

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: 10am Sung Eucharist

21 August 2022

Prelude Chorale Prelude on 'Crimond'

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

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

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will

shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

*The Lector concludes
The People respond*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

All stand.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

*Celebrant
People*

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

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*Celebrant
People*

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

The Sermon

Fr John Cairns

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 Province of Alexandria, Egypt, and in the Albany diocese, those studying for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood. In our community, we pray for all local food banks. 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 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 for 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 our Presiding Bishop, for Michael 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 experience his love and forgiveness: 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 and in him we too will be raised. Let us pray for those we love who have died, especially Jason. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes the prayers with a Collect.

The Celebrant introduces the 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.

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.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.

At The Offertory: Hymn #525

From The Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving Please stand.

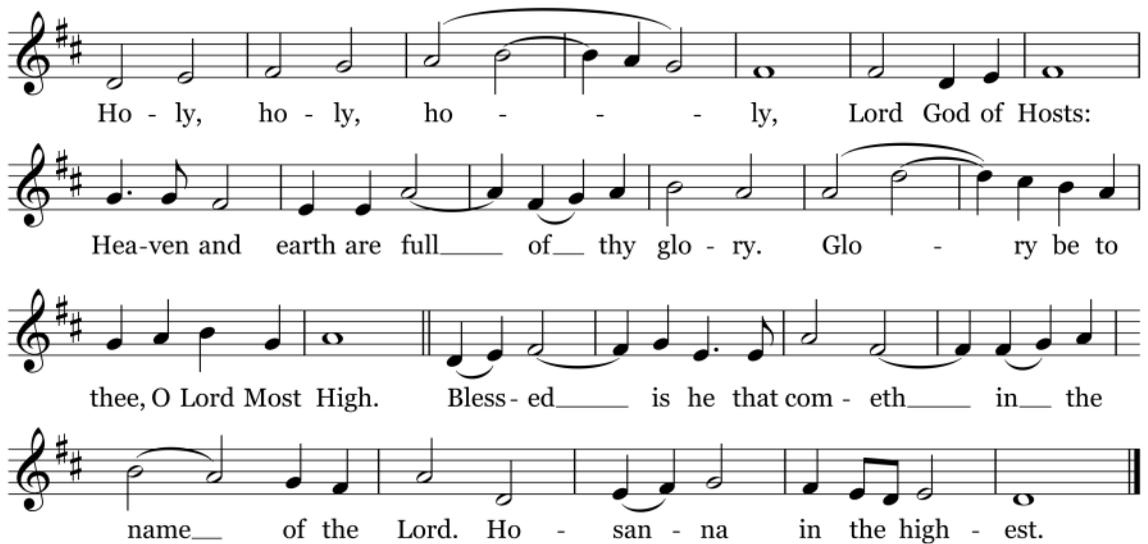
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

The Preface is said by the Celebrant:

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 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

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
People

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

Please stand as the ministers depart.

Voluntary Festival March

Christian Teilman (1843-1909)

Today at Bethesda

Welcome and thanks to the Reverend **John Cairns**, our celebrant and preacher this morning. John and Nancy are no strangers to our parish and we are always pleased to welcome them back. Fr Cairns serves as an honorary assistant at Christ Church, Ballston Spa.

The Flowers on the High Altar today are given to the glory of God; in thanksgiving for our new roof; and with appreciation to the Holy Rollers for all of their hard work.

Please join us for **refreshments** following the 10am service. Thank you to Ann and Bob Bullock for hosting this morning.

Refreshments and chit-chat after worship is a well-established tradition in most Episcopal parishes. Thanks to a number of volunteers, we have enjoyed catching up with parishioners, and welcoming visitors and newcomers after the 10am service this summer. However, this custom only survives with your assistance. Please consider **hosting** on a Sunday morning in September or October, or covering the cost of refreshments (juice/coffee and cookies) one week. If you're willing to do so, add your name to the rota in the narthex or call the office for more information.

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.

Autumn Events: Mark your calendars!

We look forward to the return of the choir in the fall. **Choral services** resume on Sunday 2 October when the parish keeps its Feast of Dedication. Fr Derik Roy, Rector of Christ Church, Ballston Spa, will be our guest preacher.

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: 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 events, please call the parish office.

News

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.

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