



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

23 October 2022

8:00 am - Holy Communion

10:00 am - Sung Eucharist and Sermon

**Prelude**      *Flute Solo*

*Thomas Arne (1710-1778)*

*All stand as the Choir and Clergy enter.*

**Entrance Hymn #365**

*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***

Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth. peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy

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 says*

***The Collect of the Day***

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And with thy spirit.</b>

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; 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 First Lesson***

*Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22*

Although our iniquities testify against us,  
 act, O Lord, for your name's sake;  
 our apostasies indeed are many,  
 and we have sinned against you.

O hope of Israel,  
 its savior in time of trouble,  
 why should you be like a stranger in the land,  
 like a traveler turning aside for the night?  
 Why should you be like someone confused,  
 like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,  
 and we are called by your name;  
 do not forsake us!

Thus says the LORD concerning this people:  
 Truly they have loved to wander,  
 they have not restrained their feet;  
 therefore the LORD does not accept them,  
 now he will remember their iniquity  
 and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah?  
 Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down  
 so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good;  
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,  
the iniquity of our ancestors,  
for we have sinned against you.

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;  
do not dishonor your glorious throne;  
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

Can any idols of the nations bring rain?  
Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

*The Lector concludes  
The people respond*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated. The Choir sings the psalm.*

***Psalm 84: 1-6***

*Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \* My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \* by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \* they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \* whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \* for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, \* and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

***The Second Lesson***

*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*The Lector concludes  
The people respond*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## **The Alleluia**

*The Choir intones: Alleluia.*

*All Respond:*



*Choir: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; Praise thy God O Zion. (Ps 147: 12)*

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

## **The Holy Gospel**

*St Luke 18.9-14*

*People*

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

*People*

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

*All sit.*

## **The Sermon**

*The Reverend 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***

In our Intercessions for the Church and the world, we pray for Anglican Communion, and this week, for the Church in Congo. In our Diocese, we remember our assisting bishop, Michael Smith; and in our parish, those on the retreat this weekend at Holy Cross Monastery, West Park.

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.

Everlasting God, hear us as we pray in faith for the needs of others as well as ourselves.

We pray for the whole family of your Church. May your people be built up in faith and demonstrate in their lives the gospel of Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Creator God, your Son entered creation that all might be made new. Look in mercy on our broken world. Speak to all people that they may hear your message of peace. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for the leaders of the nations. Sharpen their consciences and give them courage to make wise decisions, and to serve all people. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Lord God we pray for our families, colleagues, and friends; for neighbours and strangers. We pray particularly for those whose faith has been shaken or fallen away. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, comfort the weary, the lonely and those who are ill. Help us to be constant in our prayers for those in any kind of need or trouble; especially those we now name aloud or in silence.

*A period of silence is kept.* Lord, in your Mercy: **hear our prayer** .

Lord God, we remember the faithful departed, for all who shared our lives, our work and our church; that they may find rest in your heavenly Kingdom as we commend them to your keeping.

*A period of silence is kept.* 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>	<b>And with thy spirit.</b>

**At The Offertory: Hymn #660**

*From The Hymnal 1982*

*Remain standing.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

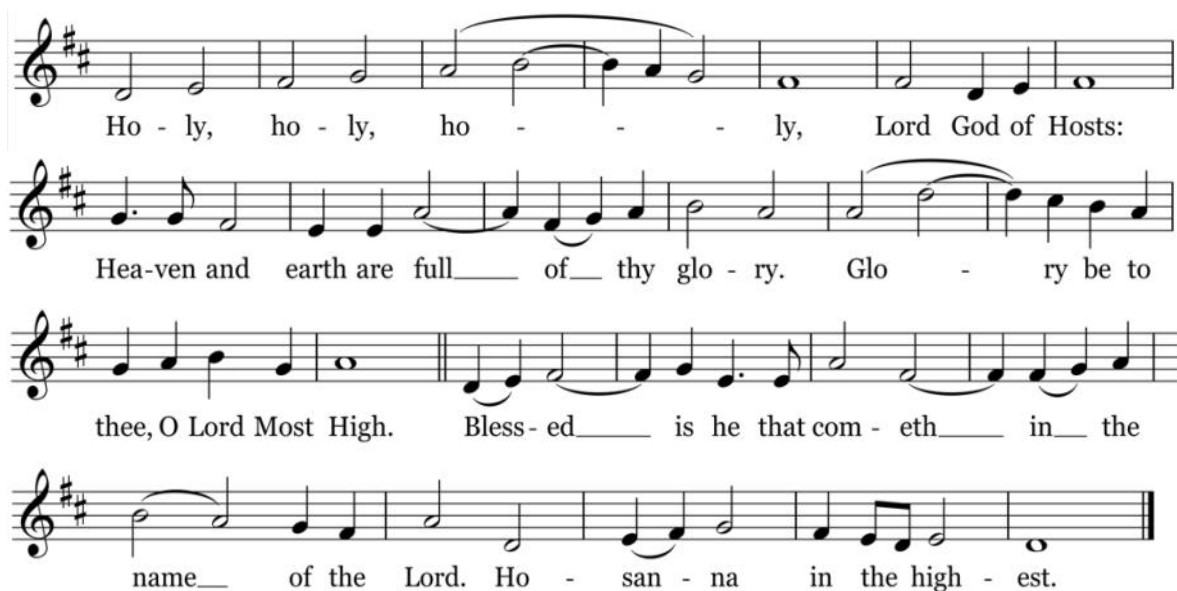
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And with thy spirit.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them up unto the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is meet and right so to do.</b>

