



We welcome you to Bethesda Episcopal Church. We are pleased that you are joining us for worship this morning. In the interest of everyone's safety during this time we 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.
Hand sanitizer is required and will be provided 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.
Hand sanitizer is required and will be provided before communion.
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 Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

16 August, 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

Meditation

Albert Alain (1880-1971)

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.**

The Celebrant may say The Summary of the Law

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 taken to thyself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of thy incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of thine eternal kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The people are seated

The First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-11

I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, my whole being shall exult my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

Gradual

Said by all

Psalms 34:1-9

I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
I sought the Lord and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; *

Happy are they who trust in him!
Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The Second Lesson

Paul 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Lector concludes
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand, if able.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:46-55

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the mighty one has done great things for me. And holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shone strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Fr 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 concludes with a prayer.

The people respond Amen.

Celebrant and People say together

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

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Celebrant may say The Comfortable Words

The Peace

Please stand, if you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

The Liturgy of The Eucharist

At The Offertory

Adagio

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand, if you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People 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*

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*

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*

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 Communion Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

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

Postlude in F Major

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

NOTICES

In our Intercessions for the Church today, we pray for
Anglican Communion Scottish Episcopal Church
Albany Diocese St. Thomas, Tupper Lake – The Rev'd William Cooper
Our Parish For Residents of the Homes of The Good Shepherd

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.

Opportunities for Worship this week:

Midday prayers (12pm) from Monday to Friday.

On Wednesdays, prayers will be followed by a shortened Eucharist at the high altar.

Throughout the month of August, there will be a celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evenings at 5pm.

Wednesday, 19 August	12:10pm Eucharist
Saturday, 22 August	5pm Eucharist
Sunday, 23 August:	12 th Sunday after Pentecost: 7:30am (Mattins); 8am and 10am Eucharist

Meet Father Wallace at a coffee/happy hour on Zoom. The pandemic precludes our ability to hold an in-person event to welcome Father Wallace to Bethesda. Instead we plan to have opportunities this month to gather informally via Zoom so that parishioners can meet Father Wallace and so he can begin to get to know us. The Coffee Hour / Happy Hour Zoom gatherings will be Monday, August 24 at 11am and 7pm. If you think you might attend, please send a note to gather@bethesdachurch.org so we can send you the Zoom meeting information later this week. If you need assistance with Zoom, let us know your note to gather@bethesdachurch.org and include when and how to contact you.

The **Parish Office** will be closed on August 20 & 21.

Staying in Touch. 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. You can also email the wardens (Darren Miller and Kate Berheide) at wardens@bethesdachurch.org with questions or concerns.

EOC Collection. Thank you to all those who have already donated items. At this time EOC is in serious need of diapers (size 4 & 5), baby wipes, baby care products, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, hygiene products, razors and shaving cream. At this time they cannot collect clothing items. We will be delivering the donations to the Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council (EOC) for distribution to those who need them in our community, and we will continue this collection drive during the pandemic. Thanks again for your generosity.

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 bethesdachurch.org or call the office (518) 584- 5980. If you do not use email and would like to receive communications by US mail, please let the office know. If you wish to contact Father Wallace please call the church office, or you may email him directly at frwal-lace@bethesdachurch.org.

Sunday Videos. We have no plans to record new worship videos from Bethesda at the present time. Instead, a selection of links from different parishes across the Anglican Communion will be posted on our website. Services will be updated weekly. Recent videos with Father Moore continue to be available on our website <https://bethesdachurch.org/> , and on Facebook www.facebook.com/bethesdaepiscopalchurch .

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