

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday in Lent

16 March 2025

8.00 Holy Communion

*The Reading, Gospel, and Prayers of the People can be found below.
The service order is printed on the laminated card.*

10.00 Sung Eucharist

Organ Récit de Cromorne en taille *Guillaume-Antoine Calvière (1700-1755)*

All stand as the choir and ministers enter.

The Entrance Hymn #142

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

*Celebrant
People*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures forever.

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 Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment, and the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.'

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

The Kyrie Eleison

John Merbecke (1510-1585)



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Remain standing.

The Collect of the Day

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

Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ, thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

All stand.

The Gradual Hymn #691

From the Hymnal 1982

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

The Sermon

Deacon Helene Patterson

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

This week, in the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa; and in our diocese, for our bishop Jeremiah Williamson, and the parish of Holy Cross, Warrensburg.

We remember with thanksgiving those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, and those whose year's mind falls at this time.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, graciously hear us.

For the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, and especially, for this parish family, Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those preparing for baptism and confirmation, and for their sponsors; Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, and the sick; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected; remembering especially, Robert, Fred, Jerilyn, Frank, Nancy and Robin. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended, Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness and are now at rest. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, greet those around you in the name of the Lord.

The Peace

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.

Hymn at the Offertory #337

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

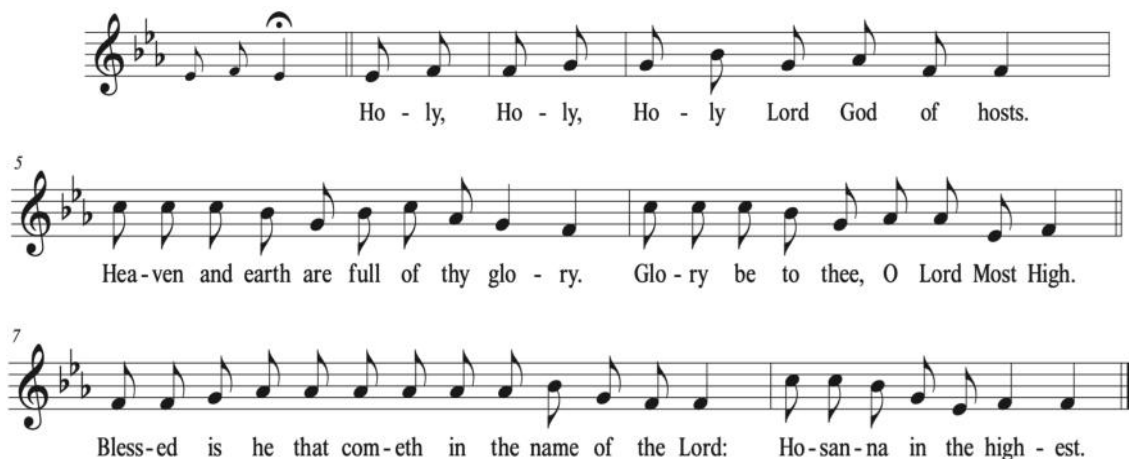
The Eucharistic Prayer

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died and rose again. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus Qui Venit *Sung by all, standing*

Merbecke



The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It contains a half note G4, followed by a double bar line, then quarter notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts." are written below the staff. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked with a '5', followed by quarter notes D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2. The lyrics "Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High." are written below the staff. The third staff begins with a measure rest marked with a '7', followed by quarter notes D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F#1, E1, D1, C1, B0, A0, G0, F#0, E0, D0, C0. The lyrics "Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the name of the Lord: Ho-san-na in the high - est." are written below the staff.

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.**

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

Remain kneeling.

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 Mass in the Phrygian Mode

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

*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 administered at the High Altar. Please move at the direction of the ushers.

Motet: Call To Remembrance *Richard Farrant (1525-1580)*

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth, but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness. (*Ps 25: 6-7*)

Hymn #577

After Communion, all kneel.

