



Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
10 AM

July 5, 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

My Lord, what a morning & Balm in Gilead -American Spirituals
arr. Harry T. Burleigh
Mr. Greg Seseck, Music Director & 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 - 599

Lift every voice and sing

1 Lift every voice and sing
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun

of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet, with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past,
till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light;
keep us for ever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand
may we for ever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver

and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" – let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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



LENTEN STORY

Mrs. Anne Wismer
Sherwood Parishioner

Organ Voluntary

Mr. Greg Seseck

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

Let us come before God in a posture of openness, expecting the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to lead us into the offering of our prayers, as we respond, *Hear us Lord.*

Free us from the bondage of our sinful ways, our blindness to truth, our stubbornness and lack of discipline, that we may yearn after the fruits of divine Word and follow its wisdom; let us pray. *Hear us Lord.*

Strengthen the love and devotion amongst family members, that forgiveness may heal old wounds, and mutual affection pave the way to wholeness; let us pray. *Hear us Lord.*

Guide the leaders of our Church, diocese and congregation that there may be mutual respect across, and a renewed sense of partnership in bringing God's Kingdom into the most troubled corners of our neighborhoods and nations; let us pray. *Hear us Lord.*

Encourage our civic leaders to modify their convictions with compromise, that there may be a renewal of hope for those who live in poverty, unemployment, and lack of education opportunities; let us pray. *Hear us Lord.*

Reveal the unfolding beauty of creation, the uniqueness of seasons, and the joy and wonder of your handicraft, that we may delight in guarding these gifts; let us pray. *Hear us Lord.*

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, Mark, the Jackson family, Mary Lou, and Charles; let us pray. *Hear us Lord.*

We thank you for the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays including; let us pray. *Hear us Lord.*

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

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!

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Postlude

The Dam Busters March
Mr. Greg Sesek

Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey
Music Director & Organist: Greg Sesek
Lector & Choir: Carrie Fowler
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.

This Week @ Sherwood

Monday

Office closed

Wednesday

Bible 101 via Zoom @ 11:30 am

Vestry Meeting via Zoom @ 6 pm

Announcements

Sharing Our Stories:

This Sunday Anne will be our “preacher” as she shares her Lenten 2020 journey. God is clearly working within and through her as she continues her experience long after the forty days of Lent. You will not want to miss it!

Your Feedback is Needed:

I hope you will complete the questionnaires that will be sent out within the next few days. The results will help us when the COVID-19 task force reconvenes to discuss moving into the Orange phase for worship (a very modified and limited re-gathering for Sunday worship). Thank you to those who already filled out the questionnaire. We will be mailing copies of the questionnaire to our members who don't have computer access. Or if you would prefer a written copy please e-mail Carey Mednick to request one. – Mother Nancy

Would You Like Some Flowers?

We are blessed to have Kimberly Hoffman of Kimberly's Farm Flowers supplying us with the flowers left over from her CSA business until early September. We use them on Sundays to decorate the altar but when we're finished, they need a new home. Mother Nancy will be delivering these flowers on Sundays to parishioners who'd like to receive them (no contact/socially distanced, of course, and you must be home). If you'd like to be added to the list of recipients over the next few months, please e-mail Carey.

Volunteers Needed for Food Pantry

We continue to experience high need for food in our community! Epiphany Community Center will host Pantry on the Go this coming **Tuesday July 7 from 4-6 pm**. This event will be a **drive-through event only** held in the parking lot and run from **4-6 pm**. Volunteers may serve in shorter shifts or from 4 pm until 6 pm. Volunteer tasks include distributing food to cars and assisting in clean-up tasks.

For the health and safety of all, volunteers are required to bring and wear masks and maintain physical distance of 6 feet. Epiphany Community Center will provide gloves. Wearing masks and practicing physical distancing is an act of love and care for our larger community and for ourselves, as we share the gifts of food that we have been given. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we seek to keep you and others safe! Please stay home if you are ill or at high-risk; there are many other ways you can support the work of Epiphany Community Center. Please [e-mail revamy@steepmd.org](mailto:revamy@steepmd.org) if you would like volunteer.

Date & Time Set for Bible 101

Our Back to Basics Zoom bible class will start this week on Wednesday, July 8 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. There's still time to join us! [E-mail Mother Nancy](#) if you'd like to enroll.

Carey Out of Office

Carey will be away Monday, July 6 through Friday the 10th for a much deserved rest! If you need assistance, please contact Mother Nancy.

Being on Church Property

The work of the church has never stopped, despite our need to stay home, wear masks, and social distance. We welcome you to be on the church campus if you have church work to do, but please contact Carey Mednick or Mother Nancy—especially if you are using the church office or church wing. Carey is in the office most Wednesdays from 10 am-1 pm and Mother Nancy is in the office on Sundays and intermittently during the week. For everyone's safety, the staff appreciates notice so they can best work around your time on campus. Stay healthy!

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.