

Bethesda Episcopal Church

Trinity Sunday

15 June 2025

8.00 Holy Communion

*At the 8am service, the order of service is printed on the laminated card.
The Reading, Gospel, and Prayers of the People can be found below.*

10.00 Sung Eucharist

Music

Scottish Airs

Elizabeth Huntley, harp

Traditional

All stand as the minsters enter. 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 Opening Hymn #362

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Collect of the Day

***Celebrant
People***

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had

been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth-- when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

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

All stand.

The Gradual Hymn #365

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Holy Gospel

John 16:12-15

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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 in Mexico, and in our diocese, we pray for Bishop Williamson and the upcoming Recovery Retreat at Christ the King Center. We give thanks for our fathers today, and pray that God will strengthen them to be examples of his love.

Let us pray in faith to God our Father, to his Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, saying, “*Lord, hear and have mercy.*”

For the Church of the living God throughout the world, let us ask the riches of his grace: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who proclaim the word of truth, let us ask the infinite wisdom of Christ: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, let us ask the gifts of the Spirit: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For our country and its leaders, for all who govern the nations of the world, and those who strive for justice and peace, let us ask the strength of God: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, remembering by name, Richard, Marcia, John and Fred; let us ask the healing touch of Christ: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, let us ask the peace of the Lord: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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 #401

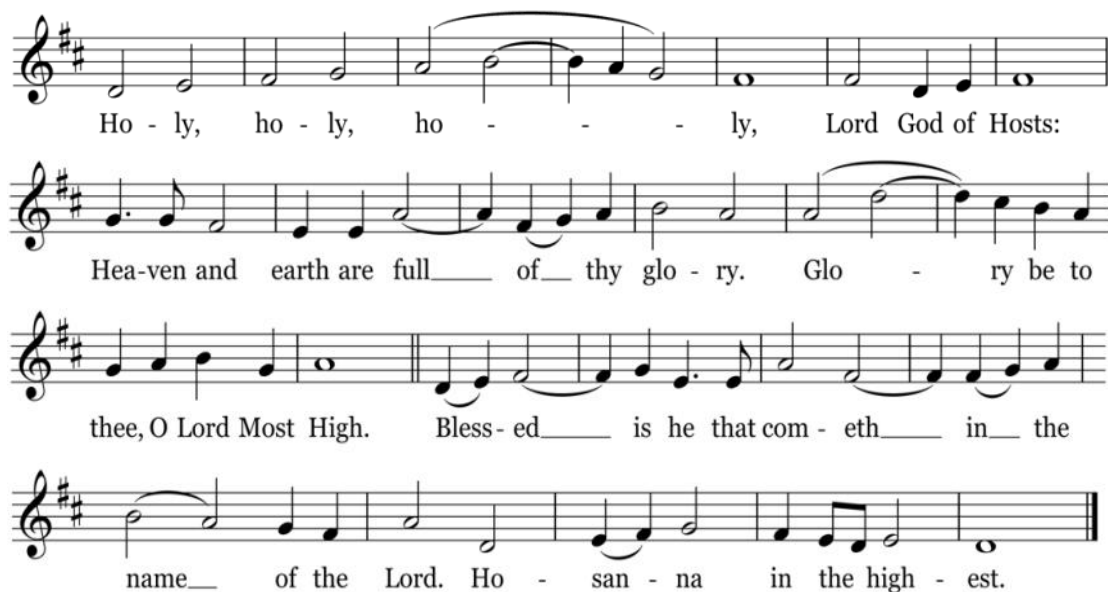
From the Hymnal 1982

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. For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,



All kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer (on p. 340 of the BCP), which concludes,

... 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 *The setting is found on page S-158 of the Hymnal.*

Communion is distributed at the high altar. Please move at the direction of the usher.

Music during Communion Hymn Medley

Traditional

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.**

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

The Closing Hymn #423

From the Hymnal 1982

Music

Blessed Assurance

Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908)

Notices

Welcome to Bethesda Church! If you are visiting and wish to learn more about our parish, please introduce yourself to Fr Wallace or an usher.

Thank you to those **reading and leading prayers** this morning: Mike Dunn at 8am; and Darren Miller and Libby Smith-Holmes at 10am. We are also grateful for the flowers at the high altar which come from Kathleen and Mark Anspach's garden.

Please join us for refreshments after the 10am service. Thank you to the Goss family for hosting today

Special Monthly Envelope Our appeal in **June** supports the work of Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that helps people build, repair and improve homes and neighborhoods, particularly in urban areas, by working with communities to address their housing needs.

Vestry Meeting Parishioners are invited to attend the Vestry meeting following the 10am service on Sunday, 22 June. The meeting will include an update on the old Rectory project and parish finances.

Members of the **Orchestra of the NYC Ballet** will perform a recital at Bethesda on Thursday 10 July at 4pm. All welcome.

Excelsior Vocal Ensemble presents *Celestial England* on Saturday 19 July at 3pm at Bethesda Church. Returning to Bethesda in July, Excelsior travels the scope of English Choral Music from across the centuries. Herbert Howells stirring Requiem and the sublime William Byrd Mass for Five Voices are contrasted with the powerful Five Spirituals from “A Child of Our Time” and selections from Gustav Holst’s charming Choral Folk Songs. With special guest organist, Derek Stannard, don’t miss this intimate, high caliber performance in a beautiful space. Tickets \$25, general seating, Saratoga-arts.org/ events or at door.

Parking The lot adjacent to the church, which is accessible via Congress Street, offers free parking for the first two hours.

Summer Music Series: Elizabeth Huntley

A graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, harpist Elizabeth Huntley is one of the NY Capital District/Saratoga/ Lake George Region’s busiest musicians. She is a member of the Glens Falls Symphony and teaches at Skidmore College and SUNY Adirondack.

Elizabeth is a board member of The American Harp Society Foundation and The Historical Harp Society. Currently the editor of the Historical Harp Society Bulletin, she served as editor of The American Harp Journal from 1998–2017.

‘Rising Prayer’

***Thanks be to the Father
I arise today -
He gives me light,
He guides my way.***

***Thanks be to the Savior
I arise today -
He gives me love,
He hears me pray.***

***Thanks be to the Spirit
I arise today -
He gives me life,
With me to stay. Amen.***

- David Adam

David Adam (1936 – 2020) was a Church of England priest and poet. After leaving school at 15, he worked in the coal mines of Northumberland for three years before training for ordained ministry. He was a vicar in North Yorkshire for over 20 years, and it was during this time that he began writing prayers in the Celtic pattern. He later became rector of Holy Island, Lindisfarne, ministering to thousands of pilgrims and other visitors. ‘Rising Prayer’ is a prayer of thanksgiving to God the Holy Trinity for the gift of a new day.



The Hospitality of Abraham is an icon created by Russian painter, Andrei Rublev, in the early 15th century. It depicts the three angels who visited Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (in Genesis, chapter 18) but the painting is also interpreted as an icon of the Holy Trinity.