



# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Third Sunday After Pentecost  
10 AM

June 21 2020  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

## THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Mr. Ben Boellner, Guest Organist

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

### THE OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. 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.**

HYMN - 537

*Christ for the world we sing*

1 Christ for the world we sing;  
the world to Christ we bring  
with loving zeal:  
the poor and them that mourn,  
the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow worn,  
whom Christ doth heal.

3 Christ for the world we sing;  
the world to Christ we bring  
with one accord:  
with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare,

with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86:1-10, 16-17

*Said in unison*

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, \*  
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, \*  
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;  
you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.



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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
 and a daughter against her mother,  
 and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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



THE SERMON

Kathleen Schotto  
Guest Preacher  
Second-Year Seminarian  
Virginia Theological Seminary

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

Organ Voluntary

Mr. Ben Boellner

THE NICENE CREED

BCP pg. 358

**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

### *Celebrant*

Gracious God, as your disciples, give us perpetual love and reverence for your Holy Name, as we offer our prayers, responding "Kyrie eleison."

Open our eyes to see the stranger in our midst, offering hospitality and companionship, believing that the Holy Spirit visits us through those we do not know; let us pray.

### *Kyrie eleison.*

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

### *Kyrie eleison.*

Reveal the fruits of suffering to all who are heavy laden with despair, that they may receive your endurance, grow in character, and live in hope; let us pray.

### *Kyrie eleison.*

Strengthen the hands and voices of our Bishops, priests, and people of this diocese so that we will proclaim the good news of Christ through the daily events of our lives, and to those we encounter in the course of the day; let us pray.

### *Kyrie eleison.*

Bless our nation, our President, Donald Trump, members of Congress, our Governor, Larry Hogan, and our County Executive, John Olszewski, Jr.; give them wisdom in their deliberations, that legislation and programs may serve the best interests of the common good and the needs of the global community; let us pray.

### *Kyrie eleison.*

Hold in your arms of mercy for the ill, poor, hungry, oppressed, and those impacted by COVID-19. We ask for your prayers especially for those on our parish prayer list: Sally, Avery, Deryk, Carol, Lorraine, Debbie, Elizabeth, Shannon, Jeff & Kim, Norma, Sharon, Mary Rose, Margaret, Ed, Laura, Steve, Joyce, Hayley, Paul, Christine, Richard, Mike and his family, Kendall, Theresa, Jean, Marge, Sarah, Becky, Joe, the Smith family, David, Ralph, Gail, Suzanne, the Frost family, Margaret S., Ruth Ann, and the Jackson family, let us pray.

*Kyrie eleison.*

We thank you for the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays including Bud and Guy. Let us pray.

*Kyrie eleison.*

Gracious God, give to the departed eternal rest in your loving arms; Let us pray.

*Kyrie eleison.*

*Celebrant*

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, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP pg. 360

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

BCP pg. 364

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!**

HYMN - 655

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end*

1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

3 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory

there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

Postlude

Mr. Ben Boellner

### **Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood**

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Guest Organist: Ben Boellner

Guest Preacher: Kathleen Schotto

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

### **This Week @ Sherwood**

*Monday*

Office closed

*Wednesday*

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

### **Announcements**

#### **Welcome Our Guest Preacher and Guest Organist!**

This Sunday, we welcome Kathleen Schotto to the pulpit. Kathleen, a second-year seminarian at Virginia Theological Seminary, is no stranger to Sherwood and it is wonderful to have her back in our midst. She will be with us this summer from time to time—preaching and leading some Zoom gatherings.

For the next two Sundays, Ben Boellner will be joining us as guest organist. His is a familiar face at Sherwood and we are happy that he is here with us today. Join me in giving Kathleen and Ben a virtual welcome!

## **Did You Know?**

Did you know that June 19 is referred to Juneteenth? It marks the day to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865 in the aftermath of the Civil War, slaves were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation. It is interesting to note that Texas was the last of the confederate states to enact the proclamation as all slaves were formally freed almost two-and-a-half years earlier. Juneteenth is a blending of June and nineteenth. Every day, and especially this June 19, let us remember our Baptismal Covenant that calls us to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” (BCP pg. 305) And may we all respond with a resounding, “I will, with God’s help.”

## **Back to Basics with the Bible 101:**

Have you ever wanted to know the basics about the bible—how it is organized, who wrote the books, why there is an Old Testament and New Testament, what makes up the gospels and much more? Maybe you have, maybe you haven’t. Regardless, all are invited (including family and friends) to join Mother Nancy and seminarian Kathleen Schotto as they bring us the bible basics in a 2-segment /1-hour Zoom gathering. The day and time will be determined by those who are interested. If you are interested or remotely curious, sign up for Bible Basics 101 by emailing Carey and letting her know what times and days would work best for you. The Zoom gathering will begin the week in July.

## **We Now Have Wifi!**

Thanks to the leadership of the vestry and the good work of Robin Rouleau, we now have wifi in the church and church wing. This will help us as we continue with livestreaming our worship on Sunday mornings. It will also allow us to offer more flexibility and other creative options for staying connected during this pandemic. Thank you!

## **NEW! Watch Our Sunday 10 AM Worship On Our Website!**

Now there’s an alternative to watching the service live on Facebook! Click here and you may view it in real time directly on our website at 10 am without going through Facebook. There is one caveat: you won’t be able to let us know you’re worshipping with us through chat if you watch via our website. As always, you may tune into our YouTube channel after 2pm to see the service with edited closed captioning.