



## **The Opening Hymn #1**

*From the Hymnal 1982*

*Remain standing for the Opening Collect.*

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

Let us pray. Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

## **The Reading**

*Romans 5.1-8*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

*All stand.*

## **The Alleluia**



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*Verse:* Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom: and healed every disease among the people. **Alleluia.**

*Remain standing.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 9:35-10:8*

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep

without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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 this week, we pray for the Episcopal Church of United States, and Sean Rowe, the Presiding Bishop; and in the Albany Diocese, for Jeremiah, our bishop, and the people of St. John's Church, Troy. We give thanks to God for all the blessings of this life: especially, for the marriage yesterday of Laura Jane Dahlgren and Luke Anthony DeMaria; and for the baptism of Leo Ascitutto this afternoon.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father, saying, Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful God, teach your faithful people to find the Risen Christ in the familiar places and routines of life. Fill us with the desire to come to him, accept his love, and to make known his glory in the world. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bless our daily work and rest, our homes, and our families and friends. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Look with compassion on our fragile world - the wars, the hungry and homeless, refugees, victims of natural disasters, the heartbreak and hopelessness of so many lives. Lord hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Be merciful to all who suffer or are in any way afflicted, especially those for whom our prayers are desired: Joe, Marie, and Jerilyn. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Give rest to the departed and may your perpetual light shine upon them. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Rejoicing with all the saints of every time and place, give us grace to commit ourselves and our whole life to Christ our God. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Celebrant:* Be thou, O God, a bright flame before us, a guiding star above us, a smooth path below us, and a kindly shepherd behind us, today, tonight and forever. **Amen.**

*(Columba of Iona, 6<sup>th</sup> c.)*

*All stand. At the exchange of the Peace, you may 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 #535***

*From the Hymnal 1982*

Remain standing.

### ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

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

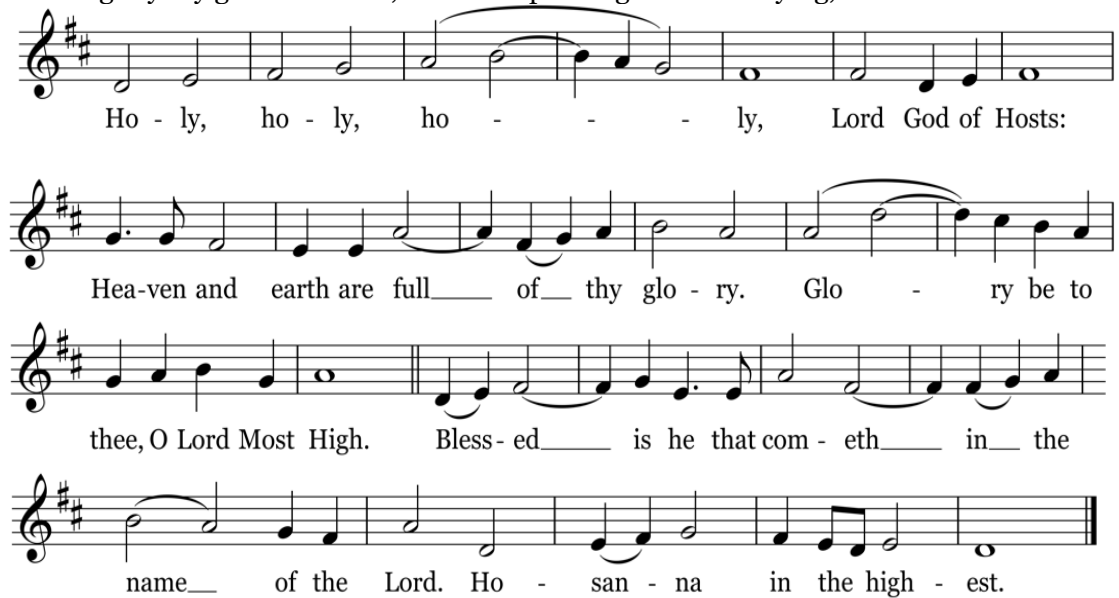
Lift up your hearts.

**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,



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 printed on page 334 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

*The prayer concludes ... 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***

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 may be found on page S-158 of the Hymnal.*

*Communion is distributed at the altar rail. 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 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 #375***

*From the Hymnal 1982*

**Organ**

Grand Choeur in E-flat

*Charles Alexis Chauvet (1837-1871)*

**Today's Music** The music for this Third Sunday after Pentecost balances quiet reflection with a joyful sense of community. We begin with Charles Villiers Stanford's Three Sketches, a set that mirrors the organic, steady growth of the "household of faith" mentioned in today's Gospel. The Lullaby offers a moment of calm, much like the quiet mystery of a seed taking root, while the playful Scherzo and elegant Gavotte capture the lively energy of a church family in motion. These pieces lead us into the spirit of today's Collect, which asks for the strength to be steadfast and bold in our daily lives. To wrap up the service, Charles Alexis Chauvet's Grand Choeur in E-flat sends us out with bright, triumphant fanfares, providing a celebratory finish as we head into the week ahead.

## Notices

**Welcome to Bethesda!** Please join us for refreshments following the 10am service. Thanks to Claire and Tim Wood for hosting.

Thank you to those **reading and leading prayers** at 8am Bob Bullock; and at 10am Peter Brooks and Judy Aronstamm.

**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.

Former Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, will preside at a **Revival Service** at Christ the King Center, Greenwich, on 18 June at 7pm: [www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/revival](http://www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/revival)

**Deo Volente!** God willing, the Bishop of Albany, Jeremiah Williamson, will ordain Jonathan Kimmel to the Sacred Order of Deacons at 4pm on Saturday 20 June in the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany. Your prayers and presence are requested.

**Education for Ministry** (EfM) is a unique small-group Christian formation program based on study and practice in theological reflection. It is a distance learning and small local discussion group format. EfM helps the faithful discover the Christian tradition, bringing it into conversation with their experiences of the world. EfM seminar groups develop theologically informed, reflective, and articulate seekers of God. The fall 2026 group is forming now. For more information, contact [office@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org)

**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. Through the summer, we continue to seek donations of canned foods and personal hygiene products. Donations may be left in the box by the side door entrance.

**Parish Office** The office is now closed until September.

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

If you wish to be added to the **parish mailing list**, or wish further information about Bethesda Church, please complete the form on the back page and place it in the collection plate.



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- Would like more information about the church and/or worship
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- 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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