



**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**30 October 2022**

**8:00 am - Holy Communion**

**10:00 am - Sung Eucharist and Sermon**

***Organ Prelude***

*All stand as the Choir and Clergy enter.*

***Entrance Hymn #516***

*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 prays*

***The Collect of the Day***

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may run without stumbling to obtain thy heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

***The First Lesson***

*Isaiah 1.10-18*

Hear the word of the LORD,  
you rulers of Sodom!  
Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!  
What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the LORD;  
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;  
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.  
When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?  
Trample my courts no more;  
bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.  
Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;  
they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.  
When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.  
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,  
learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.  
Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

*The Lector concludes  
The people respond*

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

*Remain seated. The Choir sings the psalm.*

***Psalm 32.1-8***

*James Nares (1715-1783)*

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \* and whose sin is put away!  
Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \* and in whose spirit there is no guile!  
While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*because of my groaning all day long.  
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \* my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.  
Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \* and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \* Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.  
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \* when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.  
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \* you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

***The Second Lesson***

*2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.  
To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be

glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*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:*



**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 Chile. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember our assisting bishop, Michael Smith and the ministry of Christ the King Center, Greenwich; and we ask God's blessing on those from our parish who are in hospital or care facilities.

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.

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.

Hear us, Lord.  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

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.

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

*The Celebrant says a concluding prayer, followed by this invitation to Confession.*

Ye that 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**

*Celebrant  
People*

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

## **At The Offertory: Hymn #423**

*From The Hymnal 1982*

*Remain standing.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

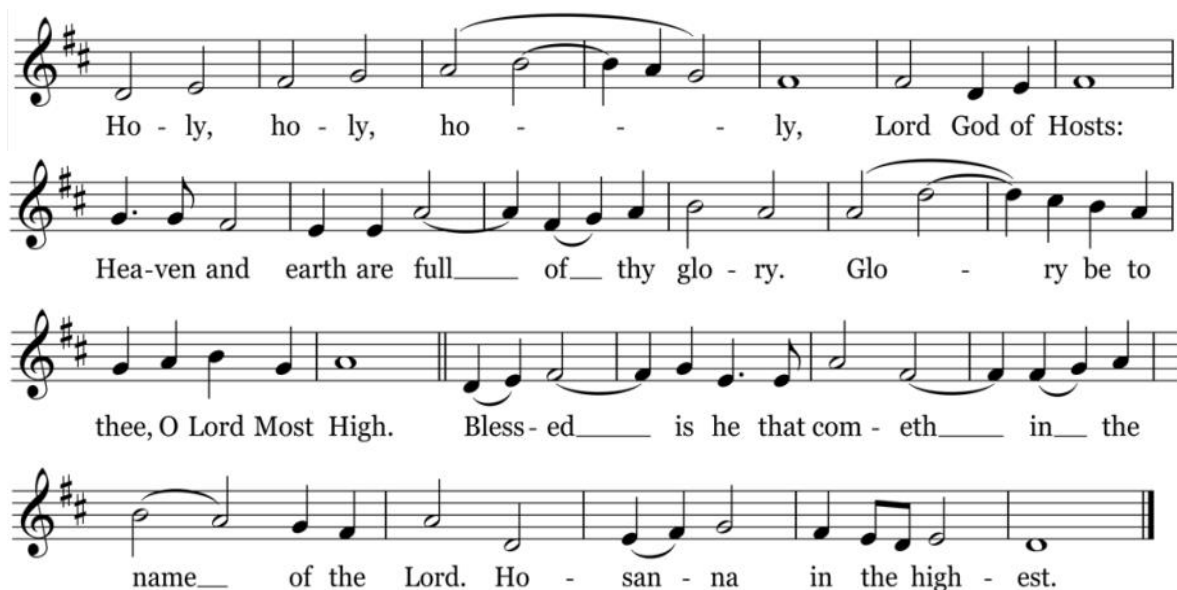
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The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
**It is meet and right so to do.**

*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 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, 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.**

*Remain kneeling.*

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

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.**

*Remain kneeling.*

***Agnus Dei*** from Mass in G

*Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, donna nobis pacem.*

*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***

*Beati Quorum Via*

*Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

*Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini.  
Blessed are they whose way is undefiled, who walk in the law of the Lord. (Ps 119:1)*

*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 passes 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.**

***Closing Hymn: #375***

*From The Hymnal 1982*

*All remain standing as the ministers depart.*

## *Organ Voluntary*

### *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 Fr Wallace at the end of the service. 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.

**The Flowers on the High Altar** today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Madeline Stewart by Lynne Priestley.

Please join us for **refreshments** following the 10am service. Thank you to the Claverie family for hosting this week.

**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.

### **A Letter to the Parish from the Treasurer**

October 26, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the end of the year, we wanted to bring you up to date on our financial status Year to Date September, and ask for your help to close 2022 in a strong financial position.

The Operational budget for this year has a deficit. It is important that we close that deficit and have a surplus at year end so that we have sufficient funds for the winter months when our expenses are higher.

Year to Date September, our Operational expenses are running slightly under budget. We have overruns mainly in areas impacted by inflation, offset by moving to a volunteer staff in the office. Many thanks to our office volunteers and all who donate their time and talents!

Our Income year to date September is almost \$8,000 under budget. This is especially a concern as we needed to exceed the budgeted income by \$23,000 to close the budget deficit. We are again dependent on extra year-end generosity by parishioners to ensure that we are able to fund our expenses this year and into the winter months of 2023. Please prayerfully consider an extra gift to Bethesda as we approach year end.

With thanks for your generosity,

*Karen Finkbeiner*, Treasurer

## **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.

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

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.

**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. **To register for this discussion group, please call the parish office.** You can purchase the book online or from your local bookstore.

**Parish Retreat in 2023:** Following last week's successful weekend at Holy Cross Monastery, we are reserving a limited number of spaces for a parish retreat next year from 13 to 15 October. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place. For more information, speak to Fr Wallace.

Those wishing **contact** information for Fr Evans or Bob Kearney should call the office.

**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.

**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.

Fr Charles Wallace, *Priest-in-Charge*

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