The Post-Communion Prayer *Said by the Celebrant.*

Let us pray. O Lord and heavenly Father, who has given unto thy people the true bread which comes down from heaven, even thy Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that throughout this Lent, our souls may so be fed by him, that we may continually live in him and he in us; and that day by day, we may be renewed in spirit by the power of his endless life; who gave himself for us, and now lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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*

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand.

The Closing Hymn #675

From the Hymnal 1982

Organ

Postlude in C Minor

Miguel Hilarion Eslava (1807-1878)

Notices

Welcome to Bethesda Church! Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you are interested in joining the parish, introduce yourself to Fr Wallace or complete the form on page 12.

Thank you to those reading and leading prayers at services today:

8am Bob Bullock

10am Genna Henderson & Tom Remington

Please join us for a **cup of coffee** following the 10am service. Thanks to the McVicker family for hosting today.

Special Monthly Envelope Bethesda's special monthly envelope for **March** supports LifeWorks Community Action. Since 1965, Lifeworks has built a comprehensive network of programs and resources in Saratoga County to assist low-income families facing a variety of challenges, including health, housing, childcare, immigration and legal services.

Office The parish office on Elm Street will be open Tuesday and Wednesday this week from 10–1pm and from 1 to 3pm on Thursday.

Upcoming Services and Events at Bethesda

Midweek Service in Lent A midweek service is held on Thursdays in Lent at 12.10pm. Our next Communion service is 20 March.

Our Lent Course on *The Seven Deadly Sins* meets this week (Wednesday 19 March) at Bethesda. Please be sure to RSVP to office@bethesdachurch.org or 518.584.5980 if you are joining us for a light supper at 6pm. The class begins at 6.30pm and lasts one hour.

Stations of the Cross. On Wednesday, 26 March and 16 April at 7pm, The Stations of the Cross, a series of meditations on the Passion, Crucifixion and death of Jesus, will be said in the church. All welcome.


Spring Cleaning to prepare the church for Holy Week-Easter is planned for Saturday 5th April at 9am. The more, the merrier...!

Community and Diocesan Events

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**:

- ♦ 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.

You may leave donated items in the box by the side door entrance. Thank you!


CATHEDRAL ARTS
**Gilded Age
Art Tour**
at The Cathedral of All Saints
Albany First Fridays
Open for visitors 5- 7PM
Tours start at 5:30PM
cathedralofallsaints.org 62. South Swan St, Albany

Daily Prayer in Lent — beginning Monday 17 March

Invocation: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Prayer (said daily)

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Reading:

Monday	1 Kings 17.8-16
Tuesday	2 Kings 4.38-44
Wednesday	Mark 8.1-10
Thursday	Matthew 15.29-39
Friday	John 6.1-15
Saturday	John 2.1-11

After the reading each day, silence may be kept for a time; then read Psalm 132.1-10

Lord, remember David, * and all the hardships he endured;
How he swore an oath to the Lord * and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
"I will not come under the roof of my house, * nor climb up into my bed;
I will not allow my eyes to sleep, * nor let my eyelids slumber;
Until I find a place for the Lord, * a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob"
"The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; * we found it in the fields of Jearim.
Let us go to God's dwelling place; * let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, * you and the ark of your strength.
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; * let your faithful people sing with joy.
For your servant David's sake, * do not turn away the face of your anointed.

Prayers

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.

Almighty God, give us grace, we pray, to bear witness to your Son, Jesus Christ, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.



Holy Week & Easter Offerings

Bethesda offers the opportunity to purchase palms for Palm Sunday as well as flowers for Easter Sunday. If this is something that you would like to do, please complete this form and return it to the church office. You can place the completed form in the offering plate or mail it to the office at the address below.

I would like to contribute towards the following:

- ☐ Palms (Fans and Fronds) \$20
- ☐ Maundy Thursday (Altar of Repose, white flowers) \$25 each
- ☐ Easter Flowers (Lilies, Hyacinths, etc) \$25 each

Given By:

In **Honor** of:

In **Memory** of:

Please return to the church office before April 11, 2025:

Bethesda Episcopal Church Office
178 Elm St. Suite 5
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866





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:

- ☐ 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
- ☐ Other _____

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