



THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

6 November 2022

8:00 am - Holy Communion

10:00 am - Sung Eucharist and Sermon

Prelude Aria, "Bist Du Bei Mir"

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

All stand as the Choir and Clergy enter.

Entrance Hymn #287 vv.1 to 4, 7 & 8

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

Musical notation for the Gloria in excelsis. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has the lyrics "Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men." The second staff has the lyrics "We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy".

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

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

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All sit.

The First Lesson

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

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

Remain seated. The Choir sings

The Gradual: 'These are they which follow the Lamb'

John Goss (1800-1880)

These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God, and to the Lamb. In their mouth was found no guile, for they are without fault before the throne of God. (Text: Revelation 15:4-5)

Remain seated.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*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:



Al - le - lu - ia. _____

Choir: Come to me, all you that labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you.

(Matt 11:28)

All repeat: Alleluia (as above)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

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

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

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

All sit.

The Sermon

Fr Charles 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

In our Intercessions for the Church and the world, we pray for Anglican Communion, and this week, for the Church of England, and Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. In the Albany

Diocese, we pray for our assisting bishop, Michael Smith and the ministry of All Saints Cathedral, as they celebrate their Feast of Title today. We remember with thanksgiving those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for those whose year's mind falls at this time.

Let us join our prayers with those of our Savior Jesus Christ, seeking the Father's blessing, and the gifts of the Spirit, saying, *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Jesus Christ, our great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of your majesty on high, pray for this troubled world, and make it subject to your just and gentle rule. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your brothers and sisters in any need, distress or sorrow. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who bear witness to your glory and power. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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 #275

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. Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. 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



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.

Agnus Dei from Missa "O Quam Gloriosum"

Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona 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 high altar and the chancel step.

At The Communion

O Quam Gloriosum

Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

*O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo, gaudent omnes Sancti.
Amicti stolis albis, sequuntur Agnum quocumque ierit.*

*O how glorious is the kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ.
Clothed in white robes, they follow the Lamb wheresoever he goes.*

(Text: from Vespers Antiphon for All Saints)

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 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: #625

From The Hymnal 1982

All stand as the ministers depart.

Organ Voluntary Improvisation on 'Sine Nomine'

Today at Bethesda

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you are a newcomer to Bethesda, or just visiting for the day, please introduce yourself to Fr Wallace at the end of the service.

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.

The Flowers on the High Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gary Houde by Pam Houde.

Please join us for **refreshments** following the 10am service. Thank you to Marcia MacDonald 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.

November's Special Envelope. Our special monthly envelope for November supports the work of Saratoga County Children's Committee *Empty Stocking Project*. The *Empty Stocking Project* is the largest and most widely recognized program of the Saratoga County Children's Committee. There are hundreds of children living within Saratoga County who are in need of assistance yearly, but the holiday season can be the most trying time of for parents and caregivers. Their mission is to embody the holiday spirit by helping to provide these families with a joyous holiday. Each year, they are able to provide over 900 children living in Saratoga County with a wonderful holiday season. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish and Community News

NEXT SUNDAY: 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 is available on the table at the back of the church, or you may notify the office: 518.584.5980.

Interested in joining the Choir? The choir continues to seek singers for the current season. If you are interested, please speak to Kathleen for more information.

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

Bethesda Christmas Pageant Please mark your calendars: Christmas pageant rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 17th at 9:30 am and the pageant will be presented during the 10am service on Sunday, December 18th. We are looking for children to participate; if you know anyone who is interested, please speak to Sara Manny or Diane Robinson.

Parish Retreat in 2023 Following the success of our recent retreat at Holy Cross Monastery, we are reserving a limited number of spaces for a next year from 13 - 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.

Upcoming Concert. The Choir of Men and Boys of All Saints' Cathedral, Albany will sing George Frederic Handel's oratorio, **Messiah** on Tuesday 6 December at 7.00 pm. The choir and soloists are accompanied by a period instrument ensemble from Boston's Handel and Haydn Society. Tickets may be purchased at www.cathedralofallsaints.org/handels-messiah

Ways to Donate Financially to Bethesda Church

We are sometimes asked about different methods to give to Bethesda, and we thank you for your support. The list below provides information on giving options, please contact the office if you have any questions or need assistance.

By Envelope: Envelopes are provided to all who pledge. If you plan regular giving, please call the office to request envelopes. Bethesda has trained volunteers who count the Sunday giving and checks mailed to the office, create the appropriate documentation and prepare the bank deposit.

Electronically through your bank payment system: Many banks have on-line payment systems that allow you to set up a payment electronically either for a single donation or for repeating donations. These systems generally send a paper check to the church, *please ensure that you use the OFFICE address.* These checks will be included in our weekly count and bank deposit.

Electronically on the Website or by credit card: On the Bethesda website (bethesdachurch.org) there is a menu bar at the top of the homepage that has *Giving* as an option. If you click on Giving it will take you to a page that allows you to quickly and securely give to Bethesda. It is also possible to set up repeating credit card donations, contact the church office if you are interested. Please note that a fee is deducted from these transactions and the net is sent to Bethesda.

If you wish to donate **stock or other securities**, please contact the office and they will help you with the transfer process.

Important NOTE:

*All checks being sent to Bethesda by mail must be addressed to our office on Elm Street, **not** to the Church address on Washington St. *The office address:**

**178 Elm Street, Suite 5
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866**

If you have questions on our process or related information, please contact the church office: Office@bethesda.org or (518) 584-5980. Thank you again for your support and generosity.



Christmas Flowers, Greens, Wreaths and Trees

This Christmas Season offers the opportunity to not only purchase flowers for the Altar, but to sponsor other decorations that are used to ready the Sanctuary for this special time of year. If this is something that you would like to do, please complete this form and return it to the church office. You can place the completed form in the offering plate or mail it to:

Bethesda Church Office
178 Elm Street, Suite 5,
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

I would like to purchase:

___ Poinsettia \$25 each. How many? _____

Given By: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

I would like to contribute towards the following:

___ Greens \$ _____

___ Wreathes \$ _____

___ Trees \$ _____

Given By: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Please return to the church office before 5 December.

Fr Charles Wallace, *Priest-in-Charge*

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