

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

9 February 2025

Organ Two Pieces: No. 1 Diapason Movement, No. 2 Flute Piece *George Green (18th c.)*

All stand as the Ministers enter.

The Celebrant says

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	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 Opening Hymn #537

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Collect of The Day

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

The Word of the Lord.	Thanks be to God.
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All stand.

The Alleluia



The cantor sings the appointed verse.

All repeat: **Alleluia.**

Remain standing.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

*Celebrant
People*

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

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

In our prayers for the Anglican Communion, we remember the Church of the Province of South East Asia; and in the Albany Diocese, our bishop, Jeremiah Williamson.

We ask God's blessing on our annual meeting today.

Let us pray.

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.

We pray for those preparing for baptism and confirmation.
That they may be rooted and grounded in your love.

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;
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.

The Celebrant says the concluding prayer.

Almighty God, giver of strength and joy: change, we beseech thee, our bondage into liberty, and the poverty of our nature into the riches of thy grace; that, by the transformation of our lives, thy glory may be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. 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 #637

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son 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.**

Our Father

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

*Celebrant
People*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Agnus Dei

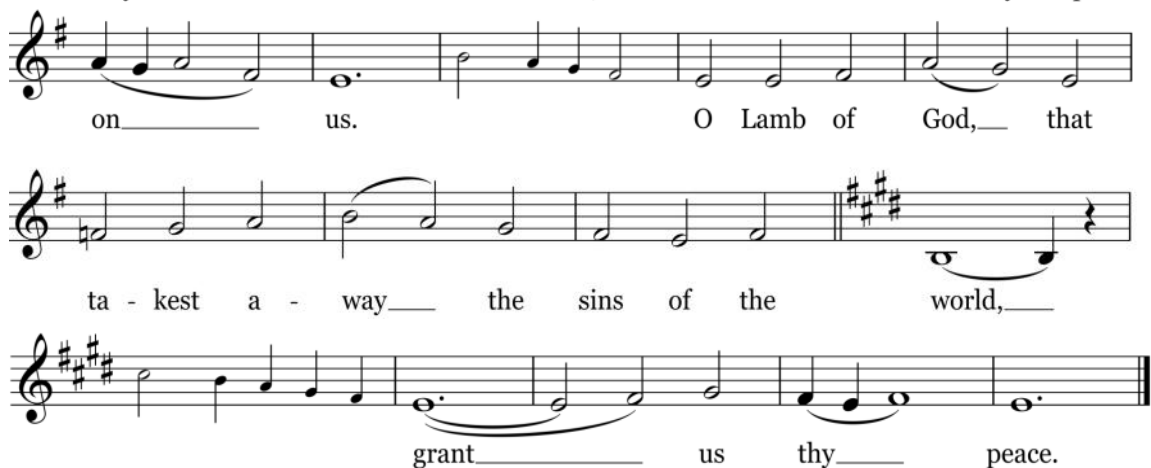
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O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the

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Communion is administered at the high altar. Please move at the direction of the ushers.

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
People

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

The Closing Hymn #706

From the Hymnal 1982

Organ Prelude in A Minor

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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.

Thank you to those reading and leading prayers this morning:

8am Mary Withington

10am Mark Claverie

Please join us for **coffee** following the 10am service. Thank you to Ethan and Lauretta Goss for hosting. If you are able to host between 2/23 and Palm Sunday, please sign your name on the rota in the narthex.

Bethesda's **ANNUAL MEETING** follows today's 10am service.

THIS AFTERNOON Come to Bethesda and hear the Capital Region's newest choral group performing, *Jesu, Meine Freude* by J.S. Bach, and two works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, *Mass in G* and *Serenade to Music*. Tickets \$25, general seating.

TOMORROW, Monday 10th at 5pm. *Learning from the Past, Being the Present, Creating the Future.* Discover the vast Black history of Saratoga and the greater Capital Region with the Underground Railroad History Project and historian, Field Horne. Location: Wyckoff Room, Case Center, Skidmore College.

Bethesda Book Club The BBC meets this Thursday, 13th, at 5.30pm to discuss *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks. To participate contact: office@bethesdachurch.org

NEXT SUNDAY: Bishop Williamson, makes his first visit to Bethesda next week. He will celebrate and preach at both services.

Thursday service Holy Communion at 12.10pm resumes Thursday 20 February.

Remember that dust thou art! A basket has been placed at the back of the church in which you may place palm crosses from last year. These palm crosses will then be used to make the ash for this year's Ash Wednesday services.

February's Special Monthly Envelope supports the Franklin Community Center. Located in downtown Saratoga Springs but serving all of Saratoga County, the Franklin Community Center has been providing support to local individuals and families since 1983.

Annual Meeting:

Bethesda Building and Grounds 2024-25

Masonry Work: Stone masonry repairs to the Bethesda Church building were completed in October. These repairs included repointing and resetting stone at the bottom of a buttress on the east side of the building, rebuilding and repointing the bottom six courses of stone at the base of a buttress on the west side of the building and restoration of the back-up wall beneath eight courses of veneer stone to address and correct a bulge in the bell tower edifice. The work was completed with the oversight of the Church's architect to ensure that all work was done in a manner consistent with the historic character of the Church building.

Steel Shoring: Due to extensive deterioration, thirteen support columns located in the extreme north end of the undercroft needed immediate replacement. This repair was completed in October by the installation of thirteen galvanized, adjustable steel shoring columns.

Fire Safety: In November, a new fire department connection (FDC) was installed to upgrade the connection to current standards. In December, a sprinkler inspection was performed and the system found in compliance.

Plumbing: In January, the sink in the lavatory off the narthex was replaced. The sacristy sink faucet was also repaired and upgraded by the installation of ball valve in the water supply line to the sink.

Northeast Side Door Hardware Repair: Replacement of the door hardware is scheduled for February 12th.

Fencing Around the Perimeter of the West Side Lot: The Church's architect is reviewing the City's Historic Preservation Design Guidelines and will provide us with some options.

Future Matters: Removal of sidewalk slabs and regrading on the east side of the Church. Clean out of the undercroft.



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

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Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Home address: _____

Preferred contact method: _____

Contact Reasons:

- ☐ 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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