

# Bethesda Episcopal Church

*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

*15 January 2023*

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**10.00am Sung Eucharist**

**Prelude** Antiphon III (Opus 18, No. 3)

*Marcel Jean-Jules Dupré (1886-1971)*

**The Entrance Hymn #374**

*From The Hymnal 1982*

**The Opening Acclamation**

*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.**

**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\_\_  
Fa - ther.\_\_ A - - - -  
- - - - - men.

*Remain standing.*

### ***The Collect of the Day***

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

## ***The First Lesson***

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength--  
he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*The Lector concludes  
The people respond*

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

*Remain seated.*

***The Gradual: Psalm 40.1-12***

*Music: Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)*

I waited patiently upon the LORD; \* he stooped to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.  
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.  
Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.  
Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and  
your plans for us! \* there is none who can be compared with you.  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \* but they are more than I can count.  
In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \* (you have given me ears to hear you);  
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \* and so I said, "Behold, I come.  
In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \* 'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'"  
I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \* behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O LORD, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \* I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

## ***The Second Lesson***

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Lector concludes  
The people respond*

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

*All stand.*

## ***The Alleluia***



*Choir:* Praise the Lord all ye angels of his; praise him all his host. (*Ps 97:1*)

**All repeat: Alleluia.**

*Remain standing.*

## ***The Holy Gospel***

*John 1.29-42*

*Celebrant  
People*

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated, Peter).

*Celebrant  
People*

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

### ***The Sermon***

*Fr Charles Wallace*

*All stand.*

### ***The Nicene Creed***

**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 Central America. In our Diocese, we remember our assisting bishop, Michael Smith and the parish of St. James, Ausable Forks. And in our parish, we pray for those in hospital and the housebound.

We remember with thanksgiving those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for those whose year's mind falls at this time.

Lord God, you sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to the captives and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name. Father, by your Spirit: **bring in your kingdom.**

Give comfort to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Father, by your Spirit: **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love. Father, by your Spirit: **bring in your kingdom.**

Help us to bring in your kingdom of mercy, justice, love and peace. Father, by your Spirit: **bring in your kingdom.**

Give to all the departed, the riches of eternal life. Father, by your Spirit: **bring in your kingdom.**

Let us commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of God, offering our own prayers in a moment of silence. Father, by your Spirit: **bring in your kingdom.**

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers 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  
People*

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

**At The Offertory: Hymn #616**

*From The Hymnal 1982*

*Remain standing.*

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*Prayer Book, Page 340*

*Celebrant  
People  
Celebrant  
People  
Celebrant  
People*

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 with the Proper 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son 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,

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.*

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.**

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

And now, as our Savior Christ hath commanded and 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***

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	<b>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</b>

### ***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 ‘Mass in D’

*Kenneth Leighton (1929 - 1988)*

*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*** ‘Eternal Light’

*Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)*

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,  
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,  
Eternal Power, be our support,  
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,  
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Text: Alcuin of York (730-804)*

*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.**

***The Closing Hymn: #371***

*All stand as the ministers depart.*

***Voluntary***      Grand Chorus in March Form, in Gregorian Tonality (Opus 52, No. 1)  
*Félix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)*

***Today at Bethesda***

Please join us for **refreshments** following the 10am service. Thank you to Libby and Tim Holmes for hosting this week.

**Bible Study.** Today at 9.20am, we resume our weekly study of the Old Testament. This course is led by Dr Blaine Edele. All welcome and no registration required.

### **Parish and Community News**

**Our Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on **Sunday 29 January**, following a **combined service at 9am**.

**Special Monthly Envelope for January.** The special monthly envelope for the month of January assists the church with the cost of fuel during the winter months. We are grateful for your assistance and generosity.

**Forward Day by Day for February—March– April 2023** is available for purchase from the church office. The cost is \$2 per book.

**Lost and Found** Various items were left behind in pews after Christmas services. Are you missing gloves, a sweater, or a pair of glasses...? Please check the “lost and found” display on the tract table at the back of the church to see if anything belongs to you.

**Office Hours.** The office is currently open at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10:00 am — 1:00 pm

Wednesdays: 10:00 am — 1:00 pm

Thursdays: 10:00 am — 1:00 pm

Otherwise, please call (518) 584-5980 to leave a message, or email, [office@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org)

### **Upcoming Services**

**Next Sunday**, 22 January: 8am Holy Communion & 10am Sung Eucharist

**Sunday**, 29 January: **ONE SERVICE at 9 am** followed by Annual Meeting

**Wednesday**, 22 February **Ash Wednesday:** Liturgies at 12 Noon and 7.00 p.m.

### **Annual Meeting Vote**

Please be advised that on Sunday 29 January, 2023, there will be **one service at 9.00am**, immediately followed by our **Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Election**. At that time, we will be electing a Junior Warden, and five members of the Vestry, one of whom will also serve a two-year term as Treasurer, and another who will also serve a two-year term as Clerk. Additionally, the meeting will include reports on finance, the ratification of our 2023 budget, and an update on current building work. This year, we will also be voting on certain proposed amendments to the Parish by-laws which have been recommended by the Vestry. Those recommendations will be submitted to the Parish for ratification at the above Annual Meeting and Annual Election. If those recommendations are so ratified by the Parish, the proposed amendments would not take effect until next year’s Annual Meeting and Annual Election. The proposed amendments are printed (opposite) for your review.

Your prayers and presence are requested. If you have any questions, speak to me or to the wardens.

