



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

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**11 October 2020**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**7:20 am - Morning Prayer**

**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**

Epicidium

Richard Lloyd (b. 1933)

**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.**

*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.

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The people are seated*

### **The First Lesson**

Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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



The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
 I shall not be in want.  
 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
 and leads me beside still waters.  
 He revives my soul \*  
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.  
 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
 I shall fear no evil; \*  
 for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
 You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
 who trouble me; \*  
 you have anointed my head with oil,  
 and my cup is running over.  
 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
 of my life; \*  
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*The Lector concludes*  
*The People respond*

The Word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

*The people stand, if able.*

### The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

*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.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."  
For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all  
peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, Saratoga Springs, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let  
us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray  
to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us  
pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives,  
and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the  
Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray  
to the Lord.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ  
our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

Silence.

*The Celebrant concludes with a prayer.*

The people respond Amen.

*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.

**At The Offertory** *Interlude* Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

**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*

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**

*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.



**Prayer of Humble Access**      *Said by all*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteous -ness, 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**                          Intermezzo                          Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

**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                                  Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

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## NOTICES

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Ray Priestley by Lynne Priestley.

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	Church of the Province of Uganda
Albany Diocese	For a heart for the unchurched in our communities
Our Parish	For Immigrants & Refugees

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 ([office@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org)) or phone (518) 584-5980.

**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, relatively flat, partially paved and all of it is wide enough to allow for physical distancing. This will be a shorter walk that would accommodate parishioners of all ages and abilities. For those who wish there is the option of doing the entire three-mile trail (it goes completely around the lake). Please bring a water bottle, wear sturdy shoes, and a mask. This group is open to anyone interested in a walk in the woods and lively fellowship with fellow parishioners, friends and family. If you require transportation 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 following have been identified as priority issues for the upcoming work day. Other projects are possible as time and the number of volunteers allows. Your participation whatever your skills is greatly appreciated.

Clean up and organization of the undercroft, including removal of accumulated trash.

Painting of various areas in the nave.

Replacement of the current platform under the side altar with a smaller, more appropriately sized platform.

Refurbishment of some areas of woodwork especially wood paneling in the nave and narthex.

Cleaning of the courtyard at the back of the church, with removal of excess vegetation.

Various other small carpentry projects.

## Upcoming Services

**Weekly Services** on Sunday are 7:20am (Mattins) and Eucharist at 8am and 10am. Midday Prayers are offered in the church Monday-Friday at noon. On Wednesdays, midweek 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.

**All Souls' Vespers.** On Sunday 8 November at 5pm, Bethesda Church will hold a service of Solemn Vespers to remember all those who have died during the past twelve months. This meditative liturgy, sung to Gregorian chant, will last 35-40 minutes. During the service, the names of those who have died since the beginning of the year will be read aloud. If you wish to add a name to the list, please email it to [frwallace@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:frwallace@bethesdachurch.org)

## 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.

**Prime Day** is back starting October 13 and will run through October 14. This is a great opportunity for Bethesda to increase AmazonSmile donations during this epic two days of deals and promotions. If you are shopping online 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> .

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