

# Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

27 October 2024

**Organ** Trumpet Voluntary

Thomas Sanders Dupuis (1733-1796)

All stand as the choir and minsters enter.

**The Opening Hymn #411**

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, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit.

**The First Reading**

Jeremiah 31.7-9

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, and those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

**The Gradual: Psalm 126**

Tone IV.6



- 1 When the LORD restored the for-tunes of Zi-on, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laugh-ter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 **Then they said a-mong the nations**, \*  
**"The LORD has done great things for them."**
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad in-deed.
- 5 **Restore our for-tunes, O LORD**, \*  
**like the watercourses of the Negev.**
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 **Those who go out weeping, carry-ing the seed**, \*  
**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**The Second Reading**

Hebrews 7.23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he

has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

### **The Alleluia**



*Cantor:* Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. (Ps 147.12)

*All:* **Alleluia.**

*Remain standing.*

### **The Holy Gospel**

*Mark 10.46-52*

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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, Confession and Absolution***

In our prayers for the Anglican Communion, we remember the Scottish Episcopal Church; and in the Albany Diocese, our bishop, Jeremiah, and all parish vestries and committees.

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 for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name maybe united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

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 pronounces 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 #660**

*From the Hymnal 1982*

*Remain standing.*

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

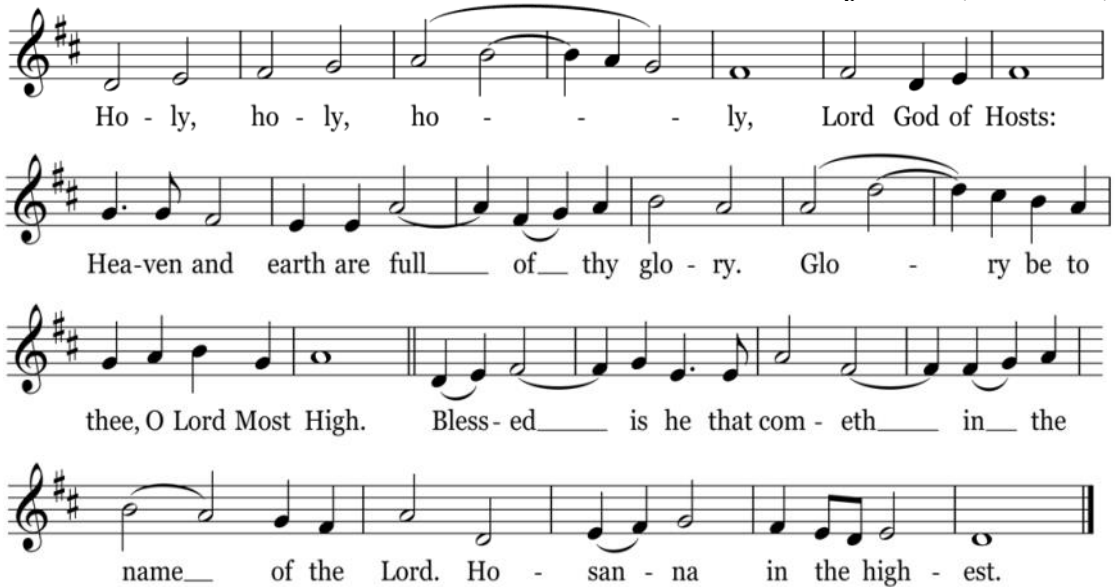
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The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
**It is meet and right so to do.**

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. 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  
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.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

**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 The Mass for 4 Voices

*William Byrd (1540-1623)*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon 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:*** O Lord, Increase My Faith

*Henry Loosemore (1607-1670)*

*O Lord increase my faith; strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith.*  
*Endue me with wisdom, charity and patience.*  
*In all my adversity, sweet Jesus, say Amen.*



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 among 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 #371**

From the Hymnal 1982

**Organ**

Marche Triomphale

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

**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. You may also complete the form on the back page.

**Thank you** to those reading and leading prayers:

Sam Lynne Priestley 10 am John van der Veer and Libby Smith-Holmes

Please join us for **refreshments** following the 10am service. Thank you to Judy and Grady Aronstamm for hosting. We are looking for volunteers to provide refreshments in November and December. A sign-up rota is available at the entrance.

**Holy Communion** this Thursday, 31 October, at 12.10pm. All welcome.

**Reminder:** Turn clocks back one hour *next weekend!*

**Totes and Towels** Following services today, Deb Lacombe, is selling a variety of tea towels and tote bags which she has designed. All proceeds from this sale support the parish fuel fund. Towels which are 100% cotton, come in blue or red stripe 18"x24"; totes come in white 14" wide x 15.5" high. Order forms are also available at a table at the back of the church. Thanks to Deb for her generous support and thoughtfulness.

**Bible Study: St Mark** Bethesda parishioners are invited to participate in a four-week study of the Gospel of Mark beginning THIS WEDNESDAY, October 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org)

**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](http://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 and friends 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 you may 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](mailto: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.

**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.

<b>Operational* Financial Performance</b>		
<b>Year to Date September 2024</b>		

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>B/(W) Budget</u>
<b>Expense:</b>		
Rector (incl Rectory)	\$ 95,853	\$ 4,598
Building and Programs	40,114	(4,271)
Office/Employees/Fees	38,337	1,233
Diocese	41,580	-
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>\$ 215,883</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,561</u></b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Pledge and Plate	\$ 186,031	\$ 27,384
Other unrestricted	650	(350)
Dividends and Distributi	15,746	1,608
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$ 202,427</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 28,641</u></b>
<b>Net Income (deficit)</b>	<b><u>\$ (13,457)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 30,202</u></b>

\*Operational view does not include items with designated funding, such as Choir

Overall our expenses are running near budget Year to Date September, with lower Rectory maintenance costs, and some church repairs charged to Operational spending.

Year to date Giving is over budget, thanks to extra giving early in the year. As a result, our deficit is lower than expected at this point, and could close with strong 4th Quarter giving.

### **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**  
**Bethesda Episcopal Church, Saratoga Springs, NY**  
**Sponsored by ENYAGO Chapter**  
**Free-will offering to benefit Bethesda organ fund.**

For further information, please visit:  
[www.brianhoffmanorganist.com](http://www.brianhoffmanorganist.com)



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- 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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