



*Please review the guidelines to attend services on the back page of this service sheet.*

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**30 August, 2020**

**7:20 am - Morning Prayer**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**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**

Wer nur den leiben Gott lässt walten

Gottfried Homilius (1714-1785)

## **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.

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The people are seated*

### **The First Lesson**

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

*The Lector concludes*  
*The People respond*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Said by all*

Psalm 26:1-8

Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.  
Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.  
For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.  
I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.  
I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.  
I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,  
Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.

**The Second Lesson**

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*The Lector concludes*  
*The People respond*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*The people stand, if able.*

**The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 16:21-28

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*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.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for William our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

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**

Supplication

Franck Asper (1892-1973)

#### **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

Henry Smart (1813-1879)

## **The Parish Staff**

The Reverend Charles Wallace, *Priest in Charge*  
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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## NOTICES

In our Intercessions for the Church today, we pray for  
Anglican Communion            United Church of South India  
Albany Diocese                 For all Sunday School Teachers  
Our Parish                        For Students and Teachers

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](mailto: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 September, there will be a celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evenings at 5pm.*

Wednesday, 2 September    12:10pm Eucharist

Saturday, 5 September       5pm Eucharist

Sunday, 6 September        *14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:* 7:20am (Mattins); 8am and 10am  
Eucharist

**Mark your calendars: Lectio Divina:** Fall Bible Study. This weekly class meets after Mid-day prayers on four consecutive Thursdays: 17 September, 24 September, 1 October, and 8 October. More information to follow next week.

**Special Service.** On 27 September, we welcome our former interim Rector, the Very Reverend Marshall Vang. Fr Vang will be celebrant and preacher at both morning services.

**Pastoral Care.** Many of our members are not able to come to church at this time due to the pandemic or health conditions. If you or someone you know would like a visit please contact the church office (518-584-5980). To add a name to the parish prayer list, please ring the church office during office hours, or email Fr Wallace: [frwallace@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:frwallace@bethesdachurch.org)

**Prayer List.** If you wish to add the name of a currently ill family member or friend, or a recently deceased person, to the parish prayer list, please ring the church office during office hours, or email Fr Wallace: [frwallace@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:frwallace@bethesdachurch.org). Names will be remembered at mid-day services.

**Sunday School.** Please be advised that beginning the first Sunday in October, our children's program will take place during the 10am service. Children will join their families at the offertory so that they can receive communion together. For further information, please speak to Fr Wallace or Sara Manny.

**The Blessing of Animals.** This year, we honor St Francis, the patron saint of animals, on Sunday 4 October. You are invited to bring your pets (of all sorts and conditions!) to Bethesda between 9 - 9.45am for a blessing.

**Bethesda Book Club.** The Bethesda Book Club will meet periodically throughout the year. Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday 22 October at 7pm when we will discuss *The Plague*, by Albert Camus. Those wishing to participate must register in advance by calling the church office.

**“Bethesda Walkers”** (aka Legs Misérables) gather on three Saturdays: 17 October, 24 October and 31 October. The venues and times for each week will be announced in September. The group is open to anyone interested in a brisk walk and lively fellowship with fellow parishioners, friends and family.

**Financial Update:** The Vestry gathered recently for its August meeting. The YTD plate & pledge receipts to the end of July is \$128,957. On average we are collecting \$4,298 per week for 2020. The average monthly expenses to operate the church are approximately \$5,000 per week. Based on our current average weekly collection, we anticipate income from plate & pledge for the remaining 22 Sunday collections (August – year end) to be approximately \$94,550. Based on these figures, we would end the year with a deficit of approximately \$15,000.

**Emails.** If you would like to receive our emails, please sign up on our website [bethesda-church.org](http://bethesda-church.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](mailto:frwal-lace@bethesdachurch.org). Parish office email ([office@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org)). Office hours - 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](mailto:wardens@bethesdachurch.org) with questions or concerns.

**If you are a visitor...**

Welcome to Bethesda Episcopal Church! We are glad you came, and would like to stay in touch. Please complete the following information and put this form in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be added to the parish list? \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be contacted by the clergy? \_\_\_\_\_

## **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 and can be provided if you do not have one.  
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.