

Bethesda Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer at 10am

Sunday, 18 April 2021

Organ

O Filii et Filiae

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

All stand as the ministers enter. The Officiant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Officiant says to the people, still standing

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father,

**we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,**

**we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,**

**and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.**

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

spare thou those who confess their faults,

**restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;**

**and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Officiant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All stand.

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant and People **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

All remain standing to sing

Hymn: #7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

All sit.

The First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All remain seated.

Proper Psalm: 4 (The congregations says the verses in bold)

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
 - 2 **"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"**
 - 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
 - 4 **Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
 - 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.
 - 6 **Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**
 - 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
 - 8 **I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**
- Glory to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

All remain seated.

The Second Lesson: Luke 24.36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

Hymn: 343

1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

2 We would not live by bread alone,
but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding place.

3 Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.

4 Lord, sup with us in love divine,
thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food

Remain standing. The Officiant and People say together the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The people kneel. Officiant and People

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.**

Remain kneeling.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

- V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; 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 Morning Collects

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Officiant may add other Prayers, ending with

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Sermon

Mother Miriam, CSM

All stand to sing

Hymn #208

The Strife is o'er

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!
2. The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!
3. The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!
4. He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!
Alleluia!
5. Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All remain standing as the ministers depart.

Organ

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Anton Leupold (1867-1940)

Notices

In our Intercessions for the Church and Parish this week, we pray for

Anglican Communion	The Church of Ireland
Albany Diocese	Thanksgiving for Altar Guild Workers
Our Parish	Our outreach to the community

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.

Thank you to Fr Pettigrew and Mother Miriam for assisting at services this weekend while Fr Wallace is away. Fr Pettigrew (TJ) is a 'son of Bethesda', and discerned his call to the priesthood here. Mother Miriam is Superior of the Community of St Mary, a religious order of Anglican nuns, founded in 1865. Originally based in Peekskill, NY, the sisters moved to Greenwich in 2003 to a purpose-built convent suited on 175 acres.

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. Your offering of flowers or elements can be Memorial offerings, and also offerings of thanksgiving. Your gift is appreciated by all.

In the Community

Volunteer Caregivers Needed for Mary's Haven, a community home for the dying, a program of Catholic Charities, located in Saratoga Springs. Just 2- 4 hours a week of your time and talents will assist us in providing care and comfort to the terminally ill. Initial and ongoing training are provided. Volunteers © What They Do At Mary's Haven!! Come and find out why. For more information please contact: Robin or Nancy @ #518-584-9397 or email us at: maryshaven@swwcc.org

Direct Care Volunteers Needed The Gateway House of Peace, and end of life home that provides hospice care and emotional support to families managing with the last few months of life, is in great need of licensed or retired health care volunteers capable of providing direct care. Other volunteers are needed as well, for facility management and event planning support. Please contact Executive Director, Bethany Gonyea at bgonyea@gatewayhouseofpeace.org for more information.

Upcoming Services and Events at Bethesda

Today:	Services at 8am & 10am
Wednesday, 21 April	12pm Eucharist
Saturday, 24 April	5pm Vigil Eucharist (Rite II)
Sunday, 25 April	Services at 8am & 10am.

Legs Miserables. Bethesda's walking group is planning three Wednesday afternoon outings for 5, 12 and 19 May. Further details will be available in next week's bulletin. Call the parish office to register: 518-584-5980.