

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: 10am Sung Eucharist **25 September 2022**

Prelude Choral Prelude on 'Surrey' *Alec Rowley (1892-1958)*

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 and *Collect of the Day* are said by the Celebrant.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. 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

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and

eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*The Lector concludes
The People respond*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

All stand.

The Gradual Hymn #656

From The Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

*Celebrant
People*

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

*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 Church in Burundi, and in the Albany diocese, our upcoming diocesan clergy meetings this week. In our community, we pray for all Skidmore faculty, staff and students.

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, "hear our prayer."

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise. Lord, in your mercy, **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, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide. Lord, in your mercy, **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, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes 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

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

At The Offertory: Hymn #390

From The Hymnal 1982

All 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 Celebrant sings the following 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 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
 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.

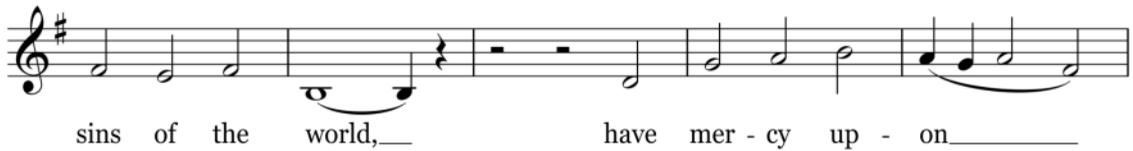
Remain kneeling.

Agnus Dei *Sung by all*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)



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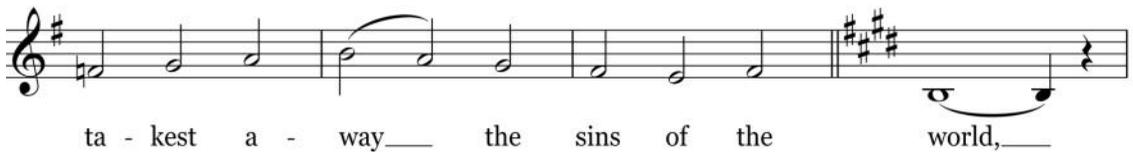
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ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,



grant us thy peace.

Communion is distributed at the chancel steps.

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.**

Please stand as the ministers depart.

Voluntary Menuet gothique (from *Suite Gothique*) Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Today at Bethesda

Welcome to Bethesda Church. Thank you for joining us for worship. If you're new to the parish, or visiting Saratoga today, please introduce yourself to Fr Wallace after the service.

The Flowers on the High Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Gilliland by John and Cynthia Gilliland.

Bible Study. Today at 9.20am, we continue our study of the Book of **Genesis**. This course is led by Dr Blaine Edele. All welcome and no registration required.

Please join us for **refreshments** following the 10am service. If you are able to provide light refreshments in October or November, please sign up in the narthex. Our thanks to Steve Rucker for hosting this week.

Thank you to all who help organize last week's barbeque. We are especially grateful to Marcia Macdonald for hosting such a large crowd, and to David and Kimberly MacVane (and Fred the Butcher!) for providing such a bountiful feast.

Donations to **our special monthly appeal** in September will support Shelters of Saratoga, a county-based agency that provides food, shelter, and other services to people facing homelessness. The agency currently operates a year-round shelter as well as the Code Blue emergency shelter when overnight temperatures drop below freezing. It also manages eleven affordable apartment units in downtown Saratoga Springs, with a further nine supportive housing units opening in 2023. Thank you for your generosity.

Next Sunday we will keep the Feast of Dedication. Fr Derik Roy, Rector of Christ Church, Ballston Spa, will be the guest preacher. We also welcome the return of the choir to the 10am service.

Interested in joining the Choir? The choir is in need of additional singers for the coming season. If you are interested please speak to Kathleen for more information.

Study Group: The Importance of Friendship in a Season of Loss. On **Thursday, 20 October**, at **1pm**, Bethesda welcomes the Reverend Dr Victor Austin who will speak theologically and personally about loss and friendship. He will also offer some reflections on how a congregation can be a place where we are schooled in friendship. All welcome.

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 on **Thursday, 8 December, from 7–8pm**. You can purchase the book online or from your local bookstore.

The **Profile and Search Committee** for the election of the 10th Bishop of Albany has released the Diocesan Profile. It is now posted on the website: albanyepiscopaldiocese.org

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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