



The
Church of
Bethesda-by-the-Sea
Love and Serve

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

11:00 A.M.

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

- Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal 1982* (blue).
- Children (ages 3–10 years old) are welcome to join our classes in the Sunday School Hall. They will return to the church during the exchanging of the Peace.
 - Child care is available for children up to three years of age. Please ask an usher for details.



11:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

PRELUDE Præludium in g minor, BuxWV 148 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

THE WORD OF GOD

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN 657 Love divine, all loves excelling *Hyfrydol*
[descant by Stuart Forster]

ACCLAMATION

CELEBRANT Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE Hymnal S-236 John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE *And also with you.*

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 Micah 6:1–8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied

you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 15 *Sung by the choir*

Anglican chant by William Crotch (1775–1847)

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN 605 What does the Lord require

Sharpthorne

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1–12

DEACON The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON The Rev. Tim Schenck

A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

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 IV

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

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 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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people.

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE *And also with you.*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All wisdom cometh from the Lord

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

All wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with Him for ever. Who can number the sand of the sea and the drops of rain and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of heav'n, and the breadth of the earth and the deep and wisdom. Wisdom hath been created before all things and the understanding of prudence from everlasting. The Word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom, and her ways are everlasting commandments. To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? or who hath known her wise counsels? There is one wise and greatly to be fear'd, the Lord sitting upon his throne. He created her, and saw her and number'd her, and poured her out upon all his works. She is with all flesh according to his gifts, and he hath given her to them that love him. The fear of the Lord is honour and glory and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life. Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me an understanding and I shall keep thy law; yea I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the way of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. O stablish thy word in thy servant: O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee. Behold my delight is in thy commandments: O quicken me in thy righteousness. All wisdom cometh from the Lord.

— Ecclesiasticus 1:1–6, 8–12; Psalm 119:33–35, 38–40

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

Old 100th



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be - low; praise



God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE *And also with you.*

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE *We lift them to the Lord.*

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

S-128

William Mathias (1934–1992)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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 the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

CELEBRANT

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Stuart Forster (b. 1971)

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O light and life, true bread of grace, in
cresc. you we see our Sa - vior's face; *mf* and shar-ing in this
bread may we re - flect your grace in all we say, in
mp
all we do, in all we see.

CELEBRANT

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 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.

During the Communion

Hymn 656 Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

Anthem Beati mundo corde

William Byrd (1540–1623)

Beati mundo corde,
quoniam ipsi Deum videbunt.
Beati pacifici,
quoniam filii Dei vocabuntur.
Beati qui persecutionem patiuntur propter justitiam,
quoniam ipsorum est regnum caelorum.

*Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice's sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. SMatthew 5:8–10*

The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 557 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
[verses 1–5]

Vineyard Haven
[descant by Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921–2003)]

THE DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

RESPONSE *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE Paean

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Abby, Angela, Ann, Anna, Andres, Ava Lourdes, Beckett, Ben, Bill, Bob, Brad, Bunny, Chris, Coy, Craig, Curtis, Daniel, David, Denny, Diane, Donna, Ed, Edward, Edythe, Elaine, Elio, Ellie, Elizabeth, Emma Grace, Eric, Evan, Foster, Frank, Galina Natalya, Garcia family, Gary, Glenn, Gloria, Heather, Heidi, Hillen, Hunter family, Inese, Isabel, Jack, Jacqueline, Jeanne, Jerry, Jimmy, Joan, Joel, John, Karen, Kathryn, Kelly Ann, Kirsten, Kristin, Landon, Laren Edward, Large family, Larry, Laurie, Lillian, Linda, Lynch family, Lynn, Mae, Maggie, Malcom, Marcia, Mariela, Marilyn, Mark, Martie, Martin, Mary, Mary Elaine, Michael, Miguel, Mike, Mireille, Molly, Mullins family, Nanci, Nancy, Neil, Noreen, Palmer, Pam, Pamela, Pat, Patricia, Paul, Petty family, Philip, Raimundo, Richard, Robert, Ron, Sally, Samantha, Samuel, Sandra, Scott, Sean, Sebastian, Shaana, Shawn, Stephen, Tico, Tom, Tony, Vince, Walter Lynn, Wendy, *and those serving our country...* Alex, Austin, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Elizabeth, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lee, Lorne, Luster, Michael, Mantis, Sean, Thomas, Tommy, and William

Music at Bethesda

RECITAL & CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, February 5 | 3:30 p.m. | Church

Robin Arrigo will offer a piano recital at 3:30 p.m., followed by Evensong, led by the Bethesda Choir at 4:00 p.m., including the world premiere of new canticles commissioned from Stuart Forster. A free-will offering will be received in the service, and a reception will follow.

ORGAN CONCERT BY RICHARD ELLIOTT

Friday, February 24, 2023 | 7:30 p.m.

Join us for the first full-length concert on Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea's newly-refurbished 114-rank Austin organ. Richard Elliott is the Principal Tabernacle Organist to The Tabernacle Choir in Temple Square, Salt Lake City, Utah. General Admission Seating is \$25 and can be purchased online or at the door.

Music Supporter Preferred Seating & Champagne Reception is \$200 and includes a pre-concert Champagne Reception at 6:30 p.m. and preferred seating in the front, center portion of the Nave.

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Bethesda's Mission is to experience the clear and strong presence of God and to understand and spread Christ's teachings through collective worship, learning, and service.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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Associate Priest

The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Rankin
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Deacon

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