

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

13 October 2024

Organ Meditation in B Minor

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

All stand as the choir and minsters enter.

The Opening Hymn #686

From the Hymnal 1982

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 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

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

Let us pray. Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The First Reading

Amos 5.6-7,10-15

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Remain seated.

The Gradual: Psalm 90.12-17

Jerome Meachen (b. 1930)



Choir: So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

Congregation:

14 **Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**
15 **Make us glad by the measure of the days that you aflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered ad-versity.**
16 **Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.**
17 **May the graciousness of the LORD our God be up-on us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

The Second Reading

Hebrews 4.12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our

confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

All stand.

The Alleluia



Cantor: Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in him; he is their helper and defender. *Ps 115.11*

All repeat: **Alleluia.**

Remain standing.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 10.17-31

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, the man was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not

receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

The Sermon

All stand.

The Nicene Creed *Said by all*

The Priest begins: 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 today, we remember the Episcopal Church of the Philippines; and in the Albany Diocese, our hospital chaplains. We pray for Hugo, who will receive the sacrament of baptism this afternoon, and for this parents and godparents.

We remember all those whose lives have been impacted by Hurricane Milton and for those assisting with relief and recovery in the aftermath of the storm.

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, remembering today, Sheila McCrossen.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

In a moment of silence, we pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant: Lord, make us instruments of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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.

Celebrant: 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 #632

From the Hymnal 1982

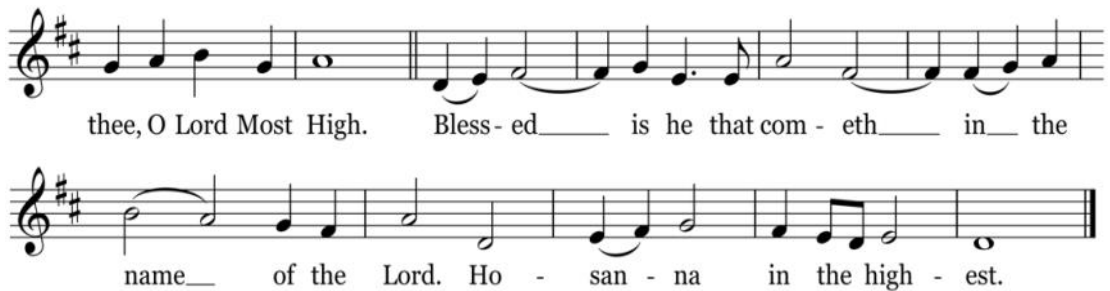
Remain standing.

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



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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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
People*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
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 high altar. Please move at the direction of the ushers.

The Agnus Dei from Communion Service in a

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

*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.*

Choir:

Be Still, My Soul

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Be still, my soul, for God is near; the great High Priest is with thee now;
The Lord of life himself is here, before whose face the angels bow.
To make thy heart his lowly throne, thy Savior God in love draws nigh.
He gives himself unto his own for whom he once came down to die.
I come, O Lord, for thou dost call to blend my pleading prayer with thine;
To thee I give myself, my all, and feed on thee and make thee mine. Amen.

Text: W. D. MacLagan (c. 1873)

Communion Hymn: #492 (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 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 #538

From the Hymnal 1982

Organ

Praeludium in F

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Notices

Welcome to Bethesda Church. Thank you for joining us this morning. If you are new to the community and interested in becoming a member of Bethesda, introduce yourself to an usher or to Fr Wallace. Complete the form on the back page of this bulletin for more information about the parish.

The **flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gwendolyn Grant Klimpke, by her daughter, Katie Richman.

Thank you to those reading and leading prayers this morning:

8am Sonia Arcelay 10 am Katie Hooper and Mary Shartle

Please join us for **lemonade and cookies** following the 10am service. Thank you to Kathleen and Mark Anspach for hosting.

Bread Recipe Fr Kriss has very kindly shared his bread recipe used at the recent outdoor Eucharist. Copies may be found on the tract table.

Holy Communion this Thursday, 17 October, at 12.10pm. All welcome.

Legs Misérables Bethesda's parish walking group will meet Sunday, 20 October at 2.30pm for a guided tour/walk through Greenridge Cemetery led by local historian, Gloria May. Gather at the Lincoln Avenue gate by 2.25pm. To register and receive further details, email office@bethesdachurch.org

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: office@bethesdachurch.org

Invitation from Fr Marshall Vang The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, Dean Emeritus, will observe the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, 26th October, at a Solemn Eucharist at 11am, at The Cathedral of All Saints, Swan and Elk Streets, Albany. Your prayers are asked. Your presence is requested.

Two November Concerts at Bethesda Friday, 1st November at 7:30pm, Bethesda welcomes Musicians of Ma'alwyck for *Mayhem and Madness*, a program of music from quirky eighteenth and nineteenth-century composers. To purchase tickets, go to www.musiciansofmaalwyck.org. Then, on Monday 4th at 7pm, Bethesda hosts an *organ recital*, featuring music of J.S. Bach.

Remembrance Sunday & Commemoration of the Faithful Departed On Sunday 10 November, the names of loved ones who have died in the past year will be read at the 8am and 10am services. If you wish to add a name, a list is available on the tract table at the back of the church, or notify the office.

Bethesda Book Club The parish book group will meet in the new year to discuss *People of the Book*, by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Geraldine Brooks. For more information, please contact: office@bethesdachurch.org

Baptism, Confirmation and Reception Instruction Bishop Williamson makes his first visit to the parish on Sunday 16 February, 2025. Anyone wishing to be confirmed or received into the Anglican Communion on this occasion should speak to Fr Wallace.

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.

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

Parish Outreach

October Special Monthly Envelope Donations to our monthly envelope for October will be divided between the feeding ministry at the local Presbyterian – United Church of Christ which provides meals to those in need; and Christ Church Food Pantry, a ministry operated by the Episcopal parish in Ballston Spa.

Paradise in Recovery November 15-17, 2024. Christ the King Center, Greenwich, NY hosts a faith-based retreat for people in recovery based upon the 12-Step programs. The retreat is open to any 12-step recovery program members (AA, Al-anon, NA, Nar-anon, OA, etc.) or those wishing to learn more about them, regardless of faith tradition.

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!



Please place this form in the collection plate if you would like us to get in touch with you:

Name:

Phone:

Email address:

Home address:

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
- Would like information about pledge envelopes or regular giving to Bethesda
- Other _____

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