



## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

10:00 A.M.

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

- *Hymn numbers* refer to The Hymnal 1982 (*blue*).
- While children are always welcome in worship, Sunday School classes meet at 10:00 a.m. and children join their parents for Communion.
- Childcare for children up to age three is available in the nursery.
  - Please ask an usher for details.



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## 10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

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**PRELUDE**

Scherzo in g minor

Marco Enrico Bossi (1861–1925)

*The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced. All are invited to sing.*

**HYMN 390**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Lobe den Herren*  
descant by Stuart Forster

### THE WORD OF GOD

**ACCLAMATION**

CELEBRANT

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

PEOPLE

*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

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.*

**GLORIA** *All sing.*

Hymnal 1982 S–280

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace\_\_ to his peo- ple on  
earth. Lord God, heaven- ly King, al- migh- ty\_ God and Fa - ther, we wor- ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you\_ for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on- ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have  
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our

prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

### SALUTATION

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

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The congregation is seated.*

### LESSON Genesis 50:15–21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 103:8–13 *(Please remain seated and join in singing)*

St. Ethelwald

The Lord is full of love and mer - cy, slow to wrath; He  
 Our wick - ed - ness and sins are not re - paid by weight; for  
 Our sins are all re - moved as far as east from west; for

will not al - ways judge our sins, nor will his an - ger last.  
 as the heav'ns are high a - bove, so is his mer - cy great.  
 as a fa - ther loves his child, so is God's care ex - pressed.

LESSON Romans 14:1–12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

*The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced. All are invited to sing.*

WLP 776

No saint on earth lives life to self alone

Song 1

No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone  
 For to this end our Lord by death was slain,  
 or dies a - lone, for we with Christ are one.  
 that to new life he might a - rise a - gain.

So if we live, for Christ a - lone we live,  
 Through sor - row on to tri - umph Christ was led,  
 and if we die, to Christ our dy - ing give.  
 and reigns o'er all: the li - ving and the dead.  
 In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:  
 In liv - ing and in dy - ing, him we bless.  
 we are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.  
 We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:21–35

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

PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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 Sermon.*

## 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.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 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.

*Please stand.*

## THE PEACE

CELEBRANT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE

*And also with you.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY

*A collection is taken as the Altar is prepared for Communion. The ministry of Bethesda is funded exclusively by our parishioners and visitors. We encourage and deeply appreciate your generosity.*

#### ANTHEM

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God

Thomas Tertius Noble (1867–1953)

Jorge Toro, *tenor*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God,  
whereby ye are sealed,  
unto the day of redemption.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger,  
and clamour, and evil speaking,

be put away from you, with all malice:

And be ye kind one to another,  
tender hearted, forgiving one another,  
even as God for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you.

Amen. Ephesians 4:30–32

*The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

#### PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

*Old 100th*



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A

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.*

### *The Celebrant proceeds*

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

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *All sing.* Hymnal 1982 S-129 Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven 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 musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second and third staves contain triplets, indicated by a '3' above a bracket. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.



*The congregation stands or kneels, and the Celebrant continues.*

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.

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:

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

*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,

*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

Hymnal 1982 S-155

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CELEBRANT

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. We ask that you receive the bread in your hand and either help guide the chalice to your lips or dip the wafer into the wine as the chalice passes. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as the Priest approaches. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from the priest. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher.*

During Communion

Hymn 674 "Forgive our sins as we forgive"

*Detroit*

*The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

*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

*All are invited to sing.*

**HYMN 347**      Go forth for God, go to the world in peace

*Litton*  
descant by Stuart Forster

## DISMISSAL

DEACON      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE      *Thanks be to God.*

**POSTLUDE**      Grand Choeur en ré majeur (alla Handel)      Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

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# The Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea

*Love and Serve*

*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.*

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