

## **Bethesda Episcopal Church**

## **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

22 May 2022

*We continue to recommend that masks are worn throughout the service.*

## Prelude

## Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

## The Opening Acclamation

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.**

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

O God, who has prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*The Lector concludes  
The People respond*

## **Gradual Psalm 67**

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
    show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
  - 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
    your saving health among all nations.
  - 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
    let all the peoples praise you.
  - 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
    for you judge the peoples with equity

George Thalben-Ball (1896 – 1987)

and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*

let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*

may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, \*

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*The Lector concludes  
The People respond*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*The people stand, if able.*

**Hymn #544**

From The Hymnal 1982

## The Holy Gospel

John 14:23-29

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

## The Sermon

Fr Cairns

**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.*

This week, in our Anglican cycle of prayer, we remember the Church of the Province of South East Asia, and in the Albany diocese, we pray for blessings on all Church Wardens, and in our parish, we pray for those in our community currently serving in the armed forces.

We remember with thanksgiving those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week and those whose year's mind falls at this time.

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father:  
That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, we  
pray to the Father:  
*Hear our prayer.*

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter, we  
pray to the Father:  
*Hear our prayer.*

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love,  
we pray to the Father:  
*Hear our prayer.*

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, we pray to the Father:  
*Hear our prayer.*

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world, we pray to the Father:  
*Hear our prayer.*

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them, especially at this time, Stuart, John, Laura, Bruce and Janice, we pray to the Father:

*Hear our prayer.*

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, we pray to the Father:

*Hear our prayer.*

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, we pray to the Father:

*Hear our prayer.*

### *The Celebrant concludes with a Collect*

### *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** All stand. At the exchange of the Peace, please remain in your pew.

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

**The Great Thanksgiving**      *Please stand.*

*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 Easter**

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. Who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

**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.*

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*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes*

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 People* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## **Agnus Dei:** Mass in e

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

*Communion is distributed at the chancel step. Please remain seated until directed by an usher.*

## **At The Communion** Parker's Fifth Tune Thomas Tallis (1505 – 1585)

When like the hunted hart, the water brooks desire,  
E'en thus, my soul, that fainted is, to Thee would fain aspire.  
My soul did thirst for God, to God of life and grace.  
It said e'en thus: "When shall I come to see God face to face?"

As deep to deep rebounds, at awefull noise of showers,  
Thy streams by course so overflow, my soul the pain devours.  
I put my hope in God, I trust His time and place.  
He is my God, whom I will thank; my face shall see His grace.

Psalm 42

## **The Post Communion Prayer**      *Said by all.*

Almighty and ever living 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 and Dismissal

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.

Celebrant      Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People            Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Please stand as the celebrant departs.*

**Voluntary**

Variations on CWM Rhondda

arr. H. Hopson (b. 1933)

### **Today at Bethesda**

**We welcome** Fr John Cairns as our preacher and celebrant this morning. He recently retired as Priest in Charge at the Adirondack Mission.

**May special monthly envelope:** Donations from the Monthly Envelope in May will be directed to the Beaver Cross Camp Scholarship Fund. Beaver Cross, our diocesan camp in Greenwich, NY, seeks to make its summer programs available to every eligible child who wishes to participate in its activities, regardless of a family's financial circumstances. Each year, funds are raised to meet the need for scholarships. Please support this enriching experience for children.

The study of Genesis meets today and throughout the month of May at 9:20. All welcome.

### **Upcoming at Bethesda**

**Legs Misérables.** is open to anyone interested in a leisurely walk and lively fellowship with fellow parishioners, friends and family. Please register with the church office if you want to go on one or more of these walks, via email ([office@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org)) or phone (518) 584-5980.

### **May 24—Hudson Crossing Park, County Road 42, in Schuylerville.**

If you are coming from Saratoga Springs on Rt. 29, you will turn left onto Rt. 4 (just after the high school), and then right onto County Road 42 (about a half mile after you turned onto Rt. 4). The park is on the island just past the Champlain Canal Lock 5. The parking lot will be on your right. If you get to the bridge taking you across the Hudson River, you've gone too far. We will walk up some steps to the west of the parking lot to get to the Eagle Trail, walking along the canal side of the island until we get to Eagle Point where we have a view of the dam. We will return to the parking lot by following the Riverwalk Sensory Trail on the other side of the island. The walk is about two miles in total. Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.hudsoncrossingpark.org/> You can find the map of the trails, which also shows the location of the parking lot by clicking the following link: <https://www.hudsoncrossingpark.org/the-trails>

## **News**

**Office Changes:** Our Office Administrator Barbara leaves us at the end of this week (May 20). We are grateful to Barbara for all she has done for the church, especially through the challenges of COVID. During the summer our office hours will be more variable. If you need assistance or information, please call the office at (518) 584-5980 and leave a message or email the office ([office@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org)), and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

## **Roof Replacement.**

The lower portion of the east-facing side of the church has had the old roof removed and replaced with new decking and ice/water barrier.



Below is what awaits the Holy Rollers when they arrive to remove the plastic and clean up. It might be difficult to see but the plastic catches the debris that rains down from the roof work. The efforts by the Holy Rollers have been remarkable!



Now that the old roof has been removed, we will no longer need to cover the pews!

Remember, more work remains – as the metal clad roofing, trim and gutters still need to be installed. The tentative completion date is early July.

A ***big thank you*** to the Holy Rollers who have given up some of the weekend to clean and prepare the church for Sunday services.