

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: 10am Sung Eucharist

28 August 2022

Prelude

Andante, from 'Pièces de César Franck'

transcribed by Louis Vierne

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

*Celebrant
People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
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.

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
People
Celebrant*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that

confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Lector concludes
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

All stand.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

The Sermon

Fr Carter

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 Church in New Zealand and Polynesia, and in the Albany diocese, parish Christian education programs for adults and young people. In our community, we pray for all teachers and students as they prepare to return to school. 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.

(A moment of silence is kept for people to add their own petitions.)

Hear us, Lord.
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(A moment of silence is kept for people to add their own thanksgivings.)

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.

(A moment of silence is kept for people to remember those who have died.)

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

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.

**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

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

At The Offertory: Hymn #248

From The Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

<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 sung 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 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
People*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
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.**

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

Please stand as the ministers depart.

Voluntary

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German (b. 1954)

Today at Bethesda

We welcome to Bethesda this morning Lieutenant the Reverend Halcott Carter. After completing theological studies at Sewanee and ordination in the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, Fr Carter served in parish ministry in the diocese of Upper South Carolina. In 2011, he was commissioned through Chaplain Candidate Program and selected for active duty in April 2014. He has been Command Chaplain at the Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, since October 2019. Fr Carter will be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander on 1 September 2022, following which, he will report to Submarine Tender USS FRANK CABLE stationed in Guam.

Please join us for **refreshments** following the 10am service. We are grateful to Ann and Bob Bullock for hosting again this week.

Thank you to Mark Griffin for tidying up the lot next to the church.

Hosting Coffee Hour. 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 fellow parishioners, and welcoming visitors and newcomers after the 10am service this summer. However, this custom only survives with your help and generosity. Would you consider **hosting**, or covering the cost of refreshments (juice/coffee and cookies) one week? If so, please add your name to the rota in the narthex or call the office for more information.

Parking. Since parking in town can be a nightmare at this time of the year, keep in mind that the lot surrounding the church offers free parking for the first two hours. To use the lot, you must swipe a credit or debit card to enter AND exit. Your card is only charged if you stay *longer than two hours*. Be advised that the lot is *accessible via the Congress Street gate* and that spaces near Washington Street are reserved for local residents.

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 Parish Office, at 178 Elm Street, is normally open Tuesdays from 12.30—4.30pm; and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10.00—1pm.

Upcoming at Bethesda

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 this year.

Genesis Bible Study, led by Dr. Blaine Edele, begins **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 welcomes the Reverend Dr Victor Austin who will give a talk entitled *The Importance of Friendship in a Season of Loss*.

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

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