

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday after Pentecost: 10am Sung Eucharist

26 June 2022

Prelude

Préambule, from 24 Pièces en style libre

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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 forever. 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.**

The Summary of the Law is said by the Celebrant, followed by the Kyrie and Collect of the Day.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Reading

1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

All stand.

The Gradual Hymn #565

From The Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

The Sermon

Fr Wallace

The Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.*

**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.**

All kneel.

The Prayers of The People

This week, in the Anglican cycle of prayer, we remember the Episcopal Church of Sudan, and in the Albany diocese, the parish of Palenville, and their priest, Fr John Miller. In our community, we ask God's blessing on all teachers and students as they begin the summer holiday.

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

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence follows. 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 Said by the Celebrant

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.**

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

The Peace

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

At The Offertory: Hymn #637

From The Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

The Celebrant continues:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:

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.

All kneel.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer Book, Page 340

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,

**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.**

The Prayer of Humble Access

Said by all, kneeling.

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.

Remain kneeling.

Agnus Dei

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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Communion is distributed at the high altar and from the communion station by the pulpit (which avoids the stairs).

The Post Communion Prayer *Said by all, kneeling*

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

All stand as the ministers depart.

Voluntary Festival Toccata *Percy Fletcher (1879-1932)*

Today at Bethesda

Please join us for **coffee/juice** following the 10am service. Thank you to Garrie Long for hosting this morning. If you are able to provide some light refreshments, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

June special monthly envelope: Donations in June will be directed to the Thomas T. Parke Music Fund. Fr Parke was Rector of Bethesda from 1968 to 2012. In recognition of his commitment to the liturgical and musical life of the parish, a fund was established in his name which would provide additional financial support to our choral program throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity to the ministry of music at Bethesda.

News

Office Changes: During the summer weeks, the office will be staffed by volunteers. The office will be open at the following times:

Tuesdays: 12:30 pm—4: 30 pm
Wednesdays: 10:00 am—1:00 pm
Thursdays: 9:30 am— 1:00 pm

If you need assistance, please call (518) 584-5980 to leave a message or email (office@bethesdachurch.org) and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Voicemail is checked daily, including the weekend.

Forward Day by Day for August/September/October is now available for purchase. Please contact the church office.

Roof Replacement. The roof replacement is almost finished. Our architect and contractor are reviewing the work and correcting any minor oversights. We are still awaiting the replacement panels on the east and west transepts which are visible as the sections covered with white ice and water barrier. There is still some painting and completion of the installation of gutters and downspouts. New louvers have been installed in the bell tower on the side where the chimney used to be. Scaffolding and the temporary fence will be removed by the end of the month. Any other work will be done with the use of lifts. Vestry has approved work on the clerestory windows and expect that work to get underway later this summer. Other projects for this summer include work on the emergency exit as well as the bell tower roof.

Lecture Series: In 1908, Katrina Trask, a parishioner of Bethesda Church, and Mary Fuller of St. Paul's Episcopal in Troy, founded Wiawaka Center on Lake George. This residential retreat center was originally part of the Girls' Friendly Society, an organization affiliated with the Episcopal Church which provided training, confidence building, and other educational opportunities for young women. Its mission as a place dedicated to enriching the lives of women continues today.

Wiawaka hosts a lecture series in July and August on a variety of artistic, literary and historic topics. On July 19th, Rumara Jewett will speak on “Katrina Trask, Mary Fuller, and the Founding of Wiawaka”.

The cost of attending the lecture is \$20.00. Come early and enjoy a buffet supper for an additional charge of \$15.00. Dinner is served at 6pm, followed by the lecture at 7:00 pm. To learn about other lectures in this year's series, consult www.wiawaka.org.

Life in Christ: Ascetical Theology and Spiritual Practices. Beginning August 20, 2022, the third Saturday morning per month for ten months | 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Christ the King Center, Greenwich. An introduction to the basic elements of Christian spirituality, emphasizing the nature of the spirituality of Christian Scripture and tradition. The course explores the spirituality of the individual and the Christian Community using a variety of spiritual practices and techniques providing application to the student's pilgrimage. The course will include some lectures, a lot of sharing on the reading and much sharing of reflections on readings and practices. Success is dependent on active participation, reading and writing. Facilitators: Bishop Michael Smith and Patricia Mackey Stone.

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