouleau
 Choir: Diane Rouleau, Robin Rouleau
 Tech Support: Kevin Hennessey, 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

Wednesday

Bishop/Clergy Zoom Meeting (Mother Nancy) @ 10 am

CMS Imperatives Zoom Meeting @ 10 am

Zoom Bible Study @ 11:30 am

Friday

Loaves & Fishes Boxed Lunch Preparation

Announcements

A Time of Grieving and Lament

Throughout Saturday, May 30 through Monday, June 1, our Presiding Bishop, Michael B. Curry has asked us to join with other ecumenical and interfaith groups to observe a time of grieving for all who have died from COVID-19, praying for them and their loved ones. I also ask us to pray for the lives lost at the hands of those using abusive violence. Then on Monday morning sometime between the hours of 9 and 10 AM, Ralph and Anne Wismer will toll our church bell as a solemn tribute to the lives lost. They will recite the prayer composed by Lutherans and Episcopalians for this Sunday of Pentecost in the midst of the pandemic. I hope all of us will take some time during our weekend or on Monday and pray for so many lives lost to the pandemic and senseless violence. If we won't, who will? -- *Mother Nancy*

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Update on Loaves and Fishes: Joyce Mann is coordinating a small group to make sandwiches for the boxed lunches that are now handed out each Saturday at Loaves and Fishes. Thanks to her coordination and Greg Davis securing a qualified kitchen, we will be making approximately 180 sandwiches for Saturday, June 6. Please pray for all those who will be gathering at St. Mathias whether to hand out the boxed lunch or to receive one. This is a vital ministry and in these difficult times, it is a ministry that is needed more than ever. We may not be able to physically be with them, but our prayers will undoubtedly sustain them and provide them comfort.

Group Gatherings at Sherwood: Please keep in mind that we are not permitting meetings or gatherings of groups at Sherwood, even groups under 10. The only gathering that takes place is on Sunday morning. Gathering is more than wearing masks and keeping 6 feet from one another—it is also ensuring that the space is properly sanitized, has good air ventilation, and is correctly monitored. If you have any questions, never hesitate to speak to Mother Nancy.

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 it to 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.