Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

2 July 2023

Music 'Medley'

Le Clochard/Elspeth of Nottingham Etude No. 6 (from 12 Etudes) Resurrection Jan Akkerman (b. 1946) Fernando Sor (1778-1839) Harry G. Pellegrin

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

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People 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 #609

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Collect of The Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

All sit.

The Lesson Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as

slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Lector concludes The People respond The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

All stand.

The Gradual Hymn #478

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple -- truly I tell you, none of these will lose

Celebrant People

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

their reward."

Daniel Hyde, Beaver Cross Ministries

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 Anglican Communion, we remember the Anglican Church of the Province of Brazil; and in the Albany Diocese, we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare to elect a new bishop.

We ask God's blessing on those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week; and those whose year's mind falls at this time.

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "hear our prayer."

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind. We pray especially for Dennis and Jerilyn. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn; at this time, we remember the family of Gisela Tuccillo. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says a concluding prayer, followed by the invitation to Confession. The people 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 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 The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Hymn at The Offertory #675

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing

The Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

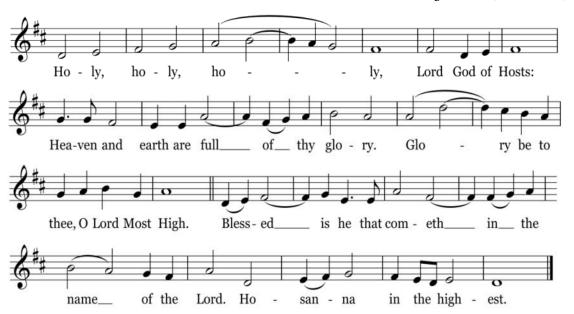
People Celebrant People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

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. 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)



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,

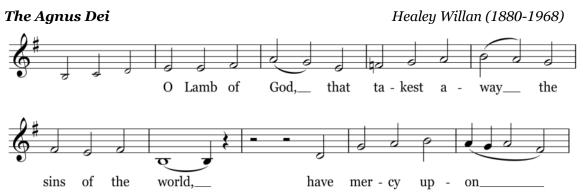
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

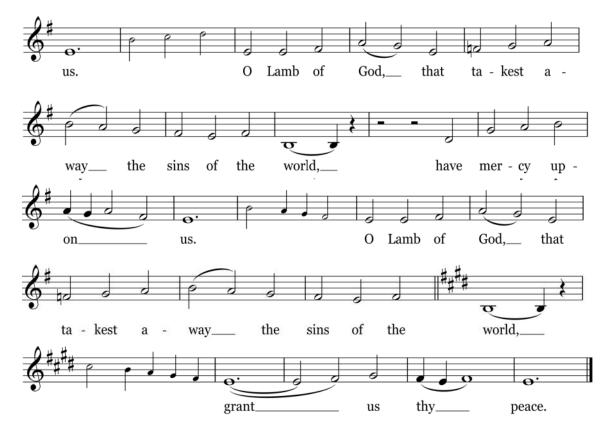
The Fraction

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

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.





Communion is distributed at the chancel step.

At The Communion

Music: Vals One/Elaine

Harry G. Pellegrin

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

The Closing Hymn #718

From the Hymnal 1982

Music 'Medley'

Ťorija Lullaby Hanna Wa Saku (Flowers Will Bloom) F.M. Torroba (1891-1982) Harry G. Pellegrin Yoko Kanno (b.1964)

Today at Bethesda

TODAY We welcome our guest preacher, **Daniel Hyde**, Director of Beaver Cross Ministries and Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Albany. As part of our ongoing summer music series, we also welcome classical guitarist, **Harry Pellegrin**.

Thank you to **Carl Hackert** for playing the organ this morning while Derek takes a well-deserved weekend off.

The **flowers on the High Altar** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Hugh Agee by his wife, Jane Murray Agee.

Refreshments will be served followed the 10am service. Please join us! Thank you to Ann and Bob Bullock for hosting today. If you are able to host refreshments, please sign up using the sheet in the Narthex.

Readers Thank you to those reading and leading prayers today:
8am Lynne Priestley 10am Ann Bullock

Congratulations to Fr TJ Pettigrew (erstwhile parishioner of Bethesda!) on his appointment as Rector of St George's, Schenectady. TJ will take up his new post in early September.

Special Monthly Envelope Donations to our July appeal support the Race Track Chaplaincy. Founded in 1971, the Chaplaincy provides vital ministry to backstretch workers and their families by offering food and clothing; legal, medical and clerical assistance; as well as educational support and enrichment to Backstretch families who could not otherwise afford these services or opportunities.

Summer 2023 Music Series Bethesda Church hosts special musical guests during the 10am services this summer:

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

Election of the Tenth Bishop of Albany The biographical sketches, and answers to questions of those standing for election as 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany Committee are now available at: www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/candidates-for-bishop/

Upcoming Events

Parish Events Please register with the office for the following autumn events. Further details to follow:

Parish **BBQ** is planned for Sunday 17 September.

Trip to **New Skete** to visit to the Religious Communities at New Skete in Cambridge, NY on Wednesday 27 September.

Sunday Bible Study resumes on 24 September at 9.20am.

Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, NY from 13th—15th October

In the Community

LifeWorks Community Action is a nonprofit established in 1965 that works to alleviate poverty by assisting local families facing economic hardship with a wide range of services.

Bethesda is currently collecting the following items on behalf of LifeWorks:

- 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.
 You may leave donated items in the box by the side door entrance of the church.

Harry George Pellegrin, Classical Guitar

Since his Manhattan debut recital in 1980, Harry has performed in New York City, Tulsa, Oklahoma, St. Louis, Missouri and other cities in the United States. Pellegrin performed has performed solo recitals at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall three times since 2007. He majored in classical guitar performance at The Mannes College of Music in Manhattan, studying with Albert Valdés-Blain and Eliot Fisk and has performed in master classes with John Duarte, Benjamin Verdery and David Russell.

Pellegrin has written for Soundboard, The Journal of the Guitar Foundation of America before publishing his first novel Low End, in 2003. The first of a series, Low End (ISBN 1589820746) was followed by Deep End (ISBN 1435721985) in 2006. Classic Guitar Method, A Comprehensive Method designed to transform the student from novice to recitalist (ISBN 978-0-557-26825-2) combined his writing skills with his musical expertise. In May 2008 PAB Entertainment Group released The Guitar (700261240428) a CD of solo classical guitar music performed by Mr. Pellegrin which includes a number of compositions by the performer.

In 2010 PAB released his second album of solo classical guitar *Old and New* (885767622234) and *Guitar for a Rainy Afternoon* in 2011 as a private release. His latest CD, *Introspect* consists entirely of Pellegrin's compositions including a series of eleven brief waltzes and a number of longer works. Mel Bay Publications has published the score for this CD (*Introspect*, catalog number 30602M)

Now residing in New York State's Capital District with his wife Elaine, Pellegrin performs, teaches and writes. From January 2008 until June of 2021 he was a member of the studio instructor faculty of Union College in Schenectady, New York. He was installed as a member of the Board of Directors of the CGSUNY for calendar year 2012 and has served its vice president. He was an artist member of the Monday Musical Club of Albany.





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