

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

20 June 2021

10:00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude

Méditation

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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 Eternal Father, strong to save

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

The Collect of The Day

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

O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

The First Lesson

Job 38:1-11

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements-- surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? -- when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

The Lector concludes
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gradual [Congregation says the verses in bold]

Psalm 104:1-3,23-32

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 23 **Some went down to the sea in ships *
and plied their trade in deep waters;**
- 24 They beheld the works of the Lord *
and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 **Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**
- 26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; *
their hearts melted because of their peril.
- 27 **They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
and were at their wits' end.**
- 28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 29 **He stilled the storm to a whisper *
and quieted the waves of the sea.**
- 30 Then were they glad because of the calm, *
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.
- 31 **Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he has done for his children.**
- 32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
and praise him in the council of the elders.

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return — I speak as to children — open wide your hearts also.

The Lector concludes
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand, if able.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

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

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

The Sermon

Deacon Helene Patterson

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 *Pease kneel, if you are able.*

Lector 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 all 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 the city of 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.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the 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 says

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The people respond Amen

The Celebrant introduces the Confession

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

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 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.**

The Peace *Please stand, if you are able.*

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

The congregation sits for the Greetings

Robert Bullock, Jr.

All stand to sing

The Hymn at the Offertory [omit * verses]

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid
 * 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed
 * 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood

1 pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,
 2 al - tar call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
 3 Lord did call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine,
 4 of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,
 5 and the gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet,

Refrain

and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,

Refrain

The Deacon says the invitation to Communion

The Church of Christ,
 of which we are members,
 has taken this bread and wine
 and given thanks according to the Lord's command.
 We now share together
 in the communion of his body and blood.

All kneel

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior taught us, let us pray

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.

Agnus Dei *Sung by all*



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 Deacon invites the people to receive Communion, saying

The Gifts of God for the people of God

At The Communion Meditation Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

Voluntary Grand Chœur Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Notices

In our Intercessions for the Church and Parish this week, we pray for
Anglican Communion The Church of North India
Albany Diocese All Fathers on Father's Day
Our Parish Teachers and students at the end of the school year

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 Father Richard Lehmann and to The Reverend Helene Patterson for covering services this weekend. Father Lehman is an assistant at Christ Church, Ballston Spa. Helene is no stranger to Bethesda, having attended services here in her youth. Helene is a deacon and was recently appointed to serve the parish in Schuylerville.

Parking Availability The parking lot surrounding the church has installed new gates, making the lot accessible only by credit or debit card. The rates are as follows: First 60 minutes, FREE. Second 60 minutes \$2. Third and further 60 minutes \$5 up to \$20. The ONLY gate for churchgoers is the Congress Street gate. Certain spaces near Washington Street remain reserved for residents, so do not park there. The new system begins this coming Wednesday June 23, and will remain in place 24/7 thereafter.

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.

Financial Update: Year to Date May 2021

Income: Year to Date May, total Pledge and Plate Operational giving was \$94,621. This was \$3,796 over our Budget of \$90,825.

Operational Expenses year to date were \$116,568. This was \$1,631 under the budget of \$118,199.

Year to Date April, Operational Expenses have exceeded Pledge and Plate operational Income by \$21, 947.

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
Saturday, 26 June	5pm Vigil Eucharist (Rite II)
Sunday, 27 June	Services at 8am & 10am.

Roof update: The church will not be accessible Monday thru Friday during the installation of the new roof. This will impact our daily weekday services until work is completed. Fr Wallace will provide a schedule of services at the end of June. Saturday and Sunday services continue at the usual times.

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.

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. If you require a mask, one will be provided 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.
- ◆ 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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