



We welcome you to Bethesda Episcopal Church. We are pleased that you are joining us for worship this morning and ask that you adhere to the guidelines below.

Guidelines for Attending Church

Entry

Do not enter if you are ill or have been in contact with someone who is ill.
A mask is required at all times.
An usher will sanitize your hands upon entry.
We require your name and contact information.
Sorry, no bathrooms available.

Offering

Collection plates are at the rear of the church; thanks for dropping your envelope there!

Bulletins

Are in the pews.

Seating

8 am – sit in pews *with* blue tape.
10 am – sit in pews *with* purple tape.

Peace

6' apart - No touching – bow, sign, wave.

Communion

Please follow ushers' instructions.
Begins with people at the rear of the church. Distinct households remain 6' apart.
An usher will sanitize your hands as you leave your pew Only host will be distributed (sorry no wine).
For communion, hold out your hands.
For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.
Return to your seat via the side aisle on the left (the Gospel side).

Leaving

Wait until the usher signals that it's your turn to leave.
Place your bulletin in the wastebasket or take it home to recycle.

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

5 July 2020
10:00 am - Holy Eucharist

Please switch off all cellular telephones and other electronic devices before the Liturgy begins. Also, kindly refrain from audible conversation to respect those wishing to pray and listen to the organ prelude. Thank you.

Prelude A Mighty Fortress is Our God Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

The Entrance Rite

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria In Excelsis

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of The Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

The Liturgy of The Word

The First Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Lector concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

Gradual, Said by all

Psalms 145:8-15

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Second Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Lector concludes

The Word of the Lord.

The People respond

Thanks be to God.

The people stand, if able.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Celebrant

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Father Wallace

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing if you are able.

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried:
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of The People

Please kneel, if you are able.

Lector Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect

The People respond Amen

Celebrant and People

Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the door of mercy through which we pass day by day, bless this parish and its leaders as we expand to become a compassionate community among our neighbors. May the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and the work of our hands enable Mercy House to be a home where those in need may live together in the bond of peace and love; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Confession

The Celebrant introduces the Confession

The People say:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy name. Amen.

The Absolution

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Please stand, if you are able.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.

The Liturgy of The Eucharist

At The Offertory

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Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand, if you are able.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface Of The Lord's Day Of God the Son

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Sanctus and Benedictus Qui Venit *Said by all, standing if you are able.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please kneel, if you are able.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of The Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Agnus Dei *Said by all, kneeling, if you are able.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access *Said by all, kneeling if you are able.*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

At The Communion

Praise to the Lord

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The Concluding Rite

The Post Communion Prayer *Said by all, kneeling if you are able.*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the celebrant departs, if you are able.

Voluntary America the Beautiful Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

NOTICES

We welcome all visitors to Bethesda. Please identify yourself to the clergy.

Large print copies of the service leaflet are available. An usher would be happy to assist you.

A wheelchair, located near the handicap lift in the vestibule, is available to those who require it.

In our Intercessions for the Church today, we pray for
Anglican Communion United Church of Pakistan
Diocese of Albany The Bishop of Albany
Our Parish In Thanksgiving for our nation's independence

We welcome Father Charles Wallace, our new priest, as our Celebrant today. He has graciously agreed to take Father Scott's place while he is on vacation in Maine. Father Scott will be back with us for the next three Sundays in July. Father Wallace will officially begin his ministry on August 1. If the weather permits, please take this unexpected opportunity to introduce yourself to Father Wallace and to welcome him to Bethesda and to Saratoga Springs.

EOC Collection. Thank you to all those who have already donated items, which we have already delivered to the Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council (EOC) for distribution to those who need them in our community. We are continuing to collect canned fruits and canned vegetables, as well as an assortment of personal items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes, hygiene products, razors, shaving cream, and baby wipes) between 8 am and 11:30 am on Sundays (i.e., before and after church services).

Emails. We stay in touch and communicate key parish news by email, particularly during this pandemic. If you would like to receive our emails, please sign up on our website bethesda-church.org or call the office (518) 584- 5980. If you have signed up but are not seeing an email from Bethesda Episcopal Church at least once a week, please let the office know and you will be contacted to correct the problem. If you do not use email and would like to receive communications by US mail, please let the office know.

Sunday Videos with Father Moore continue with guest appearances by the wardens and two choir members. They cover today and the rest of the Sundays in July. The videos continue to be available on our website <https://bethesdachurch.org/> , on Facebook www.facebook.com/bethesdaepiscopalchurch , and on Look TV.

Offerings. You may mail your Offerings to the Church office at 96 Ballston Avenue, Saratoga Springs NY 12866. You can also make your gift to Bethesda through PayPal by going to <https://www.paypal.com/us/home> and choosing bethesdaepiscopalchurch@gmail.com as the payee.

If you would like to make an offering of flowers or Eucharistic Elements, please contact the Parish Office by phone (584-5980) or email barbara@bethesdachurch.org. Your gift is appreciated by all.

If you are shopping on-line remember to use AMAZONSMILE and designate Bethesda Episcopal Church as the charity to which you want Amazon to donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/14-1364477>.

No Virtual Coffee Hour Today. There will be no virtual Coffee Hour today because of the holiday weekend.

Our Parish Administrative Assistant, Barbara Latzko, is working from home and is available for calls (518-584-5980) and emails (office@bethesdachurch.org) from 9am until 2pm Monday and Thursday; 9am until 3pm Tuesday and Wednesday; and 9am until 12:30pm on Friday.

In this interim period between rectors, you can contact the office by phone (518-584-5980) or email (office@bethesdachurch.org) or you can email the wardens (Darren Miller and Kate Berheide) at wardens@bethesdachurch.org with questions or concerns.



The Parish Vestry

Churchwardens

Class of 2020
Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

Class of 2021
Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

Vestry

Class of 2020
Ann Bullock, *Clerk*
Marcia MacDonald
David Wilder

Class of 2021
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John Huppuch
John Van der Veer
Sara Manny, *Treasurer*

Class of 2022
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Karen Finkbeiner

The Parish Staff

The Reverend Paul F. Evans, *Assisting Priest*
Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*
Mr. Farrell Goehring, *Organist/Director of Music*
Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*
Mr. Robert E. Bullock, *Verger*

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