

**Bethesda Episcopal Church**  
**26 Washington Street**  
**Saratoga Springs**

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

**Requiem Eucharist**

**8 November, 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**

Canzona

Johann Jacob Froberger (1600-1667)

**The Opening Sentences**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;  
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

*The Celebrant says the following Collect.*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servants departed, and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

*All sit for*

The Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:16--5:9

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight

of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling-- if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

The Lector concludes  
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** (10am) *remain seated*  
*The people stand, if able.*

1 Let saints on earth in con - cert sing with those whose work is done;  
 2 One fam - i - ly we dwell in him, one Church, a - bove, be - neath,  
 3 One ar - my of the liv - ing God, to his com - mand we bow;  
 4 E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went be - fore,  
 5 Je - sus, be thou our con - stant Guide; then, when the word is given,

1 for all the ser - vants of our King in heaven and earth are one.  
 2 though now di - vid - ed by the stream, the nar - row stream of death.  
 3 part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are cross - ing now.  
 4 and greet the ev - er - liv - ing bands on the e - ter - nal shore.  
 5 bid Jor - dan's nar - row stream di - vide, and bring us safe to heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Dundee, melody from *The CL Psalms of David*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.

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## The Holy Gospel

John 20:11-18

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

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*After the Gospel*

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

## The Sermon

Fr Wallace

*The Nicene Creed is omitted today*

## The Prayers of the People *all kneel*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. *Lord in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. *Lord in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. *Lord in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. *Lord in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. *Lord in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. *Lord in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. *Lord in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Grant us grace to entrust *our brothers and sisters departed* to thy never-failing love; receive *them* into the arms of thy mercy, and remember *them* according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. *Lord in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, *they* may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. *Lord in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant says:*

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *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 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**                      Von Gott will ich nicht lassen  
Diderick Buxtehude (1637-1707)

### The Great Thanksgiving

*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.

*A Proper Preface is said by the priest.*

**The Eucharistic Prayer**    *Please kneel, if you are able.*

*Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place in the heavens. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying,

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 people kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he *brake* it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. "

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. "

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

Remember, Lord, also the souls of thy servants which are gone before us with the mark of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace, [N.]. We beseech thee, O Lord, that unto them, and unto all such as rest in Christ, thou wilt grant a place of refreshing, of light, and of peace. And vouchsafe to give unto us some portion and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and Martyrs and with all thy Saints; within whose fellowship we beseech thee to admit us.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

**Agnus Dei**

Healey Willan



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.

**At The Communion**

Adagio

Georg Muffat (1645-1704)

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

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

**Dismissal**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you
<i>People</i>	And with Thy spirit
<i>Celebrant</i>	May they rest in peace
<i>People</i>	Amen

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

**Voluntary**

Adagio Sostenuto Op. 27 No. 2. Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

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## NOTICES

The Flowers today are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Gary Houde by Pam Houde; and in memory of fellow vestryman John Huppuch by Marcia MacDonald .

Bethesda Church wishes to acknowledge with gratitude Marcia MacDonald for her generous gift toward this evenings service in memory of John Huppuch.

The Piano is given to the Glory of God and in memory of The Reverend Canon Thomas T. Parke, rector of Bethesda Church from 1968 to 2012.

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 also 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	The Church in the Province of the West Indies
Albany Diocese	For Increase in the Daughters of the King
Our Parish	The faithful departed and bereaved

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 November and December**

*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.

**Bible Study on Infancy Narratives.** Following midday prayers on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December, Fr Wallace will lead a forty minute study of the birth narratives as told by Matthew and Luke. The study will begin immediately after midday prayers at noon.

The BBC (**Bethesda Book Club**) will meet on Monday 21 December at 7pm to discuss four short stories: The Gift of the Magi (O. Henry); The Saint and the Goblin (Saki/H.H. Munro); The Christmas Goblins (Dickens) and Between the Lights (E.F. Benson)

## **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.** today 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.

**Organ Music.** Midday prayers on **Thursday 3, 10 and 17<sup>th</sup> December**, will include a series of organ meditations based on Advent – Christmas themes, played by Owen Reid, the Lloyd Cast Organ Fellow at the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany. Music includes works by Bach, Brahms, Guilant, as well as contemporary composers. Prayers and meditation begin at 12.00 and conclude no later than 1pm. *Owen studied organ performance in the US at the Eastman School of Music and Southern Methodist University, and in the UK at St John's College, Cambridge University*

**Quiet Day at Bethesda.** Mother Miriam, Superior of the Community of St Mary, Greenwich, New York, will offer a series of short talks at Bethesda on Saturday 21 November beginning at 9.30am. Plan to set aside some time for prayer and reflection before the busy holiday season is upon us. Please register with the church office if you wish to attend.

## **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.