

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

18 June 2023

Prelude: The Bird's Song

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Text: Psalm 23

All stand as the minsters enter. At the high altar, the Celebrant says

***Celebrant
People***

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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 Opening Hymn #377

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Collect of The Day

***Celebrant
People
Celebrant***

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson

Romans 5.1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were

still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

*The Lector concludes
The People respond*

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

All stand.

The Alleluia

The Cantor sings:



All repeat: Alleluia.

Remain standing.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9.35-10.23

*Celebrant
People*

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it;

but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

Celebrant
People

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

The Sermon

Fr Wallace

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 peace we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For the Anglican Communion, and this week for the Church in Australia; for the Diocese of Albany and Michael, our assisting bishop; for all bishops, clergy and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For our own needs and those of others, especially at this time for Paul, Malcolm, Penny, David, Millie, Bruce, and Jerilyn.

Silence is kept for people to offer their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord.
For your mercy is great.

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

Silence is kept for people to offer their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence is kept to remember the departed.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

The Celebrant begins: 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

*Celebrant
People*

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

Hymn at The Offertory #535

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in 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,

Sanctus and Benedictus

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, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he *brake* 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with 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 Fraction

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	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.

The Agnus Dei

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on
us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Communion is distributed at the chancel step.

At The Communion

Music: Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890)

Panis angelicus
Fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus
Figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
Pauper, servus et humilis.

*The bread of the angels
becomes the bread of mortals;
the bread of heaven
puts an end to prefigurations.
O wondrous thing!
the poor, the slave and the humble
feed on their Lord.*

Te trina Deitas,
Unaque poscimus,
Sic nos tu visita,
Sicut te colimus;
Per tuas semitas
Duc nos quo tendimus,
Ad lucem quam inhabitas.

*Of you, threefold and
one God, we ask:
Come to visit us
as we worship you;
lead us on your paths
to where we want to go:
to the light in which you dwell.*

After Communion, all kneel. All say together

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. 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
People*

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

The Closing Hymn #541

From the Hymnal 1982

Voluntary Marche Triomphale

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Today at Bethesda

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

8am Lynne Priestley

10am Rick Wissler and Ann Bullock

Today at 9.20am, we continue our weekly **Bible Study**, led by Dr Edele. All welcome.

Coffee will be served after the 10am service. If you are willing to host Refreshments over the summer, please sign up using the sheet in the Narthex.

Special Monthly Envelope Donations from the Monthly Envelope in **June** will be in support of *Wellspring*. Founded over 40 years ago, Wellspring has grown to become a vital resource for survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault in Saratoga and Washington counties, operating an emergency shelter, a 24-hour hotline & live-chat, counselling, long-term housing assistance, case management, and a number of educational and prevention programs. Services are free, non-judgmental, and confidential. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Vestry Meeting Parishioners are invited to attend the upcoming Vestry meeting following the 10am service on Sunday, 25 June. The meeting, which will last half an hour, includes an update on parish building work and finances.

Volunteers needed Loaves and Fishes is an emergency feeding program operating Monday to Friday from 4.30–6pm out of the St Francis Mission, Clinton Avenue, in the Arbor Hill district of Albany. The mission provides food, clothing and other necessities and is staffed by a faithful core of volunteers who cook, serve and assist with set-up and clean-up. The Mission's Food Pantry also needs volunteers to sort donations, stock shelves and serve the public weekdays from 11.15-1.45pm. If you're able to assist, please contact the Director, Marcia Hoag, at 607.432.1458.

There will be a **Memorial Service** for Bruce Solenski at Bethesda Church on Saturday, 16th September at 10.30am.

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.

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 Church hosts special musical guests during the 10am services this summer.

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

Summer Music Series

This week, Bethesda Church extends a very warm welcome to soprano soloist, **Carla Fisk**.

A regional finalist of the Metropolitan Opera's National Council Auditions, Carla has performed in many operas in Europe and the United States. In Rome, Italy, she was chosen to sing on Italian National Television (RAI Uno), performing Hanna from Die Lustige Witwe. She then went on to be a part of the Baltimore Opera's Young Artist Program singing the role of Beauty in Giannini's Beauty and the Beast (an Educational Outreach Opera) and performing the role of Despina in Mozart's Cosi fan Tutte. They asked her back to sing the role of Second Lady in Mozart's Die Zauberflöte directed by Werner Herzog and conducted by William Crutchfield with the main stage of Baltimore Opera. In her performing career she has sung the role of the Contessa in Mozart's Le Nozze di Figaro, The title role in Puccini's Suor Angelica, Donna Anna in Mozart's Don Giovanni, Mimi in Puccini's La Boheme, Nedda in Leoncavallo's Pagliacci, and Laetitia in Menotti's The Old Maid and The Thief.

After moving to New York City she started a non--profit group called Opera on Tap. Opera on Tap is an educational and cultural outreach organization that seeks to bring opera to unconventional performance spaces like bars. Over time it became something that supports young singers, supports new music – chamber and opera – to be performed, and reaches out to children as well. This group has taken off like wild fire since its inception in 2005. Opera On Tap has been written about in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Time Out Magazine. Opera On Tap has also been on NPR's "All Things Considered", WNYC "Soundcheck", and Current TV. Carla remains an active managing "Diva", promoting shows, performing in shows, working with the scholarship programs for singers, and is their Educational Outreach Director (writing and directing shows for children).

Since moving to the Albany area, Carla teaches private voice instruction and has performed as soloist in oratorio works such as Handel's Messiah, Brahms' Ein Deutches Requiem, Vivaldi's Gloria, Mozart's Coronation Mass, Fauré's Requiem, Einhorn's Voices of Light, and Poulenc's Gloria.

Autumn Events

To register or for more information, contact the parish office.

A **Parish BBQ** is planned for Sunday 17 September. Details to follow.

Trip to New Skete An afternoon visit to the Religious Communities at New Skete in Cambridge, NY is being arranged for Bethesda parishioners on Wednesday 27 September. The afternoon includes a presentation by one of the brothers, and tours of the chapel and the kennels where the monks breed German Shepherds and train dogs of all varieties. If you wish to attend, please register with the parish office.

A weekend **Retreat** at Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, NY will take place from **13th—15th October** for interested parishioners. To learn more about the work of the monastery, please consult the website: www.holycrossmonastery.com



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Phone: _____

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Preferred contact method: _____

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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