

# Bethesda Episcopal Church

**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**28 July 2024**

**Music:** Be Near Me Still *Ferdinand Hiller (1811-1885)*  
Edda Roemelt, soprano

*All stand as the ministers 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 #603**

*From the Hymnal 1982*

**The Collect of The Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

**The Lesson**

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

*All stand.*

**The Alleluia**



## ***The Holy Gospel***

*John 6:1-21*

*Celebrant  
People*

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*All*

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

## ***The Sermon***

*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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; for the Diocese of Albany, Bishop Jeremiah, and our priests, deacons, and lay ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For our own needs and those of others.

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

**Hymn at The Offertory #388**

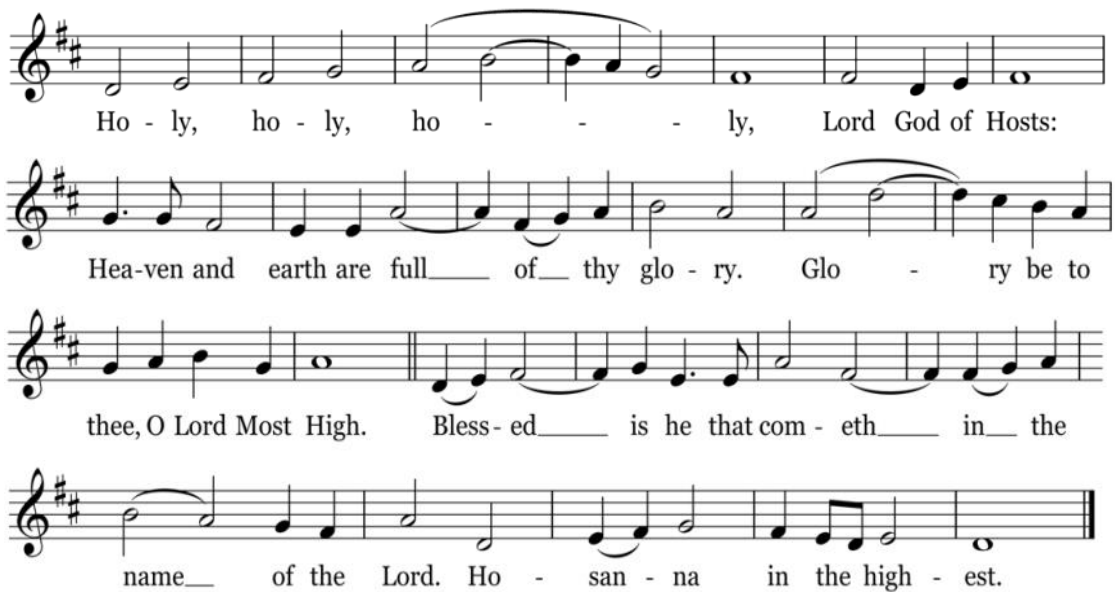
*From the Hymnal 1982*

*Remain standing*

## *The Eucharistic Prayer*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People*            **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,



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***

<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.**

### ***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 -

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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.*

**Music:** Ave Maria

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.*

*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 Spirit, 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 #637***

*From the Hymnal 1982*

**Organ**

Voluntary in A Minor

*John James (d.1745)*

## **Notices**

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Anthony Tasso, by his wife, Barbara.

**Thank you** to Bob Bullock for preaching at services this morning, and to those reading and leading prayers: 8am Mary Withington 10am Darren Miller and Rick Wissler

Join us for **lemonade and cookies** after the 10am service. Thanks to Pam Houde and Sara Manny for hosting.

Our **Summer Music Series** continues through August at 10am. Today, we welcome **Edda Roemelt**. Born and raised in Glenville, NY, Edda has always had an immense love of singing. She enjoys performing a wide variety of music, from arias and art songs to contemporary music and show tunes, and most recently appeared on stage at Home Made Theatre in The Sound of Music (Maria alternate/nun). Some of her other favorite roles include A Funny Thing Happened... Forum (Philia) at SLOC, Seussical the Musical (Mrs. Mayor) at BH-BL High School, and the title role in Cinderella. Edda is also a member of Bethesda's choir. Edda has also performed as a soloist for oratorio works such as Vivaldi's Gloria and John Rutter's Requiem, and received first place in the Adult Non-professional Category at the ENY/NATS Art Song Festival in 2019.

Off-stage, Edda is a mom to three fun-loving kiddos, and enjoys spending time with her husband, family and friends. She also works part-time as a Dietitian and Life Coach in her own private practice where she helps people with their eating and body image concerns.

**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.

**Concert** Bethesda hosts a performance of classical music for cello, piano and voice on Monday 12 August at 7.30pm. The musicians are recent graduates of American University, Washington, DC. Admission by freewill offering.

This year's **Parish Picnic** will be held on Sunday 29 September, beginning with the Eucharist at 11am. Anyone wishing to attend should email the office at the address below.

Anyone interested in **Baptism, Confirmation or Reception** into the Anglican Communion, should be in touch with Fr Wallace at office@bethesdachurch.org.

The **parish office** is currently open on Tuesdays from 10.30–11.30. During the summer, the best way to reach us is by email at office@bethesdachurch.org