

Bethesda Episcopal Church

Trinity Sunday

26 May 2024

Organ

Adagio non troppo

Alexandre Pierre-François Boëly (1785-1858)

All stand as bells sound and 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 #362

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

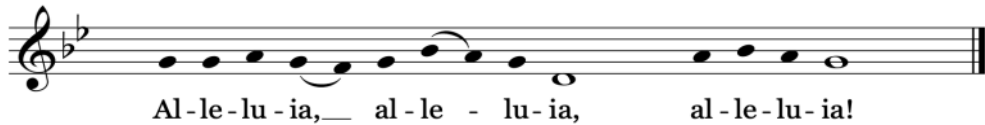
The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The Lector concludes
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

All stand.

The Alleluia



The Cantor sings a verse of scripture.

All repeat: **Alleluia.**

Remain standing.

The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

*Celebrant
People*

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*Celebrant
People*

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

The Sermon

Fr 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 this week, we remember the Anglican Province of Central Africa; and in the Albany Diocese, our bishop, Jeremiah, and all delegates to the annual Convention which begins on Friday.

On this Memorial Day weekend, we pray for members of our Armed Forces, especially those who died in service to our nation. May God grant to the departed, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them. **Amen.**

Let us pray in faith to God our Father, to his Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, saying, "*Lord, hear and have mercy.*"

For the Church of the living God throughout the world, let us ask the riches of his grace: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who proclaim the word of truth, let us ask the infinite wisdom of Christ: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, let us ask the gifts of the Spirit: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For our country and its leaders, for all who govern the nations of the world, and those who strive for justice and peace, let us ask the strength of God: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Penny, Steve, Betty, Kathy, Kate, Holly, and Catherine; let us ask the healing touch of Christ: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, and especially for the repose of the soul of John Dominic, let us ask the peace of the Lord: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

The Celebrant says a concluding prayer.

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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 #401

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Eucharistic Prayer

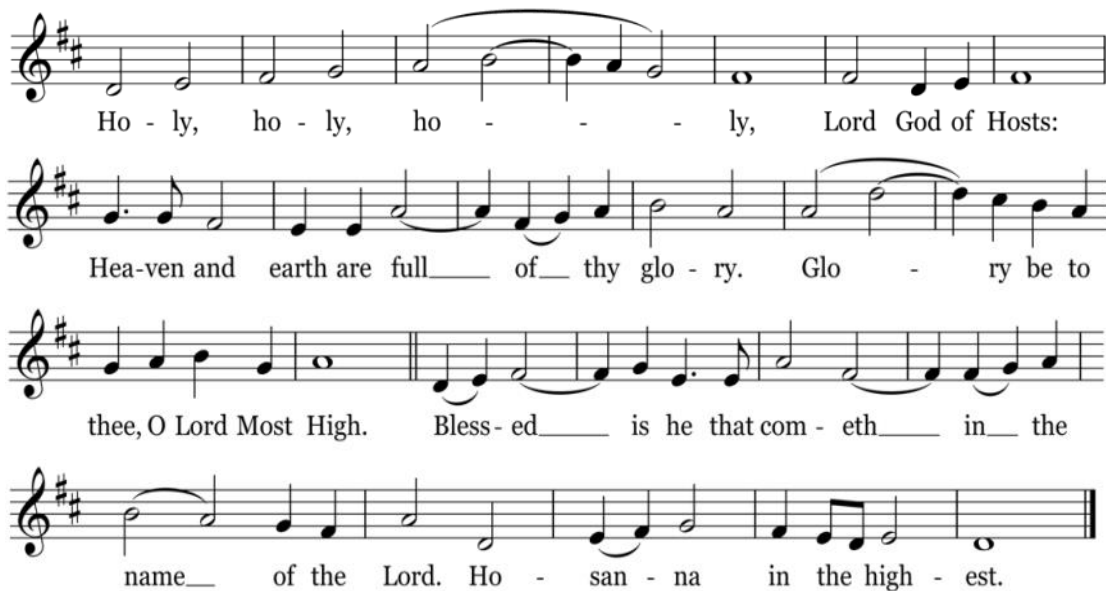
*Celebrant
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The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

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. For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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.**

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.

