

Bethesda



TOWARD A THIRD CENTURY

SARATOGA  SPRINGS

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION

2 October 2022

8:00 am - Holy Communion

Celebrant: Fr Wallace Preacher: Fr Roy

10:00 am - Sung Eucharist and Sermon

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Prelude Prelude on 'Rhuddlan'

Raymond H. Haan (b. 1938)

All stand as the Choir and Clergy enter.

Entrance Hymn #518

From The Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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.**

Remain standing.

The Gloria in excelsis



thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord
 God, heaven - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al -
 might - - y. O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten
 Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
 Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our
 prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have
 mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art ho - ly;
 thou on-ly are the Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God the



All remain standing as the Celebrant sings

The Collect of the Day

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give thee thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshipped in this place; and we pray that all who seek thee here may find thee, and be filled with thy joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The First Lesson

1 Kings 8.22-30

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, ‘O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, “There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.” Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. ‘But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, “My name shall be there”, that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

<i>The Lector concludes</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>The people respond</i>	Thanks be to God.

Remain seated.

At the Gradual, the Choir sings:

The Gradual

Locus Iste

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.
This place was made by God, a priceless holy place, without fault.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2.1-5,9-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*The Lector concludes
The people respond*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand.

The Alleluia

Remain standing.

The Choir intones: Alleluia.

All Respond:



Al - le - lu - ia. _____

Choir: I will worship toward thy holy temple, and I will give glory to thy name.

Ps 138: 2

All repeat: **Alleluia** (sung as above)

The Holy Gospel

St John 5.1-18

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

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew, Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’ The sick man answered him, ‘Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Stand up, take your mat and walk.’ At once the man was made

well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, 'It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.' But he answered them, 'The man who made me well said to me, "Take up your mat and walk."' They asked him, 'Who is the man who said to you, "Take it up and walk"?' Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. Later, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, 'See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.' The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. But Jesus answered them, 'My Father is still working, and I also am working.' For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

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

All sit.

The Sermon

Fr Derik Roy

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 Intercessions for the Church and the world, we pray for Anglican Communion, and this week, for the Church in Canada. In our Diocese, we remember our assisting bishop, Michael Smith. Today, as we keep our Dedication festival, we give thanks for our parish community and for the ongoing restoration of our church building.

We remember with thanksgiving those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and we pray for those who have died, and for those whose year's mind falls at this time. With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "We thank you, Lord"

For the Church universal, of which this building is a visible symbol, **We thank you, Lord.**

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered in your name, **We thank you, Lord.**

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us, **We thank you, Lord.**

For our past and a vision of the future that lies ahead, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the pardon of our sins when we have fallen short of your glory, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the holy eucharist in which we have a foretaste of your eternal kingdom, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness, **We thank you, Lord.**

For all those who, in years past, have worshipped in this place and now rest in the peace of Christ, **We thank you, Lord.**

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

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

At The Offertory: Hymn #525

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.**

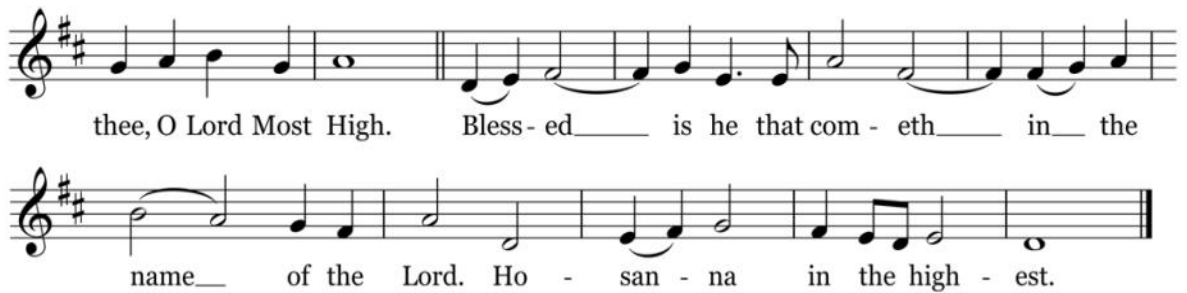
The Celebrant continues

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 great High Priest; in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before thee a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in thy sight. 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, standing*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts:

Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to



All kneel.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer Book, Page 333

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, 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

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.

Agnus Dei Mass in D

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Communion is distributed at the high altar and the chancel step.

At The Communion: Behold the Tabernacle of God

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you:
For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are:
For the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple
with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

(Text: from Sarum Antiphonal. For the Dedication of a Church)

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

May God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church & the world, peace and concord; and to us sinners, life eternal; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Closing Hymn: #397

From The Hymnal 1982

Voluntary

Epilogue

Norman Gilbert (1912-1975)

Today at Bethesda

Welcome to the Reverend Derik Roy, our guest preacher this morning. Fr Roy is Rector of Christ Church, Ballston Spa, where he has served for 28 years. We are also delighted to welcome back members of the Choir, especially those who are joining its ranks this year. **Interested in joining the Choir?** If so, speak to Kathleen for more information.

The Flowers on the High Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gwendolyn Grant Klimpke by Katharine Richman.

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. Thank you to Jay and Kathy Hagle for hosting this week. If you are able to provide juice and cookies in October or November, please sign up in the narthex.

Parish and Community News

Special Monthly Envelope. Our special monthly envelope for October supports the work of Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that helps people build, repair and improve homes and neighborhoods, particularly in urban areas, by working with communities to address their housing needs. It also works closely with local agencies to respond quickly to communities affected by natural disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

Study Group. The Importance of Friendship in a Season of Loss. On Thursday, 20 October, at 1pm, Bethesda welcomes the Reverend Dr Victor Austin for a one hour talk on the topic of bereavement and loss. Fr Austin writes:

In the midst of loss and its aftermath, God calls us to return to the central gift he has for us: the gift of friendship. The friendship-gift is the heart of the fellowship of Jesus (see John 15:13); indeed, we could define the essence of being human in Christ as simply living in friendship with God and each other. Such truths are important at any time but especially in times of decline and loss of persons and communities, such as many suffered in the social disruptions of the pandemic.

Father Austin will speak theologically and personally about loss and friendship, and will offer some thoughts 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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