

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

22 September 2024

Organ Flute Piece

William Hine (1687-1730)

The Opening Hymn #592

From the Hymnal 1982

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 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.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amén.**

All sit.

The Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

The Alleluia



Verse: O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; tell the people what things he hath done. (*Ps 105: 1*)

All repeat: **Alleluia.**

Remain standing.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

*Celebrant
People*

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them,

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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 our prayers for the Anglican Communion this week, we remember the Church of North India; and in the Albany Diocese, the ministry of our bishop, Jeremiah, and the clergy and people of St Stephen’s in Schenectady.

We give thanks to God for Sean, Michael, Jeremiah and Nathaniel who have received the sacrament of baptism; and ask God's blessing on Anne and Paul to be married this afternoon.

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

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

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

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

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

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Grant eternal rest to all who have died, and your comfort to those who mourn. We remember at this time the family of Mark Straus, especially Betty, Lucy and Alex. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest; to give, and not to count the cost; to fight, and not to heed the wounds; to toil, and not to seek for rest; to labor, and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Prayer of S. Ignatius Loyola)

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 the Absolution.

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 #337

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,

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



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 from Communion Service 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.

Motet God Be In My Head *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.*

Text: Sarum Primer, 1527

The Hymn during Communion #593 (remain seated) *From the Hymnal 1982*

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

The Closing Hymn #474

From the Hymnal 1982

Organ March in C

Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

Notices

The **flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the celebration and blessing of the marriage of Anne Ryan and Paul Batchelder.

Thank you to those reading and leading prayers this morning:

8am Sonia Arcelay 10 am Genna Henderson and Judy Aronstamm

Please join us for **lemonade and cookies** following the 10am service. Thank you to Claire and Tim Wood for hosting today.

Introduction of Communion Hymn Beginning today, we will be singing a hymn during the distribution of Communion at the 10am service. The hymns sung during this time will be new to many in the congregation (and choir!) which gives us an opportunity to learn some of the less familiar material in the *Hymnal 1982*. Today's hymn, written by Scottish Jesuit, Fr James Quinn, is a paraphrase of a prayer attributed to St Francis of Assisi, whose feast day falls on 4 October. The text is set to music by Leo Hastings Bristol, a former president of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ. Please remain kneeling to sing the hymn.

NEXT SUNDAY Church Services Please be advised that next week, Sunday 29th, there will be a service of Holy Communion at 8am in the church as usual. However, due to our parish BBQ, we will not have a **10am service** in church on this day.

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered yesterday for our **Church Cleanup**. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Spiritual Autobiography Group Spiritual autobiography is a significant practice in the Christian tradition. It ranges from St Augustine's classic "Confessions" to Teresa's "Interior Castles", to more modern writers like C.S. Lewis's "Surprised by Joy" to Fredrick Buechner's "Telling Secrets". This 4 session group will draw on the writings of C.S. Lewis and Fredrick Buechner in order to explore our own spiritual journeys. We will meet on four Monday evenings at 6:30 at the home of Cheryl and David Olsen. Our first meeting is tomorrow, 30 September, and then, 7th, 14th, and 28th October. No meeting on 21st. To register, email caolsen73@gmail.com or office@bethesdachurch.org

Midweek Service Beginning in October, there will be a service of Holy Communion on Thursdays at 12.10pm. In honor of St Francis, on 3 October, there will be blessing of any animals present (preferably accompanied by their owners!) at the conclusion of the service. All welcome.

Legs Miserables Two brisk autumn walks for parishioners (friends too!) in October: Thursday 10th at 2.15pm in Round Lake (Zim Smith trail); and Sunday 27th at 2.30pm for a guided tour of Greenridge Cemetery. More to come.

Parish Retreat Bethesda's annual residential retreat at Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, is November 1st-3rd. This year's retreat, led by Fr Ephrem OHC, explores the spirituality of the desert fathers and mothers of the fourth century extending all the way through the popular writings of Thomas Merton and Thomas Keating. For further information, speak to Fr Wallace.

Two November Concerts at Bethesda On **Friday, 1st November** at 7:30pm Bethesda welcomes Musicians of Ma'alwyck for *Mayhem and Madness*, a program offering music from quirky eighteenth and nineteenth-century composers related to the chaotic titular theme. To purchase tickets, contact www.musiciansofmaalwyck.org Then, on **Monday 4th** at 7pm, Bethesda hosts a *organ recital*, featuring music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Admission to the concert is free with donations gratefully received. This event is sponsored by the Eastern New York chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Further details on opposite page.

Bible Study: St Mark Bethesda parishioners are invited to participate in a four-week study of the Gospel of Mark beginning Wednesday, October 30th at 3.30pm. Mark's Gospel is the shortest among the four accounts and has often been overlooked throughout church history; however, one should not be fooled by its brevity or obscurity. Mark's account has rightfully earned the nickname "The Lion Gospel" because it is a swift and powerful account of Christ's life. Mark's rapid narrative is filled with suspense and relatable characters, which masterfully point to the Messiah. The course will be led by Jonathan Kimmel. After completing a Bachelor's in Business Administration, Jon sold accounting and HR software in Atlanta and Nashville. Jon then moved to Hong Kong where he met and married the love of his life, Carmen. They now have two beautiful boys—Gregory and Macarius. During the week, Jon is a secondary school teacher; on Sunday's he serves as Director of Christian Formation at the Cathedral of All Saints; and in his free time, enjoys traveling, exploring nature, and watching the NBA with his family. To register for the Bible study, contact: office@bethesdachurch.org

Bethesda Book Club The BBC will meet 5 December at 5.30pm to discuss the novel, *People of the Book*, by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Geraldine Brooks. To register, contact: office@bethesdachurch.org

Advance Notice The Bishop of Albany, Jeremiah Williamson, will make his first visit to Bethesda Church on Sunday, 16 February 2025. If you are interested in the sacrament of confirmation or being received into the Anglican Communion (Episcopal Church) on this occasion, please have a word with Fr Wallace, or contact the office.

Office Hours The office is normally open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10.00-12.30.

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.

Parish Outreach

Special Monthly Envelope Our appeal in **September** supports the work of *Habitat for Humanity*. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that helps people build, repair and improve homes and neighborhoods, particularly in urban areas, by working with communities to address their housing needs. It also works closely with local agencies to respond quickly to communities affected by natural disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

LifeWorks Community Action is a non-profit established in 1965 that works to alleviate poverty by assisting local families and individuals with a wide range of services. Bethesda is currently collecting the following items on behalf of **LifeWorks**:

- ◆ Household cleaning supplies. Laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent
- ◆ Canned Foods including those low in salt, fat & sugar and gluten free.
- ◆ 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.

Please leave donated items *in the box by the side door entrance* of the church. Thank you!

Brian Hoffman “Bach Multimedia Extravaganza”

This performance consists of two distinct multimedia presentations, featuring J.S. Bach, the pipe organ, a 13’ wide 4K projection screen, and narration. (Duration: 90 minutes)

Program 1. “Bach & the Majestic Organ”

- a brief presentation on the components of pipe organs.
- a virtual video tour through pipe organ chambers.
- imagery of incredible pipe organ facades from around the world.
- all set to organ works of Bach, performed live by Brian Hoffman.

Program 2. “Bach in Space” (Abbreviated Show)

- a narrated, virtual flight to the International Space Station.
- stunning fly-over videos of Earth, set to live Bach works.

Monday, November 4, 2024 at 7 pm
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