



Welcome to the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea.

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Holy Eucharist † 8:00 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 14 | August 7, 2022

ACCLAMATION

CELEBRANT Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 PEOPLE *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
 PEOPLE *And also with you.*
 CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The congregation is seated.

LESSON Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

PSALM 33:12–22 (in unison)

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
 happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *
 and beholds all the people in the world.
 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
 on all who dwell on the earth.
 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
 and understands all their works.

- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
 a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
 for all its strength it cannot save.
 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
 on those who wait upon his love,
 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
 and to feed them in time of famine.
 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
 he is our help and our shield.
 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
 for in his holy Name we put our trust.
 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
 as we have put our trust in you.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32–40
 DEACON The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Luke.
 PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.
 PEOPLE *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Geitz

A brief period of silence follows the Sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form III

OFFICIANT Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
 PEOPLE *That we all may be one.*

OFFICIANT Grant that every member of the Church may truly
 and humbly serve you;
 PEOPLE *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

OFFICIANT We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
 PEOPLE *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

OFFICIANT We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the
 nations of the world;
 PEOPLE *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

OFFICIANT Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
 PEOPLE *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

OFFICIANT We remember all those who are—or recently have
 been—hospitalized. We pray for all those on our
 parish prayer list, and for others we name silently
 or aloud. Have compassion on those who suffer from
 any grief or trouble;
 PEOPLE *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

OFFICIANT We pray for all who have died and for those we now
 name silently or aloud. Give to the departed eternal rest.
 PEOPLE *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

OFFICIANT We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
 PEOPLE *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

OFFICIANT Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION (congregation kneeling)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 PEOPLE *And also with you.*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

CELEBRANT	The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE	<i>And also with you.</i>
CELEBRANT	Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
CELEBRANT	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE	<i>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</i>

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

CELEBRANT	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
PEOPLE	<i>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</i>

COMMUNION

Everyone is invited to Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Our normal practice is to kneel at the rail, however, you may also stand. If you wish to receive a prayer blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please request one from the minister.

Following Communion, the congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT	Let us pray.
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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

DEACON	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
PEOPLE	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

We pray for the repose of the soul of

Kylie Giselle Walker

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of

William Robin Blackhurst

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Abby, Alexandra, Agata, Angel, Angela, Anna, Arlo, Barbara, Bill, Blackhurst family, Bob, Brygida, Cameron, Carol, Catherine, Cheryl, Chris, Constance, Coy, Dan, Daniel, David, DJ, Doris, Doug, Ed, Edie, Edward, Edythe, Elaine, Elizabeth, Ellie, Eric, Greg, Heidi, Inese, Ite, Jane, Jean, Jerri, Jodie, Joel, John, Karen, Kathryn, Katie, Kelly, Kelly Ann, Kinga, Lane, Larry, Laura, Laurie, Lillian, Linda, Lisa, Lourdes, Lynn Elaine, Lynnette, Maggie, Malcom, Marcia, Mariela, Marilyn, Michael, Mikaela, Mike, Mireille, Nanci, Nancy, Ned, Nicholas, Noah, Noreen, Otis, Pam, Pamela, Pat, Pearman family, Renken family, Sally, Samantha, Sarah, Scott, Shannon, Sharon, Shawn, Stephen, Susan, Tico, Varney family, Vince, Vladi, Will, William, Winfred, Zdzislaw, *and those serving our country...* Alex, Austin, Benjamin, Christian, Elizabeth, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lee, Lorne, Luster, Michael, Mantis, Sean, Thomas, Tommy, and William.

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