*The Celebrant continues with the 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. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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  
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***

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy



Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **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.**

*Remain kneeling.*

***Agnus Dei*** *from 'Mass in F'*

*Harold Darke (1888-1976)*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

*Communion is distributed at the chancel step.*

***At The Communion: Motet*** *Sicut Cervus* *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)*

*Sicut cervus desiderant ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.*

*As the hart longs for the waterbrooks, so longs my soul for Thee, O God. (Ps 42:1)*

*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.**

***Closing Hymn: #482***

*From The Hymnal 1982*

*All remain standing as the ministers depart.*

***Voluntary***      *Festal Flourish*

*Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)*

### **Today at Bethesda**

**Thank you** for worshipping with us this morning. If you are a newcomer to Saratoga Springs, or just visiting for the day, please introduce yourself to an usher at the end of the service.

We extend a warm **welcome** to the Reverend John Cairns, and his wife, Nancy. Fr Cairns is celebrating and preaching at services today while Fr Wallace is accompanying a group of parishioners on retreat at Holy Cross Monastery, West Park.

**The Flowers on the High Altar** today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Kautzman by Carol Kautzman.

**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 the Manny family for hosting this week. If you are able to provide juice and cookies in October or November, please sign up in the narthex.

**Donations.** The ministry of Bethesda Church relies completely on the generosity of parishioners, friends and visitors. All contributions are gratefully received. If you wish to make a tax-deductible gift to Bethesda, envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please make sure to include your

name and address. If you would like to become a regular donor to Bethesda, contact the office: 518.584.5980.

### ***Parish and Community News***

**Office Hours.** The office hours in October are as follows: Tuesdays, 12.30-4.30; Wednesdays, 10—1; and Thursdays 10—1. The office number is 518.584.5980.

**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.

#### **Remembrance Sunday: Commemoration of the Faithful Depart**

On Sunday 13 November, the names of loved ones who have died in the past year will be read aloud at the 8am and 10am services. If you wish to add a name, a list will be available on the table at the back of the church, or you may notify the office: 518.584.5980.

**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.

**Christmas Pageant Costumes:** Christmas is coming and we are looking ahead for people to help with pageant costumes for the children. If you have sewing skills and would like to help refresh the costumes, please call the office.

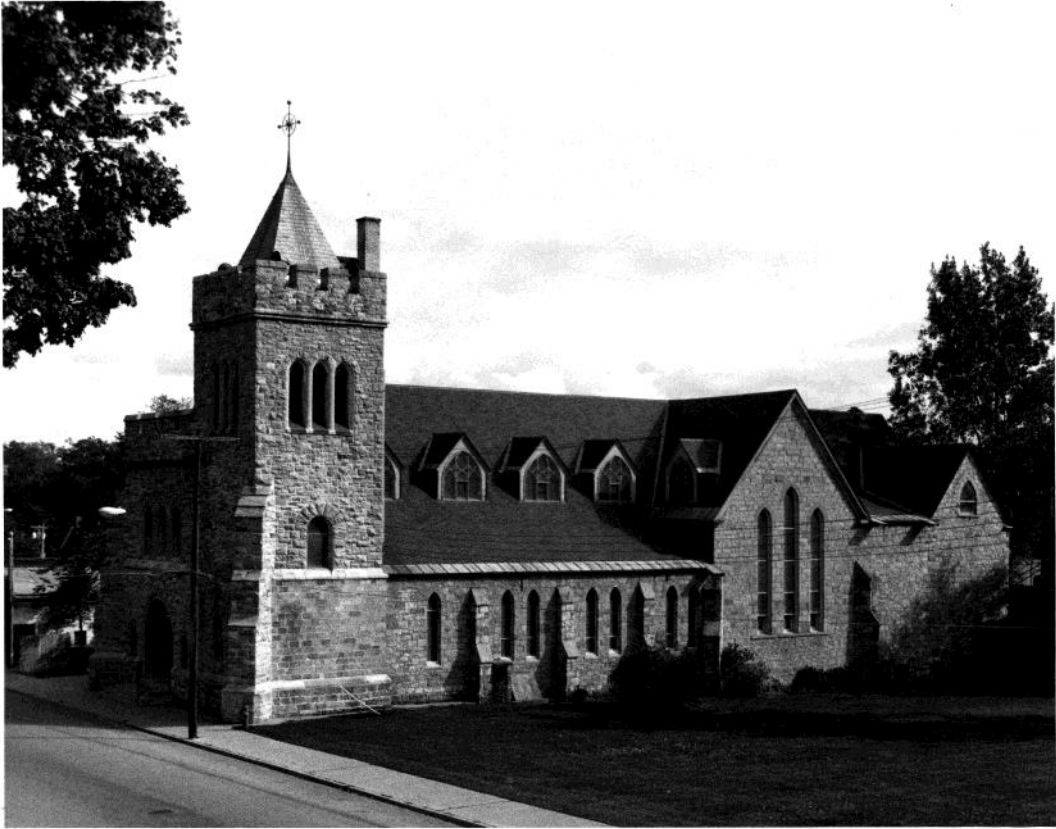
Copies of **Forward Day by Day** (November to January) are available in the parish office. The cost per book is \$2.00.

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: [albanyepiscopaldioocese.org](http://albanyepiscopaldioocese.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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