



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

Holy Eucharist † 8:00 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 17, 2023

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.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory
of God the Father. Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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

- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

DEACON Matthew 18:21–35
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.

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

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

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

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

LEADER 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.*

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

LEADER 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;
PEOPLE *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

LEADER 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.*

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

LEADER 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

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.*

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:

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.

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 *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

THE INVITATION

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.

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

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT Let us pray.


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 *Thanks be to God.*

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Abby, Alan, Alston, Amanda, Andres, Angela, Ann, Anna, Barbara, Becky, Ben, Betsey Anne, Bill, Bob, Brian, Bridget, Carol, Carolyn, Carolyn D, Catherine, Cathie, Charlie, Chris, Claudine, Coy, Daniel, David, Dayana, Deb, DJ, Dottie, Ed, Edythe, Ekberg Family, Ellie, Emily, Eric, Ford, Francys Neil, Gerald, Glenn, Hailey, Henry, Hillary, Isabel, Jack, Jackie, Jacob, Janet, Jason, Jeanne, Jen, Jennifer, Jerry, Jethro, Jimmy, Joan, Joe, Joel, John, Joseph, Justin, Karen, Kathryn, Keith, Kelly Ann, Kim, Kimberly, Larry, Laurie, Leslie, Lillian, Linda, Lizz, Lois, Lorraine, Lynne, Maggie, Malcom, Marcia, Marilyn, Mario, Mark, Martha, Martie, Martin, Martine, Mary, Mary Elaine, Mary Kaye, Mary Virginia, Matt, Matthew, Matthews Family, Maurizio, Meegan Eileen, Melissa, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Mikel, Mireille, Molly, Mylene, Nancy, Naomi, Nesselhauf family, Nelson, Neil, Nicholas, Noreen, Obolensky Family, Pam, Pamela, Pat, Patty, Paula, Peter, Phil, Philip, Regine, Remy, Richard, Rob, Robert, Rodney, Rosalynn, Russell, Sally, Samantha, Sandi, Scott, Scully Family, Sean, Shaana, Shawn, Shirley, Silvia, Simone, Stanley, Stephen, Susan, Teressa, Tico, Tony, Uma, Veronica, Vince, Viola, Vivian, Walter Lynn, Wendy, Will, William, *and all those serving our country...* Alex, Austin, Benjamin, Christian, Elizabeth, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lee, Lorne, Luster, Michael, Mantis, Sean, Thomas, Tommy, and William.

Give Now Online!
 You may "Give Now" electronically in one of three ways: (1) Scanning the QR code with your smartphone; (2) Visiting bbts.org and clicking the "Give" button; or (3) Texting BBT\$ and a dollar amount (example: BBT\$ \$x,xxx) to 73256 to give to Bethesda using text messaging.

The Bible texts of the Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel lessons are from the *New Revised Standard Version Bible*, copyright © 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Liturgical materials are from *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1979; *The Book of Occasional Services*, 2018; and *Enriching our Worship*, 1998.

CLERGY AND STAFF
The Rev. Tim Schenck, *Rector*
The Rev. Susan Beebe, *Associate Priest* The Rev. Jeff Beebe, *Associate Priest* The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Rankin, *Associate Priest*
Dr. Stuart Forster, *Associate for Music & Liturgy* Greg Knight, *Associate for Christian Formation* Joseph Sanelli, *Parish Administrator*
The Rev. Dr. Cecily Titcomb, *Deacon* The Rev. Clayton Waddell, *Deacon*
COORDINATORS **SEXTONS**
Douglas Kwoka, *Communications Coordinator* Robert Mancuso, *Sexton for Liturgical Support*
April Lawrence, *Fellowship & Membership Coordinator* Keith Risley, *Sexton for Grounds*
Ayana Piñeiro-Ilnicki, *Worship & Pastoral Care Coordinator* Jonathan Rivera, *Sexton for Hospitality*
Laura Manley, *Outreach & Stewardship Coordinator* William Thompson III, *Sexton for Building Preservation & Lead Sexton*
THE CHURCH MOUSE STAFF
Daisy Alvarez, *General Manager for Retail Operations* Jonathan Goodine, *Receiving Specialist*
José Cartagena, *Receiving Specialist* Laurie Kasprzyk, *Retail Associate*
Hunter Gilman, *Retail Supervisor*
WARDENS, OFFICERS, AND VESTRY
Beth Cole, *Senior Warden* Gene Carter, *Junior Warden*
John Brim, *Treasurer* Suzanne Crawford, *Clerk* Robert Diffenderfer, *Chancellor*
Jim Bertles Barbara Callahan Randall Gluss
Edythe Gordon Lisa Hastey Sebastian Kent
Matthew Lorentzen Pam Miller Chuck Zettler
The Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea
141 S. County Road, Palm Beach, FL 33480 | (561) 655-4554 | bbts.org