

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

20 October 2024

Organ Voluntary in C

Francis Linley (1771-1800)

All stand as the choir and minsters enter.

The Entrance Hymn #477

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. Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit.

The First Reading

Isaiah 53.4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated.

The Gradual Psalm 91: 9-16

Tone IV.7



9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge,*
and the Most High your habi-tation,

10 **There shall no evil happen to you,***
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,*
to keep you in all your ways.

12 **They shall bear you in their hands,***
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;*
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 **Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;***
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and *I will answer him*; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to *honor*.

16 **With long life will I *satisfy him*, ***
and show him my *sal-vation*.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

The Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. _____

Cantor: Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord;
Yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God. *Ps. 146:1-2*

All repeat: **Alleluia.**

Remain standing.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

People

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are

you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.*

**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, Confession and Absolution

In our prayers for the Anglican Communion, we remember the Province of Rwanda; and in the Albany Diocese, those involved in healing ministries and hospital chaplaincy.

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, *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 a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty and most merciful God, grant that by the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit, we may be enlightened and strengthened for thy service; 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.**

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 #495

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,

The 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, 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.

The Agnus Dei from Missa Sancti Niniani

Sydney Nicholson (1875-1947)

*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 high altar. Please move at the direction of the ushers.

Choir: Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

*Word, equal to the Highest, our only Hope,
Eternal day of the earth and heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us!*

*Spread over us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul,
That drives us to forget your laws.*

*O Christ, show favor to this faithful people now assembled
In order to bless (thank) you now.
Accept the songs they offer to your immortal glory;
And may they go forth filled with your gifts.*

Text: Jean Racine, 1688

Hymn during Communion #300 (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 #423

From the Hymnal 1982

Organ Hymn Improvisation on 'God of Grace' *Maurice Whitney (1909-1984)*

Parish 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 Tim Brenenstuhl by his parents, Laurie and Gary Brenenstuhl.

Thank you to Deacon Helene Patterson for preaching this morning, and to those reading and leading prayers:

Sam Bob Bullock 10 am Tom Remington and Joyce Cole

Please join us for **refreshments** following the 10am service. Thank you to Tim and Libby Smith-Holmes for hosting. We are looking for volunteers to provide refreshments in November and December. A sign-up rota is available on the lectern located at the entrance.

Legs Misérables Bethesda's walking group will meet **THIS AFTERNOON** 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

Holy Communion this Thursday, 24 October, at 12.10pm. All welcome.

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, Director of Christian Formation at the Cathedral of All Saints. Classes are held at Bethesda. 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. Additional information is printed on p.12.

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.

Community Events and 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.

Volunteers needed Mary's Haven is a community home for the dying. The home accommodates two residents at a time. The house, which is funded through Catholic Charities, also depends heavily on the local community for donations. There is no charge to the families of residents. Volunteers, paid staff and a Hospice team care for the residents 24-hours a day. All volunteers receive appropriate training. If you can help, or would like further information, contact Agatha (Director) 518-584-9397.

Organ Recital at Glens Falls Presbyterian on Friday 25 October at 7.30pm. Program includes works by Bach, Schumann, Vierne and Saint-Saens. Suggested donation for entry is \$15. David Baskeyfield is an international concert organist. He holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music and has claimed top prizes in prestigious competitions and performed extensively across the United States and Europe. He currently serves as Organist and Choirmaster at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, NC.

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 canned food, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, and household supplies on behalf of LifeWorks. Place donated items in the box by the side door entrance.

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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