



THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

20 November 2022

8:00 am - Holy Communion

10:00 am - Sung Eucharist and Sermon

Prelude *Lentamente, from 'Vocalise'*

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

All stand as the Choir and Clergy enter.

Entrance Hymn #477

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

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

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

<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 psalm.

Psalm 46

Benjamin Hutto (1947-2015)

God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*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: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away; and a kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.
(Dan 7:14)

All repeat: Alleluia (as above)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

All sit.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Spencer Reece

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 the Province of the Indian Ocean. In our Diocese, we remember our assisting bishop, Michael Smith, and the staff of Christ the King Center in Greenwich.

We remember with thanksgiving those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, and we pray for those who have died recently, and 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.

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

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

At The Offertory: Hymn #494

From The Hymnal 1982

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 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.**

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 Secunda'

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

*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

'And I Saw Another Angel'

Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)

And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God; and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms were in their hands; And cried with a loud voice saying; Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. Amen. Blessing and glory, and wisdom and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

(Text: Revelation 7: 2-3, 9-10, 12)

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: #397

From The Hymnal 1982

All remain standing as the ministers depart.

Voluntary *Allegro assai vivace, from Sonata I*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Today at Bethesda

We welcome the Reverend Canon Spencer Reece, our **guest preacher this morning**. Fr Reece is currently in residence at Yaddo where he is editing a book of poetry for publication. A decade in the making, *Acts* is his third collection of poems. Fr Reece is also an Episcopal priest. He has served in San Pedro Sula, Honduras; Madrid, Spain; and New York City, New York. Next month, he takes up an appointment in the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island as Vicar of the Parish of Wickford.

The Flowers on the High Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David J. Simek by Carol Simek.

Bible Study. Today at 9.20am, we continue our study of the Old Testament. This course is led by Dr Blaine Edele. All welcome and no registration required. There will be no Bible Study during Advent and the holidays; classes will resume on 11 January 2023.

Please join us for **refreshments** following the 10am service. Thank you to Maureen and Chuck Maze for hosting today. If you are able to host in January or February 2023, please sign your name on the sheet in the narthex.

TODAY! Holiday Items for Sale to Benefit Bethesda. During coffee hour today, parishioner Deb LaCombe-Garrelts will be in the Narthex selling holiday items (gift bags, cards and canvas wall art). The items are hand silk screen and printed with two designs created by artist, Jim Taliana. All materials are donated and all proceeds will go directly to Bethesda.

FINANCIAL UPDATE from the Vestry Looking toward year-end, our financial forecast indicates that Bethesda will have an Operational deficit of \$15,000 to \$20,000; Year to Date October, the deficit is \$15,506. Our expenses are higher in the winter months, so it is important that we close this year without a deficit to enable us to meet our spending needs in the first quarter of 2023. If you are able to help us by making an extra gift before the end of the year, we would be most grateful. Please feel free to contact the church office with any questions concerning your pledge or contributions in 2022. Thank you for your concern, consideration and support.

Parish and Community News

Office Holiday Closing: The office will be closed on Wednesday, 11/23 and Thursday, 11/24 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Special Monthly 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 year 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.

Thursdays in Advent During the four weeks of Advent, there will be service of Holy Communion on Thursdays at 12.05, beginning 1 December.

Bethesda Book Club will discuss the novel, *Cathedral*, by British film director and author, Ben Hopkins. We will meet on Thursday, 8 December. Please register with the office if you plan to attend the discussion.

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.

Advent—Christmas Services at Bethesda

Sunday, 27 November	8am Eucharist & 10am Sung Eucharist (Advent Sunday)
Sunday, 4 December	8am Eucharist & 10am A Service Lessons and Carols
Sunday, 18 December	8am Eucharist & 10am Pageant (with Communion)
Saturday, 24 December	4pm Sung Eucharist
	10pm Procession and Sung Eucharist
Sunday, 25 December	9am Holy Communion (said service)
Sunday, 1 January 2023	9am Holy Communion (said service)
Sunday, 8 January	8am Eucharist & 10am Sung Eucharist

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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,
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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.