

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: 10am Sung Eucharist

10 July 2022

Prelude Trumpet Voluntary

Henry Heron (1738-1795)

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 Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*The Lector concludes
The People respond*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

All stand.

The Gradual Hymn #376

From The Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

*Celebrant
People*

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

*Celebrant
People*

The Gospel of the Lord.
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

Today, in the Anglican cycle of prayer, we remember the Provinces of Tanzania and Uganda; and in the Albany diocese, the work of the Bishop Profile and Search Committee. We also pray for the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, currently gathered in Baltimore.

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

For the unity of the Church in witness and proclamation of the Gospel; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy**

For the peace and stability of all peoples, for good government in our land and for the leaders of the nations; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy**

For places of work, education and leisure; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy**

For a blessing on our homes; for our family and friends and all whom we love; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy**

For the sick and suffering and all who minister to their needs; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.
At this time, we pray especially for the repose of the soul of Robert Stiles. Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord: **And let light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.**

A period of silence follows. The Celebrant concludes the prayers with a Collect.

The Celebrant introduces the Confession.

All 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 #368

From The Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

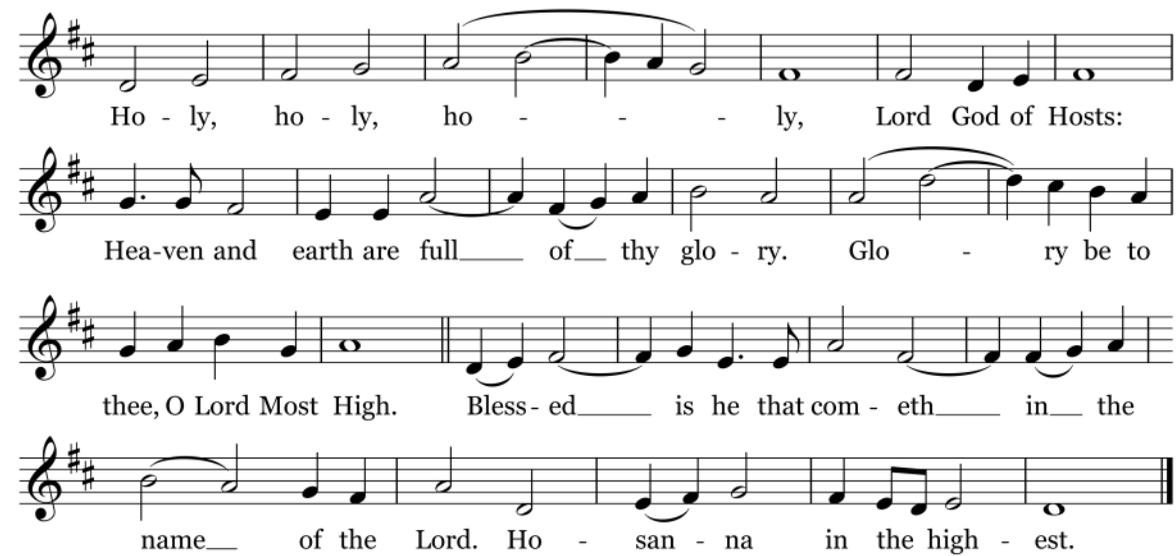
The Great Thanksgiving

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:

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.

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 *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.

Communion is distributed at the high altar and by the pulpit for those who prefer to avoid 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 Fugue in C Major *Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

Today at Bethesda

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kathleen Dodge Withington by Mary Withington.

Flowers at the chancel step are in memory of Robert Stiles, who died last week, given by his wife, Orpha, and daughters, Donna, Theresa and Denise and their families.

Please join us for **refreshments** following the 10am service. Thank you to Libby Smith-Holmes and Tim Holmes for hosting today. If you are able to provide juice and cookies one week in August, please sign up in the narthex.

Parish News

Office Hours: During the summer, the office will be open at the following times:

Tuesdays: 12:30 pm—4: 30 pm

Wednesdays: 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Thursdays: 10:00 am— 1:00 pm

Call (518) 584-5980 to leave a message or email, office@bethesdachurch.org and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

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

Thank you to those Holy Rollers who helped with yesterday's church clean-up.

Special Monthly Envelope for July. The special monthly envelope for this month assists the church with the cost of fuel as well as necessary upgrades to our aging air-conditioning system. Thank you for your assistance and generosity.

From the Franklin Community Center Mary Beth McGarrahan writes: *“Thank you so much for supporting Franklin Community Center as a recipient of your recent Lenten appeal. The funds you raised will help to provide low-income housing, healthy meals, clothing and household goods to those in need, as well as allowing students in our ‘Project Lift’ program enjoy structured activities, games and art to enhance their social and emotional skills. You have truly touched our hearts with the generous support care you showed by choosing Franklin Community Center.”*

Church Building Update (as of 10 July) Scaffolding around the church has been removed and the roof project is one step closer to completion. We expect the remaining gutter work as well as the installation of the transept side panels to be completed by the end of this month. Restoration of the clerestory windows is scheduled to begin the week of July 25th. The windows will be removed and replaced with temporary inserts while the restoration takes place offsite. You may see some small moveable scaffolding inside the church. It will be used to access the windows one at a time but will be dismantled when not in use. Removal of the ten windows is expected to take 2 weeks. The fire-stair exit and bell tower roof have not been scheduled yet but is expected to start later this summer.

In the Community

Lecture Series at Wiawaka, Lake George: 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 more about Wiawaka and other scheduled events there, consult the website, www.wiawaka.org

Open Doors: New York Landmarks Conservancy celebrates its 11th Annual Sacred Sites Open House. This year’s theme, **Open Doors**, highlights the broad spectrum of historical periods, faith traditions, and styles of religious architecture found in communities throughout the Empire State. Participating congregations will showcase their buildings and histories via lectures, musical performances, and special guided tours. Two local Episcopal congregations are featured on Saturday 23 July: at 10am All Saints’ Cathedral, Albany and at 1pm St. Paul’s Church in Troy. Space is limited, for further information and to register, consult the Events section of the NYLC website: www.nylandmarks.org

LifeWorks Community Action requests your assistance in providing the following items:

- ◆ Household cleaning supplies.
- ◆ Foods low in salt, fat & sugar. Gluten Free foods.
- ◆ Sponges, laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent.
- ◆ Diapers (size 4 & 5), baby wipes, and baby care products: shampoo and soap.
- ◆ Adult personal hygiene products: soap, toothpaste/brushes, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, deodorant.

Fresh vegetables and other perishable food items (eggs, milk, butter) can be brought directly to the food pantry, Monday - Friday from 9am to 4pm. Lifeworks is located at 39 Bath St., Ballston Spa.

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