

## **Bethesda Episcopal Church**

**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: 10am Sung Eucharist**

**17 July 2022**

**Prelude**      Cornet Voluntary

*Starling Goodwin (1711-1774)*

### ***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*** *Said by the Celebrant.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*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.

### ***The Collect of the Day***

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

### ***The Reading***

*Colossians 1:15-28*

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature

under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

*The Lector concludes  
The People respond*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

*All stand.*

**The Gradual Hymn #487**

*From The Hymnal 1982*

*Remain standing*

**The Holy Gospel**

*Luke 10:38-42*

*Celebrant  
People*

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

*Celebrant  
People*

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

**The Sermon**

*Fr Jonathan Beck*

**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 Church of the Province of Southern Africa; and in the Albany diocese, the staff at the diocesan office. In our parish, we ask God's blessing on Lauren Dehn and William James to be married at Bethesda next Saturday.

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

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for all those who are alone.**

For this community, our country, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

For all bishops, clergy and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For our own needs and those of others.

Hear us, Lord.  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our king;  
**And praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Of your charity, I ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Fr Richard Lehmann.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant says a concluding prayer, followed by this invitation to 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.

**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 #324**

*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 with the Proper Preface:*

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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*                      *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

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 333*

*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.*

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* *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

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 chancel step.*

*After Communion, all kneel.*

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

*Please stand as the ministers depart.*

***Voluntary*** Prelude and Fugue in D Major *G.F. Handel (1685-1759)*

***Today at Bethesda***

**The Flowers on the Altar** today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gary Houde by Pam Houde .

A warm **WELCOME** to the Reverend Jonathan Beck, our celebrant and preacher today. Fr Beck was ordained to the priesthood on Trinity Sunday at All Saints' Cathedral, Albany, where he now serves as the Parochial Vicar. We are always delighted to welcome Jonathan and his family to Bethesda.

**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.

**Bethesda Flags.** If you are interested in giving a gift "in memory of a loved one" (or "in thanksgiving for ...") in a more concrete way, consider donating new flags for the front of our church. Please speak to Father Wallace for more information.

**From LifeWorks Community Action** Jo Anne Hume writes: *"Poverty and economic insecurity can be overwhelming. No one should have to go through it alone. Thanks to your generosity, your neighbors don't have to. Bethesda's recent donation of \$408.00 to LifeWorks Community Action ensures that your neighbors will be connected to resources like our Food Pantry during some of the hardest moments of their lives. Thank you for your continued support."*

**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](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org)

### **In the Community**

**Lecture Series at Wiawaka, Lake George:** On Tuesday, 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 upcoming events there, consult the website, [www.wiawaka.org](http://www.wiawaka.org)

**Open Doors:** New York Landmarks Conservancy celebrates its Eleventh 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](http://www.nylandmarks.org).

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