

Bethesda Episcopal Church

Feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary: 10am Sung Eucharist

14 August 2022

Prelude Meditation on 'Higher Ground'

James Southbridge (b. 1969)

The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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 God, who hast taken to thyself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of thy incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of thine eternal kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

All stand.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your

greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the mighty one has done great things for me. And holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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

The Sermon

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

In our prayers this week, we pray for the Extra-Provincial Churches of the Anglican Communion, and in the Albany diocese, for the Christ the King Center in Greenwich. We ask

God's blessing on Olivia Mae Friedman to receive the sacrament of baptism today; and for those in our parish who are sick, especially Bruce, Paul, Bob, and John.

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. At this time we pray especially for the Bullock family and for the repose of the soul of Joan. **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.**

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

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

At The Offertory: Hymn #618

From The Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving Please stand.

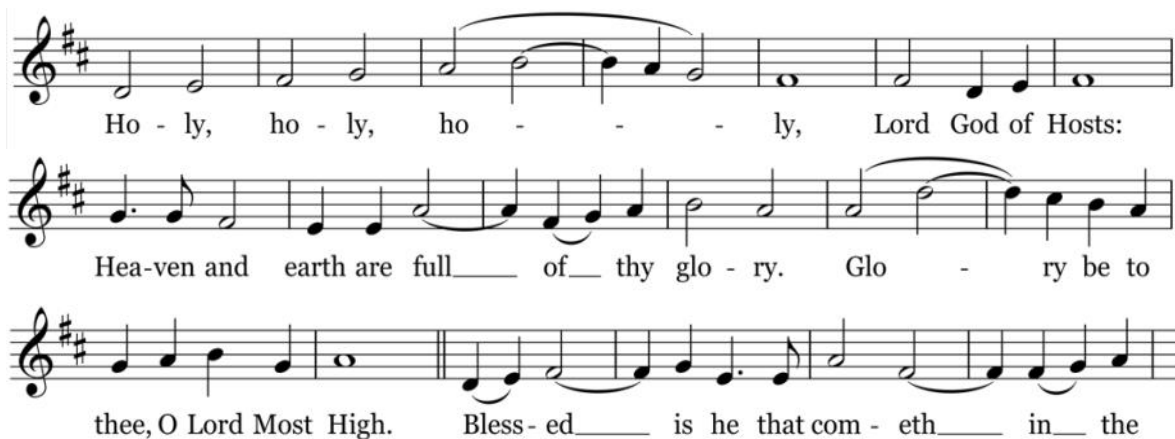
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant sings 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. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children. 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



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

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	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*

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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
People

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

Please stand as the ministers depart.

Voluntary

Postlude in D

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Today at Bethesda

The Flowers on the High Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia Jean Long and Butch Long, given by Garrie Long.

Special Monthly Envelope for August. Donations to our special monthly appeal in August will support the Race Track Chaplaincy. Founded in 1971, the Chaplaincy provides vital ministry to backstretch workers and their families by offering food and clothing; legal, medical and clerical assistance; as well as educational support and enrichment to Backstretch families who could not otherwise afford these services or opportunities. Thank you for your generosity.

The Year-to-Date pledge statements (January to the end of June) are available to collect at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Bethesda Church.

Autumn Events: Mark your calendars!

Genesis Bible Study, led by Dr Blaine Edele, will commence on **Sunday, 11 September** at 9.20am. All welcome and no registration required.

Parish BBQ. Please mark **Sunday, 18 September** on your calendars for a parish BBQ. This event will commence at 4pm. Further information to follow. In the meantime, to help us plan, please register your name and telephone with the office if you wish to attend. Newcomers to the parish are especially welcome!

Study Group: Bereavement and Loss. On **Thursday, 20 October**, at 1pm, Bethesda will host a talk on topic of bereavement and loss. A talk will be given by Fr Victor Austin, based on his book, *Losing Susan*.

The **Parish Retreat** at Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, NY from **Friday 21 to Sunday 23 October** is currently fully subscribed. If you wish to place your name on a wait-list, please contact the office.

Bethesda Book Club will discuss the novel, *Cathedral*, by British film director and author, Ben Hopkins. This epic tale tells the personal stories of the colorful characters involved in the construction an imagined cathedral in 13th-century Germany. We will meet **Thursday, 8 December** from 7-8pm. You can purchase the book online or from your local independent bookstore.

For further information or to register for these events, please call the parish office.

Office Hours this week. The office will be open at the following times:

Tuesday: 12:30 pm—4: 30 pm
Wednesday: Closed this week
Thursday: 10:00 am— 1:00 pm

Otherwise, you may call (518) 584-5980 to leave a message or email, office@bethesdachurch.org

Building Update: The clerestory windows, in the dormers along the roof, have been removed for restoration work by [J & R Lamb Studios](#). While the windows are being restored, the wood trim, mullions and sills will be inspected and replaced as needed. A rough time estimate for the glass restoration is at least 6 weeks. In the meantime, the dormer window openings have been temporarily covered with wood to keep out the elements.

Community News

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...) should be brought directly to the pantry at 39 Bath St., Ballston Spa, Monday - Friday from 9am to 4pm.

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