

# Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

27 June 2021

10:00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude

Andante with Variations

Edwin Lemare (1865-1934)

## 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** Father, we thank thee



1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy  
3 All ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual



o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -  
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole-ness  
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -



fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -  
send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -  
va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -



ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.  
nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.  
sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

## The Collect of The Day

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

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same 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

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24

God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal. God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

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

**Gradual** [Congregation says the verses in bold ]

Psalm 30

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \***  
**and you restored me to health.**
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 **Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \***  
**give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 **Weeping may spend the night, \***  
**but joy comes in the morning.**
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 **Then you hid your face, \***  
**and I was filled with fear.**
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 **"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \***  
**will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper."  
12 **You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**  
13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

### **The Second Lesson**

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something — now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

*The Lector concludes*  
*The People respond*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*The people stand, if able.*

### **The Holy Gospel**

Mark 5: 21-43

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

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." He went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and

trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

### **The Sermon**

The Reverend Jonathan Beck

**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.

*All stand to sing*

## **The Hymn at the Offertory**

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner,  
light by night, and shade by day;  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion,  
washed in the Redeemer's blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,  
makes them kings and priests to God.  
'Tis his love his people raises  
over self to reign as kings:  
and as priests, his solemn praises  
each for a thank-offering brings.

*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** Aria Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

**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** God of Grace and God of Glory J. Bert Carlson (1937-2017)

## *Notices*

In our Intercessions for the Church and Parish this week, we pray for  
Anglican Communion      The Church of Pakistan  
Albany Diocese              All Saints Church, Round Lake – The Rev'd Scott Evans  
Our Parish                    Prisoners and captives

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 TJ Pettigrew for celebrating the Saturday Eucharist this week. Fr Pettigrew is Rector of the Parish of Warrensburg.

We are pleased to welcome the Reverend Jonathan Beck, to the pulpit on Sunday. Jonathan was recently ordained to the diaconate in the diocese of Albany and is now serving at the Cathedral of All Saints. As the son of a pastor, he felt the call to ordained ministry from a young age. He recently completed graduate studies at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Jonathan and his wife, Lisa, were married in January of 2020.

**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](mailto:barbara@bethesdachurch.org). Your offering of flowers or elements can be Memorial offerings, and also offerings of thanksgiving. Your gift is appreciated by all.

**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. Saturday and Sunday services continue at the usual times.

### **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***

#### **NYC Ballet Musicians & Friends**

Luellen Abdoo, Artistic Director

Georg Philipp Telemann: Sonatina No. 1 in A Major, TWV 41:A2 for violin, cello & piano  
Cello solo (repertoire to be confirmed)

Franz Schubert: Piano Trio in E-flat major, Op. 148 "Nocturne"

Ron Wasserman: Tango Sonata for violin and piano (Third Movement)

Sergei Rachmaninoff: Trio élégiaque No.1 in G minor for violin, cello and piano

#### Performers:

Luellen Abdoo, violin

Eugene Moye, cello

Christopher Oldfather, piano

Admission is free.

Suggested donation \$10 per person.

All donations will go to the musicians.

*Masks will be required.*

Sunday July 11 at 4pm  
Bethesda Episcopal Church

**Reserve your seat at**

[bethesdachurch.org](http://bethesdachurch.org)

## **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 when singing. 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.
- ◆ 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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