



# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
10 AM

June 28 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

*I love to tell the story*

1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story  
because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

3 I love to tell the story;  
'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

4 I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory  
I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham,

“Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 13

*Said in unison*

- 1 How long, O LORD?  
will you forget me for ever? \*  
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; \*  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” \*  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.



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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

Mr. Ben Boellner

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

### *Celebrant*

We stand before God in awesome fear, as the power of divine grace is revealed through the mystery of word and sacrament. Trusting in this grace, we offer our prayers responding, "Kyrie eleison."

For those who claim the prophetic voice in our generation, that they may be willing to pay the price of their convictions and, like the prophet of old, have their testimony tried in the fires of eternity, 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, Jean, Marge, Sarah, Becky, Joe, the Smith family, David, Ralph, Gail, Suzanne, the Frost family, Margaret S., Ruth Ann, Mark, and the Jackson family, let us pray.

*Kyrie eleison.*

We thank you for the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays including André. 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

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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!**

HYMN - 544

*Jesus shall reign where-e'er the sun*

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

5 Let every creature rise and bring  
the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Postlude

Mr. Ben Boellner

**Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood**

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey  
Guest Organist: Ben Boellner  
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

Graveside Service, Trinity, Long Green @ 11 am

***Friday***

Office closed in observance of Independence Day

## Announcements

### **Did You Know?**

When our Sunday worship service is uploaded to the Sherwood YouTube page, Carey Mednick, our parish administrator, sets up the closed captioning. Did you know that it takes her approximately two hours from start to finish to watch the service, read every caption, and fix the words that weren't picked up correctly by YouTube's software? Thankfully Carey is adept at doing this and we are able to provide closed captioning for our YouTube watchers. Thank you, Carey!

### **Save the Date ~ Sunday, July 5:**

Anne Wismer will preach about her 2020 Lenten story on Sunday, July 5. Last year, her Lenten practice was to call someone each day during the season of Lent. As she explained in her story to us, she thought she knew what she would get out of the experience, but God gave more. This year was no exception, especially with COVID-19 thrown into the mix! You will not want to miss what she experienced and learned through her journey in Lent 2020. Save the date!

### **A Questionnaire is Coming:**

Although we are not gathering in person at the moment, Mother Nancy and the Vestry continue to weigh the options of gathering in person for worship or staying the course and livestreaming our service. We will be sending out a questionnaire to everyone so we can begin to gauge where all of you are and your desire to regather for worship. We will also send hardcopies of the questionnaire to those without internet access. We want to hear from all of you. It is Mother Nancy's intention to regather the COVID-19 task force at the beginning of August. The questionnaire will serve as one of our tools for exploring our options to regather.

### **Our Annual Meeting Has Not Been Forgotten!**

Every year we schedule our Annual Meeting in late March. This year was no exception. Unfortunately, we didn't anticipate COVID-19 turning everything upside down. The Vestry and Mother Nancy are still committed to having an Annual Meeting and so we will have a "Mid-Year Annual Meeting" on Sunday, August 16. We will do it by Zoom immediately following the service. Mark your calendars, more information to come.

### **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 first week in July.