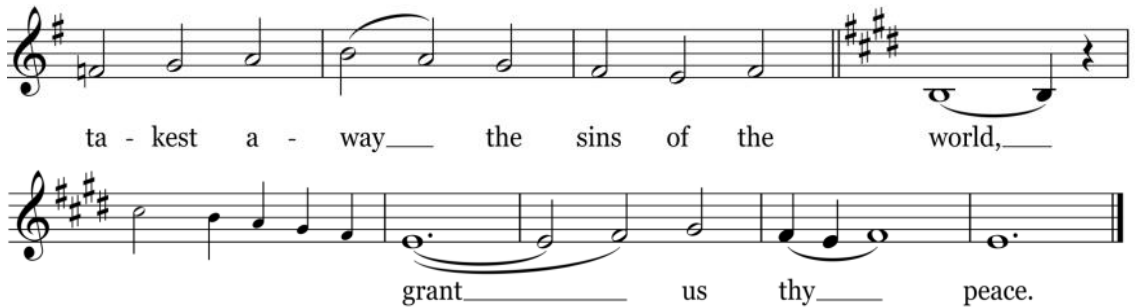
The Prayer of Humble Access

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.

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

Organ: Adagio, from *Fantasie in C Major, Op. 16* César Franck (1822-1890)

After Communion, all kneel.

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.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Closing Hymn #423

From the Hymnal 1982

Voluntary Ceremonial March

Herbert Sumson (1899-1995)

Notices

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

Sam Mary Withington 10am Libby Smith-Holmes & Daniel Beach

The Flowers on the Altar today are given in memory of all members of the Armed Forces who died serving our nation.

The Eucharistic elements (wine and bread) for the month of May are given in loving remembrance of Daniel Thornton by his wife Patty.

Refreshments will be served following the 10am service. Thank you to Judy and Grady Aronstamm for hosting today.

Ecce sacerdos magnus! Congratulations to Fr Gary Kriss, who was ordained 52 years ago on Trinity Sunday in St Paul's Cathedral, Burlington, Vermont. Amongst his Church appointments over the years, Fr Kriss has served as a parish priest; Precentor and then Dean of a cathedral (All Saints', Albany); and Dean of a theological college (Nashotah House, Wisconsin). Today, we're grateful that he is a part of our community at Bethesda, Saratoga Springs!

The **June Vestry meeting** will take place **in the church** immediately following the 10am service on Sunday, 23 June. Members of the parish are invited to attend. The meeting, which will be approximately 45 minutes, will include an update on parish building work and finances.

Special Monthly Envelope donations in May are being received for **Mary's Haven**. Mary's Haven, located in Saratoga Springs, is a residence serving persons with terminal illness who are within the last 3 months of their lives. Opened in 2003, Mary's Haven has assisted over 325 residents to live out their final days with dignity in a peaceful, loving and compassionate homelike environment, while supporting families and friends as they cope with the impending loss of a loved one. Referrals come from several sources including Hospice, health care agencies, hospitals, physicians, and social workers. Preference is given to those with the greatest need and the fewest options, regardless of race, gender, religion or age. Bereavement care, before and after the death of the resident, is an essential part of the journey to assist loved ones dealing with their loss. Because its services are provided free of charge to residents, Mary's Haven relies on funds raised through community contributions, memorial donations, and other fundraising efforts. Thank you for your generous support.

Summer Office Hours Beginning the week of 26 May, the office will be open Tuesdays from 10.30-11.30am. We advise that if you call ahead if you wish to visit in person, or email office@bethesdachurch.org with your query.

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.

Rising Prayer

***Thanks be to the Father
I arise today -
He gives me light,
He guides my way.***

***Thanks be to the Savior
I arise today -
He gives me love,
He hears me pray.***

***Thanks be to the Spirit
I arise today -
He gives me life,
With me to stay. Amen.***

- David Adam

David Adam (1936 – 2020) was a Church of England priest. Adam was born in Alnwick, Northumberland. After leaving school at 15, he worked in the coal mines for three years before training for ordained ministry. He was vicar of Castleton in North Yorkshire for over 20 years, and it was during this time that he began writing prayers in the Celtic pattern. He later became rector of Holy Island, Lindisfarne, ministering to thousands of pilgrims and other visitors. ‘Rising Prayer’ is a prayer of thanksgiving to God the Holy Trinity for the gift of a new day.



The Hospitality of Abraham is an icon created by Russian painter, Andrei Rublev, in the early 15th century. It depicts the three angels who visited Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (Genesis 18:1–8), but the painting is also interpreted as an icon of the Holy Trinity.



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