



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

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**4 October 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**

Prayer

Ambroise Thomas (1811-1896)

**The Opening Acclamation**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
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.

Almighty God, watchful and caring, our source and our end, all that we are and all that we have are yours. Accept us now, as we give thanks for this place where we have come to praise your name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The people are seated*

### **The First Lesson**

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

## Gradual

Psalm 84:1-7,14



How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

## The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2: 1-5,9-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy

*The Lector concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

*The People respond*

Thanks be to God.

*The people stand, if able.*

## The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-21

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

*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.*

For the Church universal, of which this building is a visible symbol,  
*We thank you, Lord.*  
For your presence whenever two or three have gathered in your name,  
*We thank you, Lord.*  
For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,  
*We thank you, Lord.*  
For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For our past and a vision of the future that lies ahead,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For the pardon of our sins when we have fallen short of your glory ,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For the holy eucharist in which we have a foretaste of your eternal kingdom,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For all the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest.

*We thank you, Lord.*

*The Celebrant says the concluding prayer*

O God, from living and chosen stones thou preparest an everlasting dwelling place for thy majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve thee here may always be kept within thy presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The people respond 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 Peace

*Please stand, if you are able.*

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

## At The Offertory

Arioso

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## The Great Thanksgiving

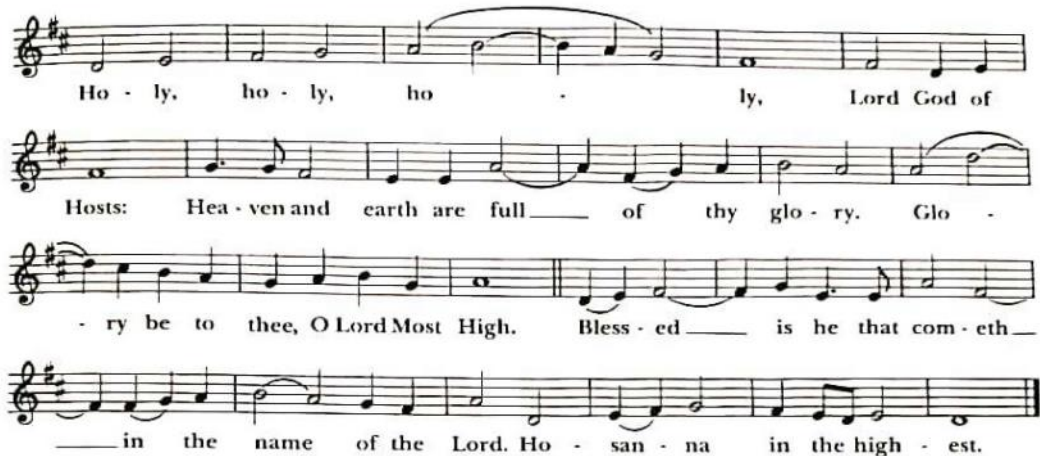
*Please stand, if you are able.*

*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 *Sung by all*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*Please kneel, if you are able.*

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes*  
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

*Sung by all*

*Healey Willan*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have



mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of



God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, grant us thy peace.

## The Communion

Prayer

Ferdinand von Hiller (1811-1885)

### 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**

Dialogue

Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

**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*  
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## NOTICES

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Eleanor Huston and Don Huston by Doug Huston.

The Elements for the month of October are given in loving memory of Eleanor Huston by Doug Huston.

If you would like to make an offering of flowers or Eucharistic Elements, please contact the Parish Office by phone (518-584-5980) or email [barbara@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:barbara@bethesdachurch.org). Your offering of flowers or elements can not only include memorials for loved ones, but offerings in honor of loved ones or of thanksgiving for special events. Your gift is appreciated by all.

In our Intercessions for the Church and Parish this week, we pray for  
Anglican Communion      Province of the Anglican Church of Tanzania  
Albany Diocese              St. Francis Day, The Franciscan Orders of the Anglican Communion  
Our Parish                      For Veterans and all who care for animals

We remember with thanksgiving those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. We also pray for those who have died recently and those whose year's mind falls at this time.

**Pastoral Care.** Many of our members are not able to come to church at this time due to the pandemic or health conditions. 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)

### **Parish Activities for September and October**

*As fall approaches there are many new opportunities for learning, fun and fellowship with your fellow Bethesda parishioners:*

**Activities:** please register with the church office for the activities below, via [email](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org) (office@bethesdachurch.org) or phone (518) 584-5980.

**Lectio Divina: Fall Bible Study** continues Thursday, 8 October following Mid-day prayers. This week we will read chapters 13-16 of the Gospel according to Mark. We will meet in the church.

**Bethesda Walkers** (aka Legs Misérables) will meet on three consecutive Saturdays: 17 October, 24 October, and 31 October. On October 17, we will do a one mile walk along the nature trail in Moreau Lake State Park, starting from the beach parking lot at 10 am. The trail itself is three miles long. It is relatively, although not completely, flat. Some of it is paved and all of it is wide enough to allow for physical distancing across the width of the trail as well as along its length. We wanted to start with a more leisurely and shorter walk that would accommodate parishioners of all ages and abilities and so will only do the first half mile of the loop before turning around and returning to the parking lot. If some of the walkers want to do the entire

three-mile nature trail (it goes completely around the lake), just let us know and we will make that possible as well. Please bring a water bottle, wear sturdy shoes, and wear a mask. The walkers group is open to anyone interested in a walk in the woods and lively fellowship with fellow parishioners, friends and family. If you are going to walk and can provide transportation to someone who may need it, please let the office know.

**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.

**Help Needed:** The vestry is hoping that you can make it for a socially distanced work day on Saturday October 24th. The church will be open from 10:00 to 2:00. You may come for any part of that time, and do not need to remain for the whole time. We need to do some sprucing up, and some other tasks that have been put off during this difficult time. No special skills are needed, only your willing presence. More details about specific tasks coming next week. Please let the church office or Steve Rucker know if there is a specific project you would like to see worked on.

### **Upcoming Services**

**Weekly Services** on Sunday are 7:20am (Mattins) and Eucharist at 8am and 10am. Mid-day Prayers are offered in the church Monday-Friday at noon. On Wednesdays, mid-week prayers will be followed by the Eucharist. Saturday at 5pm there is a Rite II Eucharist in the chapel. Please see our [website](#) for service times and for on-line worship resources.

### **In the Community**

**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.

## Guidelines for Attending Church

Welcome to Bethesda Church. Thank you for joining us for worship today.  
For your safety, we ask you to follow the guidelines below when attending our services.

Social distancing protocols will be observed at all times. Please do not attend church if you are currently ill or have been in contact recently with someone who is ill.

1. A mask is required at all times. If you require a mask, an usher will provide one for you.
2. Upon entry, please use the provided hand sanitizer.
3. Bathrooms are currently off-limits.

At the exchange of the Peace, please do not leave your pew.

At the distribution of Communion, remain in your pew until an usher invites you to move to the chancel step.

At the end of the service, only move when directed to do so by an usher.  
Take your bulletin home or place it in the wastebasket at the door.

Financial contributions for the ministry of Bethesda Church are gratefully received. Please place your donation in the collection plates at the rear of the church. We appreciate your support.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

### **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? \_\_\_\_\_