

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: 10am Sung Eucharist

31 July 2022

Prelude

Praeludium Pastorale

John Stainer (1840-1901)

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.

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Reading

Hosea 11.1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.
Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.
I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt,
 and Assyria shall be their king,
 because they have refused to return to me.

The sword rages in their cities,
 it consumes their oracle-priests,
 and devours because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me.
 To the Most High they call,
 but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?
 How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?
 How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;
 my compassion grows warm and tender.

I will not execute my fierce anger;
 I will not again destroy Ephraim;
 for I am God and no mortal,
 the Holy One in your midst,
 and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the LORD,
 who roars like a lion;
 when he roars,
 his children shall come trembling from the west.

They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
 and like doves from the land of Assyria;
 and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

The Lector concludes
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

All stand.

The Gradual Hymn #47

From The Hymnal 1982

Remain standing

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Celebrant
People

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*Celebrant
People*

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

The Sermon

Fr Gary Kriss

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 West Africa, and in the Albany diocese, members of the Daughters of the King. In our community, we pray for the housebound and those in hospital.

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.**

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 #375

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 ends

...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.

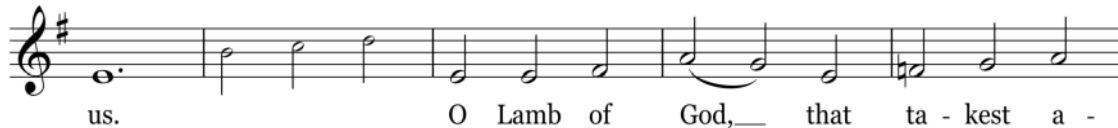
Agnus Dei *Sung by all* *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the



sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on



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way the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that
 takest away 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.**

All stand as the ministers depart.

Voluntary Grand Chorus in March-form, Op. 84

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Today at Bethesda

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Madeline Stewart by Lynne Priestley .

A warm **welcome** to the Reverend Gary Kriss, our celebrant and preacher this morning. Fr Kriss recently retired as Vicar of St Paul's Church, Salem. He has also served in the diocese as Dean of the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany.

Please join us for **refreshments** following the 10am service. Thank you to Mark Claverie and Diane Robinson for hosting this morning. If you are able to provide juice and cookies one week in August, please add your name to the rota which is in the narthex.

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.

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

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

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.

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