

Bethesda Episcopal Church

**The Solemnity of Corpus Christi
10:00am Sung Eucharist**

6 June 2021

Prelude Prelude on "Ave Verum Corpus" W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

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.**

Hymn O Thou who at thy first eucharist

1. Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.
2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.
3. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

The Collect of The Day

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

God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion; Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

The First Lesson

Exodus 24:3-8

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.' And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the Lord. Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, 'All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.' Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, 'See the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.'

The Lector concludes

The Word of the Lord.

The People respond

Thanks be to God

Gradual [Congregation says the verses in bold]

Psalm 116: 10-17

10 How shall I repay the Lord*
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 **I will lift up the cup of salvation ***
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.

13 **Precious in the sight of the Lord ***
is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving ***
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,

17 **In the courts of the Lord's house, ***
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 9:11-15

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own

blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

*The Lector concludes
The People respond*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand, if able.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, ‘Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?’ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, “The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?” He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.’ So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, ‘Take; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, ‘This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.’ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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.*

Let us join our prayers with those of our Savior Jesus Christ, seeking the Father's blessing,
and the gifts of the Spirit.

Jesus Christ, our great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, pray for the Church,
your broken body in the world. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of your majesty on high,
pray for this troubled world, and make it subject to your just and gentle rule. Lord, hear
us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your brothers
and sisters in any need, distress or sorrow. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resur-
rection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,
pray for us who bear witness to your glory and power. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord, graciously hear us.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect

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 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**Elevation**

Dom Paul Benoit (1893-1979)

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 Epiphany**

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of the glory in the face of thy son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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.

Agnus Dei Sung by all

The musical score consists of six staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major (indicated by a sharp sign). The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are:

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.

At The Communion Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord Richard Warner (1908-1983)

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

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
People* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the ministers depart, if you are able.

Voluntary Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Moonyeen Albrecht (1936-2020)

Notices

In our Intercessions for the Church and Parish this week, we pray for
Anglican Communion The Church of the Province of Myanmar
Albany Diocese Upcoming Deanery Conferences
Our Parish Those working or studying in colleges and universities

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.

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>.

In the Community

LifeWorks Community Action (formerly EOC). Thank you to all those who have already donated items. At this time LCA 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 LifeWorks Community Action 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.

Upcoming Services and Events at Bethesda

Services

Today:	Services at 8am & 10am
Wednesday, 9 June	12pm Eucharist
Saturday, 12 June	5pm Vigil Eucharist (Rite II)
Sunday, 13 June	Services at 8am & 10am.

Help needed: During the installation of our new roof, the pews and church furnishings will be covered with plastic sheeting to protect them from dust and debris. We hope to form multiple teams of people to assist with preparations and cleaning of the church. Two crews are required each week. On Friday afternoons, one team removes plastic sheets from the pews and ensures the area is tidy. A second team would cover the pews after worship on Sundays. If you are able to help, please contact the office and let us know when you are available.

Office Open House – drop by between 10am and 12pm on Tuesday 15, June to see our new office. Refreshments will be served. 178 Elm Street, Suite 5.

Legs Misérables The third and final walk of the spring for Bethesda Walkers (aka Legs Misérables) will take place on Wednesday June 16 at 2 pm. We will walk about three miles in the Wilton Wildlife Preserve. We should be able to see the blue lupine and the endangered Karner blue butterflies that will have emerged around Memorial Day. Bring your camera or your phone if you want to take photographs.

To learn more about Wilton Wildlife Preserve and the Karner blue butterflies, you can visit the website: <https://www.wiltonpreserve.org/>

The map of the preserve with good spots for observing the butterflies can be found at this link: <https://www.wiltonpreserve.org/the-lands>

The walkers group is open to anyone interested in a walk on a farm, in a park, or in the woods and lively fellowship with fellow parishioners, friends and family. For our previous walk, about a dozen of us met in Hudson Crossing Park. We started on the Eagle Trail, walking along the canal side of the island until we got to Eagle Point where we had a spectacular view of the dam. The breeze off of the water was welcomed because the day was sunny and warm. We return to the parking lot by following the Riverwalk Sensory Trail on the other side of the island.

If you want to join us on June 16, please register with the church office by phone (518) 584-5980. We will meet at the parking lot on Route 50 north of King Road (if you are driving north on Route 50 from Saratoga Springs. If you get to Scout Road, you've gone too far). There are parking lots on both sides of the road. We will gather at the one on the left-hand side (once again if you are coming north out of Saratoga Springs) where the trailhead is. There are New York State Wildlife Management signs for both parking lots that say Saratoga Sand Plains.

We will be walking in and out of the shade so please use sunscreen and bug repellent. You will also need a sun hat, comfortable walking or hiking shoes, a water bottle, and a mask, if you are not vaccinated.

If it is rains, we will postpone the June 16 walk at Wilton Wildlife Preserve until Wednesday June 23.

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.

- ◆ A mask is required at all times. If you require a mask, an usher will provide one for you.
- ◆ Upon entry, please use the provided hand sanitizer.
- ◆ The windows will remain open, please dress accordingly.
- ◆ The ushers will record your name and phone number upon entry.
- ◆ "You must keep 6-feet between you and others not of your household when entering the Church and throughout the time you are in the Church."
- ◆ Pews are color coded for each service, 8am use blue pews, 10am use yellow pews.
- ◆ Bathrooms are currently for emergencies only.
- ◆ 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 gifts 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.

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