

# Bethesda Episcopal Church

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**14 May 2023**

**Prelude** Rondeau (from Abdelazer)

Henry Purcell (1659-1695) arr. Christopher Morris

**The Entrance Hymn #409**

From the Hymnal 1982

**The Opening Acclamation**

The people standing, the Celebrant says

*Celebrant*  
**People**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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**

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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.
<b>People</b>	<b>And with thy spirit.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as surpass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee in all

things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

### ***The First Lesson***

*Acts 17:22-31*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*The Lector concludes  
The People respond*

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

*Remain seated.*

**Gradual** ‘Surrexit Christus’

*Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736)*

*Surrexit Christus vere de sepulcro. Alleluia.  
Christ is truly risen from the grave. Alleluia.*

### ***The Second Lesson***

*1 Peter 3:13-22*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now

saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*The Lector concludes  
The People respond*

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

*All stand.*

### **The Alleluia**



*Choir:* I will not leave you comfortless; I go away and come again unto you, and your heart shall rejoice.

*All repeat: Alleluia.*

*Remain standing.*

### **The Holy Gospel**

*John 14:15-21*

*Celebrant  
People*

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*Celebrant  
People*

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

### **The Sermon**

*Fr Gary Kriss*

*All stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**    *Said by all*

**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 prayers for the Church and world, we remember Canterbury Cathedral, in the Church of England, and Justin Welby, Archbishop; and in our diocese, we pray for the ministry of All Saints Cathedral, Albany. We especially remember today the role that our mothers have played in our lives: for the love, nurture and good example they have given; for the sacrifices they have made, the memories they have shared; and the guidance they have provided, let us give thanks to God.

In peace let us pray to the Lord saying, *Lord have mercy.*

For the unity of the Church in witness and proclamation of the Gospel; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace and stability of all peoples, for good government in our land and for the leaders of the nations; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For places of work, education and leisure; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing on our homes; for our family and friends, and all whom we love; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering and all who minister to their needs; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*The people say together*

**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 Celebrant says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All stand. At the exchange of the Peace, please remain in your pew.*

### **The Peace**

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

### **Hymn at The Offertory #200**

*From the Hymnal 1982*

*Remain standing*

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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

People  
Celebrant  
People

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
**It is meet and right so to do.**

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us 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**

*Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

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.**

### ***Our Father***

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 Fraction***

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Remain kneeling.*

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

*Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on 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*** 'If Ye Love Me'

*Thomas Tallis (1505- 1585)*

*If ye love me keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.*

*Text: John 14:15-1*



*After Communion, all kneel. All say together*

### ***The Prayer after Communion***

**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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

### ***The Closing Hymn #344***

*From the Hymnal 1982*

### ***Voluntary***

Postlude in C

*Henry Smart (1813-1879)*

### **Notices**

The **Eucharistic elements** in May are given in memory of Daniel Briggs Thornton by his wife, Patricia.

**Thank you** to Fr Gary Kriss for celebrating and preaching this morning.

**Readers.** Thank you to those reading and leading prayers at services today:

8am Lisa Edele  
10am Rick Wissler & Libby Smith-Holmes

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

**Coffee** will be served after today's 10am service. Thank you to Kathy and Jay Higle. If you are able to host an upcoming Coffee Hour, please sign up using the sheet in the Narthex.

**Flowers and Communion Elements** If you would like to contribute flowers for the altar or eucharistic elements (bread and wine) as a memorial, or in thanksgiving for a birthday or anniversary, please contact the office.

**Special Monthly Envelope** Funds raised in May's special envelope will be directed to the Beaver Cross Camp Scholarship Fund. Beaver Cross, our diocesan camp in Greenwich, New York, seeks to make its summer programs available to every eligible child who wishes to participate in its activities, regardless of a family's financial circumstances. Each year, funds are raised to meet the need for scholarships. Please support this enriching experience for children.

**Parking.** The lot adjacent to the church offers free parking for the first two hours. You will require a credit card to enter and exit the lot which is accessible via Congress Street.

**Summer 2023 Music Series** Bethesda will host special musical guests during the 10am services this summer; we look forward to these visitors:

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| May 28    | Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, violinist, Norman Thibodeau, flautist - Musicians of Ma'alwyck |
| June 4    | Vocal Quartet - Elizabeth Sterling, Karen Becker, Derek Stannard, Tony Galloro            |
| June 11   | Jean Leonard, soprano   |
| June 18   | Carla Fisk, soprano   |
| June 25   | Elizabeth Huntley, harpist  |
| July 2    | Harry G. Pellegrin, classical guitarist   |
| July 9    | Bob Moore, saxophonist  |
| July 16   | Ann Marie Adamick, mezzo soprano  |
| July 23   | Edda Roemelt, soprano   |
| August 6  | Elizabeth Sterling, soprano   |
| August 13 | Valerie Lord, mezzo soprano   |
| August 20 | Michael and Stephani Emery, violinist and violist   |
| August 27 | Karen Becker, pianist   |



*Fr Tom Malionek, President of the Standing Committee, Diocese of Albany, writes:*

The Profile and Search Committee for the Tenth Bishop of Albany has reported to the Secretary of Convention with an initial list of candidates to be placed in nomination for the Tenth Bishop of Albany.

The initial list of nominees comprises:

**The Reverend Geoffrey Ward**, Rector of Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church, River Hills, Wisconsin (Diocese of Milwaukee)

**The Reverend Jeremiah Williamson**, Rector of Grace and Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado (Diocese of Colorado)

**The Very Reverend Neal Longe**, Rector of Saint Ann's Episcopal Church, Amsterdam, New York (Diocese of Albany)

**The Reverend Scott Garno**, Rector of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, Delmar, New York (Diocese of Albany)

A 30-day Independent Nomination Period, in which further nominees may be brought forward, opens on Monday, May 8, 2023. Independent nominees must meet the same requirements as the nominees identified by the Profile and Search Committee. More extensive information will be posted after the Independent Nominees have been identified and have met the nomination requirements.

Before the Electing Convention, the Diocese will schedule a number of opportunities at which members of the Electing Convention and other members of the diocese can meet the nominees. Further information regarding opportunities to get to know the candidates will be posted on the Episcopal Transition page of the diocesan web site. The Electing Convention is scheduled to open on Friday, September 8, at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany.

Information will be published as it becomes available.

*The full text of Fr Malionek's letter is posted on the diocesan website.*

***Please place this form in the collection plate if you would like us to get in touch with you:***

*Name(s):*

*Phone:*

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*Contact Reason(s):*

- Visitor or new resident
- Would like more information about the church and/or worship
- Interested in opportunities to serve
- Would like to speak with or have a visit from the priest
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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