

Bethesda Episcopal Church

The Feast of S, Bartholomew the Apostle

24 August 2025

8.00 Holy Communion

*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 before the liturgy

Adolphe Schlösser (1830-1913)

He will give his Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways; he that keepeth Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Put thy trust in him and call upon him, for his ears are open unto thy pray'rs. He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. (Text: Ps. 120)

Edda Roemelt, soprano

All stand as the minsters enter. The Celebrant says

Celebrant: **Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
All: **And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to his table. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments, and to live in love and peace with all.

All kneel. After a period of silence, the Celebrant begins the Confession, saying

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.

Hymn #552

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Collect of the Day

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

Let us pray. O Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give to thine apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word: Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church to love what he believed and to preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Reading

Deuteronomy 18.15-18

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

The Alleluia



The cantor sings the appointed verse.

All repeat: **Alleluia.**

Remain standing.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 22:24-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

A dispute arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

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

The Sermon

Jonathan Kimmel

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

Intercessor: In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For the Anglican Communion, and this week for the Church of the Province of South East Asia; for the Diocese of Albany and Jeremiah, our bishop; for all bishops, clergy and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For our own needs and those of others, remembering by name, Bethany, Jack, Ryan, and Sandy.

Silence is kept for people to offer their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord.
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence is kept for people to offer their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence is kept to remember the departed.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Hymn at the Offertory #618

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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,

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. The Celebrant says the Eucharistic Prayer (p. 341 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

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 text and music can be found on page **S-158** of the Hymnal.

Communion is distributed at the altar rail. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

During Communion

Music: O Divine Redeemer

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

Ah, turn me not away, receive me though unworthy. Hear Thou my cry, Lord, my distress! Answer me from Thy throne. Haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid! Thy pity show in my deep anguish. Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, though righteous Thine anger, O Lord!

Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call!

O divine Redeemer! I pray thee grant me pardon, and remember not my sins! Forgive me!

Night gathers round my soul. Fearful, I cry to Thee, come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, to help me!

Hear my cry, hear my cry! Save me, Lord in Thy mercy; Come and save me, O Lord!

Save in the day of retribution from death shield Thou me, O my God! O divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!

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 passes 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 #559

From the Hymnal 1982

Organ

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German (b. 1954)

Parish Notices

Welcome to Bethesda Church! Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you are visiting, or interested in becoming a member of the parish, introduce yourself to Fr Wallace or an usher.

Thank you to Jonathan Kimmel for preaching this morning, and to those reading and leading prayers: at 8am Bob Bullock; and at 10am Rick Wissler and Libby Smith-Holmes.

Please join us for cookies and lemonade after the 10am service. Thanks to the Manny family for hosting today.

If you would like to contribute **flowers for the altar or eucharistic elements** (bread and wine) as a memorial, or in thanksgiving for a birthday or anniversary, please contact the office.

Summer Music Series Today, we welcome ***Edda Roemelt***. Born and raised in Glenville, NY, Edda has always had an immense love of singing. She enjoys performing a wide variety of music, from arias and art songs to contemporary music and show tunes, and most recently appeared on stage at Home Made Theatre in *The Sound of Music* (Maria alternate/nun). Some of her other favorite roles include *A Funny Thing Happened...* Forum (Philia) at SLOC, *Seussical the Musical* (Mrs. Mayor) at BH-BL High School, and the title role in *Cinderella*. Edda is also a member of Bethesda's choir. Edda has also performed as a soloist for oratorio works such as Vivaldi's *Gloria* and John Rutter's *Requiem*, and received first place in the Adult Non-professional Category at the ENY/NATS Art Song Festival in 2019. Off-stage, Edda is a mom to three fun-loving kiddos, and enjoys spending time with her husband, family and friends. She also works part-time as a Dietitian and Life Coach in her own private practice where she helps people with their eating and body image concerns.

Special Monthly Envelope Donations in August are in support of *Wellspring*. Founded over 40 years ago, *Wellspring* has grown to become a vital resource for survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault in Saratoga and Washington counties, operating an emergency shelter, a 24-hour hotline & live-chat, counselling, housing assistance, case management, and a number of educational and prevention programs. Services are free, non-judgmental, and confidential.

A 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony will be held at the *Tempered by Memory* sculpture in High Rock Park, 112 High Rock Avenue on Thursday, 11th September. The ceremony begins promptly at 8.30am. All welcome.

Life Transitions Presentation Saratoga Presbyterian—United Church of Christ is hosting a presentation on the Saratoga Senior Center's Life Transitions Program on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. The purpose of the program is to give an updated overview of the volunteer opportunities available at the Saratoga Senior Center. This includes volunteering at the new facility on West Avenue, being matched with seniors who need rides or other services, and the new Senior Life Transitions Program that supports seriously ill seniors in home settings. Presenters will be Lois Celeste (Executive Director), Donna Alese-Cooke (Volunteer Coordinator), and Phil Di Sorbo (Director of the Senior Life Transitions Program). They will explain how faith communities can assist their congregants who are facing serious illness, as well as help serve senior adults in the larger community as part of a supportive care team. The program will take place at the Presbyterian United Church of Christ at 24 Circular Street in Saratoga Springs. No advanced registration is required. Be advised that parking spaces are limited. For more information, contact 518-584-6091.

An outdoor Eucharist and BBQ will be held on Sunday 28 September, beginning at 11am. Anyone wishing to attend needs to register via email: office@bethesdachurch.org

Confirmation and Reception For more information about being confirmed or received into the Anglican Communion when the bishop visits Bethesda on Sunday 5 October, speak to the Rector: office@bethesdachurch.org

Bethesda Book Club meets on Thursday 16 October at 5.30pm to discuss *The Testament of Mary* by Irish author, Colm Tóibín. For further information, or to register (if you have not already done so) please contact office@bethesdachurch.org

Musicians of Ma'alwyck return to Bethesda on Friday 24 October to present a programme of chamber works by 17th and 18th century Dutch composers. For more information about their upcoming season and to purchase tickets, please visit musiciansofmaalwyck.org

Summer Appeal: 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.

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

The Parish Office is closed for the summer. Office phone messages and emails are checked regularly.

The Reverend Charles Wallace, Rector

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