*Fr Charles Wallace*

Priest-in-Charge, Bethesda Church

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN BYLAWS OF BETHESDA EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

On motion duly made and seconded at a meeting of the Vestry of Bethesda Episcopal Church, Saratoga Springs, New York (Article 13 of the Parish Bylaws reciting that “the Wardens, Treasurer and Clerk, together with the Rector, and the Vestrypersons shall constitute the Vestry of the Parish”) called for the following purposes and held on January 11, 2023, a quorum being present, the following Resolutions were unanimously approved by vote of the members of the Vestry present and voting at that meeting, at least three days’ notice of such meeting having been given to each member of the Vestry by the Rector in writing, either personally or by mail:

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Vestry hereby recommends that Article 4, Section 4.2 of the Parish Bylaws, entitled “Vestrypersons,” which presently reads: “There shall be nine additional vestrypersons. Two or more members of the same household or family shall not serve concurrently on the Vestry,” be amended to read: “There shall be six additional vestrypersons (such six, the “At Large Vestrypersons” or the “Vestrypersons” ). Wherever the capitalized term “Vestrypersons” appears in these Bylaws, it shall be deemed to refer to the At Large Vestrypersons. Two or more members of the same household or family shall not serve concurrently on the Vestry;”

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

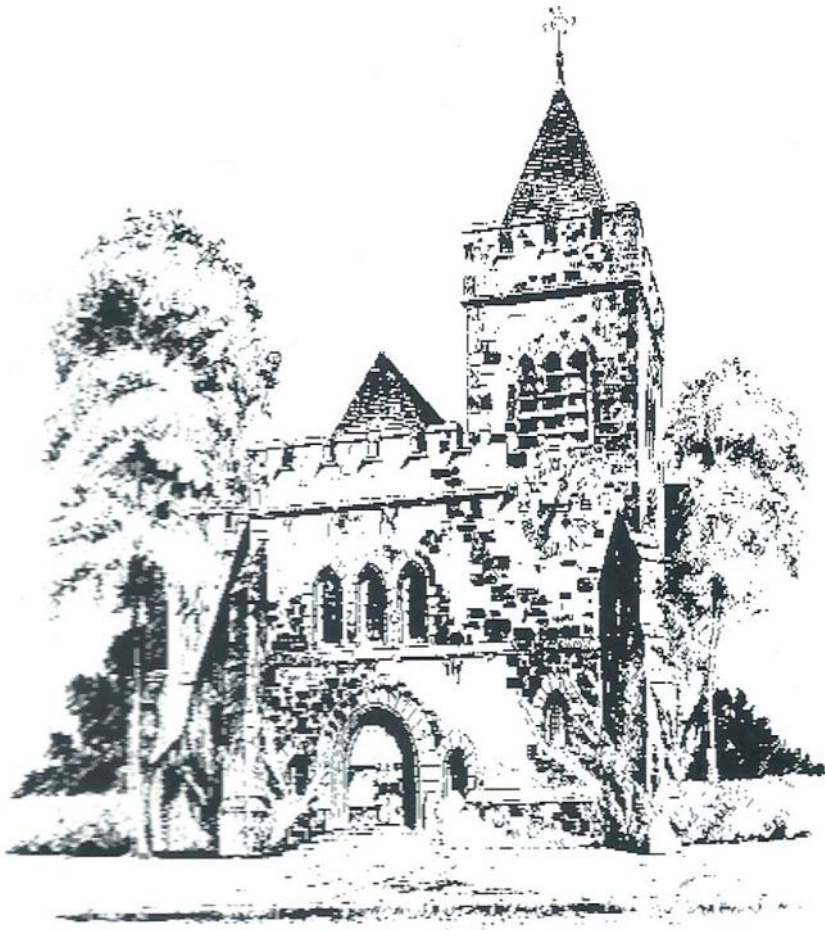
That the Vestry hereby recommends that Article 5, Section 5.1 of the Parish Bylaws, entitled “Elections,” which presently reads:

“Officers and Vestrypersons shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. Wardens, Treasurer, Clerk and Delegates shall hold office until the second Annual Meeting following their election. Vestrypersons shall hold office until the third Annual Meeting following their election. All shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualify.

At the Annual Meeting after which this Article takes effect, three Vestrypersons shall be elected to hold office for three years. Vestrypersons and Wardens elected prior to the adoption of these Bylaws [January 18, 2017] shall be considered valid and shall continue the terms to which they were originally elected;”

be amended to read:

“Officers (defined in Article 4, Section 4.1 of the Parish Bylaws as being comprised of two Wardens, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer if one is desired, and a Clerk) and Vestrypersons shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. Wardens, Treasurer and Clerk shall hold office until the second Annual Meeting following their election, provided that in accordance with and in the manner prescribed in Section 45 of the N.Y. Religious Corporations Law (as such Section 45 has been amended from time to time) the terms of office of the two Wardens shall be staggered so that only one Warden shall be elected annually. Except as may otherwise be prescribed in said Section 45, or if applicable, Section 44, of the N.Y. Religious Corporations Law (as such Sections 45 and 44 have been or may hereafter be amended from time to time) respecting the terms of office for which Vestrypersons are required to be elected at the first annual election following an Annual Meeting at which the Parish has determined to change the number of Vestrypersons, Vestrypersons shall hold office until the third Annual Meeting following their election. Officers and Vestrypersons shall all hold office until their successors are elected and qualify.”



Fr Charles Wallace, *Priest-in-Charge*

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