

# **Bethesda Episcopal Church**

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

**24 July 2022**

## **Prelude**

### **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 gracious God, we remember before thee, thy servant and apostle. James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that thou wilt pour out upon the leaders of thy Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among thy people; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

### **The Reading**

*Acts 11:27-12:3*

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.

*The Lector concludes*  
*The people respond*

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

*All stand.*

### **The Gradual Hymn #48**

*From The Hymnal 1982*

*Remain standing.*

*Celebrant  
People*

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

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

*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***

This week, in the Anglican cycle of prayer, we remember the Anglican Pilgrim Centre at Santiago de Compostela, and in the Albany diocese, parishes currently searching for new clergy. In our community, we pray for all hospital workers; and in our parish, for Ruthie, to be baptised later today.

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

Let us pray together as a family of faith from every time and place, saying, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the world; for the leaders of nations, that wisdom and integrity might prevail; for regions torn by conflict, especially Ukraine; that peace and harmony might be restored: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the church; for the unity of the body of Christ, that needless division might cease; for Michael Smith our Assisting Bishop, and for all who nurture our life together, that the Church may be strengthened and our common life enriched: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our parish; for our presence in this community, that persons may find here the means to a deeper relationship with God; and that all may find the forgiveness of God and the acceptance of each other: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those in need; for the hungry and homeless, that food and shelter might be theirs; for the oppressed and downtrodden, that freedom and dignity might be theirs; for the sick and the infirm, that health and wholeness might be theirs: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

By your power, Lord God, you raised Christ Jesus from the grave, and in him we too will be raised. Let us pray for those we love who have died recently, especially for Craig Miller Tompkins, that they may continue in your love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*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 #410**

*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 the great shepherd of thy flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the ages. 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, standing*

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.

*Please 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***

**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.**

*Agnus Dei*      *Sung by all; remain kneeling.*

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.*

*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.**

*All stand as the ministers depart.*

*Voluntary*

*Today at Bethesda*

**Welcome and thanks** to Alec Noll, who is playing the 10am service today.

Please join us for **refreshments** following the 10am service. Thank you to Kathleen and Mark Anspach for hosting this week. If you are able to provide juice and cookies in August, please sign up in the narthex.

*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](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org)

**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.

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

**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.

**Thank you note from Lifeworks:** *Dear Bethesda Friends, Thank you for making the decision to support your neighbors in need during this challenging time. The large donation from your parish food drive at the end of June will allow us to serve others during this period of uncertainty. This is truly a community effort and we could not do this work without your support. Thank you so much.*

### **Parish Financial Update: Year to Date June 2022**

**Income:** Year to Date March, total Pledge and Plate giving was \$117,192, which is over budget by \$6,083. Our thanks to those who have helped us exceed our first half budget.

**Operational Expenses:** Year to date were \$145,345, which is \$1,153 over the budget. The overrun is primarily due to higher spending for Utilities, Repairs and Maintenance and office/web costs. Thanks to generous giving at the end of 2021, we had surplus cash to cover the \$28,153 gap between Operational Expenses and Pledge and Plate Income during the first half of this year. Please note that our budget has a deficit, and we are dependent on our income exceeding the budget through the second half of the year to finish the year without a deficit.

**Special Offering Envelopes:** The *April* Special Offering was designated to the Clergy Discretionary fund, and a total of \$820 was given. In *May*, our Special Offering was designated to Beaver Cross Camp scholarships, and a total of \$2,515 was given. Our *June* special offering was for the Parke Music Fund, and \$650 was given. Many thanks to those who participated in these special offerings.

Fr Charles Wallace, *Priest-in-Charge*

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