

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Solemnity of All Saints

3 November 2024

Organ Jesus Calls to Me (*Eleven Chorale Preludes*)

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

All stand as the choir and minsters enter.

The Processional Hymn #286

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. O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All sit.

The First Reading

Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Remain seated.

The Gradual: Psalm 24

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

- The earth is the LORD'S, and all that therein is; *
the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, * and prepared it upon the floods.
3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? * or who shall rise up
in his holy place?
4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; * and that hath not lift up his
mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.
5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, *
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 This is the generation of them that seek him; *
even of them that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.
7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
8 Who is this King of glory? *
It is the LORD strong and mighty, even the LORD mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
10 Who is this King of glory? * Even the LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

The Second Reading

Revelation 21.1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

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 Intercessions for the Church and the world, we pray for Anglican Communion, and this week, for the Province of South East Asia. In the Albany Diocese, we remember Jeremiah, our Bishop, and the clergy and people of All Saints Cathedral, Albany, as celebrate their feast of title this weekend. We ask God's blessing on those attending the annual parish retreat at Holy Cross Monastery, West Park.

Let us now join our prayers with those of our Savior Jesus Christ, seeking the Father's blessing, and the gifts of the Spirit, saying, *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Jesus Christ, our great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of your majesty on high, pray for this troubled world, and make it subject to your just and gentle rule.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your brothers and sisters in any need, distress or sorrow, remembering especially Faye and Christopher. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises; and today, we pray for the repose of the soul of Robert. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who bear witness to your glory and power. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The Celebrant says a concluding prayer followed by the invitation to Confession.

The Confession and Absolution

**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 #287

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

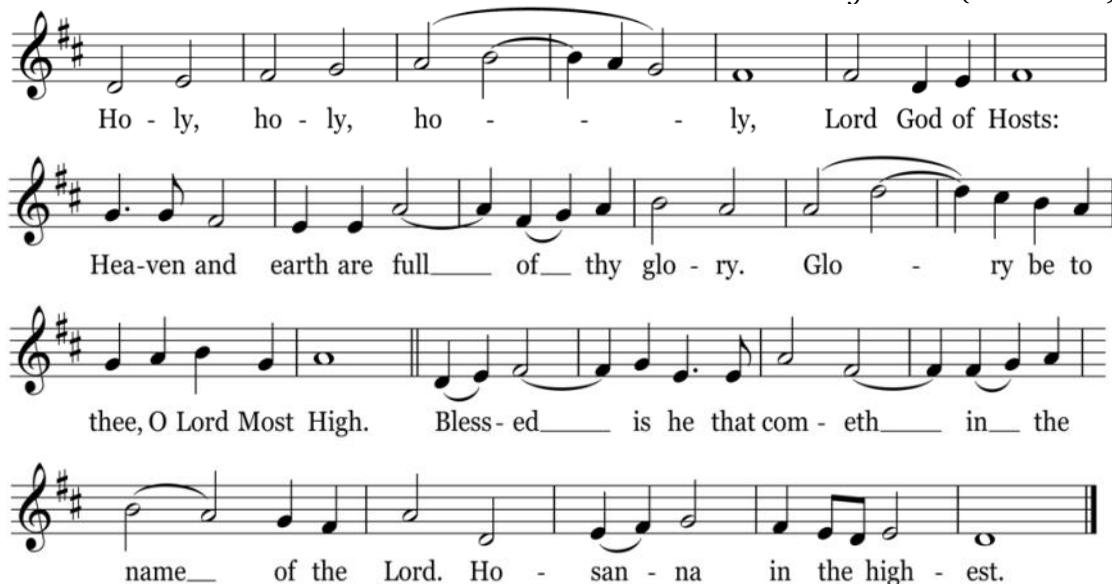
The Eucharistic Prayer

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. Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. 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, 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.**

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 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 Missa “O Quam Gloriosum” *Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)*

*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: Give Us The Wings of Faith *Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)*

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above. How great their joys, how bright their glories be! We asked them whence their victory came. They, with one united breath, ascribed their conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death. They marked the footsteps that He trod; His zeal inspired their breast, and following their incarnate God, they reached their promised rest.

Text: Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Hymn #623 (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 #618

From the Hymnal 1982

Organ

Rigaudon

André Campra (1660-1744)

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. Complete the form on the back page of this bulletin for more information about the parish.

The **flowers** on the altar and Communion elements are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Madeline Stewart by Lynne Priestley.

Thank you to Fr Gary Kriss for celebrating and preaching at services, and to those reading and leading prayers this morning:

8am Mary Withington

10 am Stephanie Lein and Judy Aronstamm

Please join us for **refreshments** following the 10am service. Thank you to Laurie Brenstuhl for hosting.

Organ Recital TOMORROW Monday 4th at 7pm, Bethesda hosts an *organ recital*, featuring music of J.S. Bach. Freewill offering to benefit Bethesda's organ fund.

Bible Study: **Bethesda's** four-week study of the Gospel of Mark continues this Wednesday, 6 November at 3.30pm. To register: office@bethesdachurch.org

Holy Communion this Thursday, 7 November, at 12.10pm. All welcome.

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.

Victorian Street Walk We are looking for a few volunteers to welcome visitors to the church on the evening of Thursday 5 December from 6pm to 8.30pm. Please call the office if you are willing to assist.

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

Special Monthly Envelope Our special monthly appeal in **November** supports the work of the Saratoga County Children's Committee Empty Stocking Project. The Empty Stocking Project is the largest and most widely recognized program of the Saratoga County

Children's Committee. Their mission is to embody the holiday spirit by helping to provide families in need with a joyous holiday. Each year, they are able to provide over 900 children living in Saratoga County with a wonderful holiday season.

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.

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.

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

For further information, please visit:

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