



Bethesda Sunday

January 28, 2024

11:00 A.M.

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

- Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal* 1982 (blue).
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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

Præludium in g minor, BuxWV 149

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

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

HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

descant by Peter Jewkes (b. 1956)



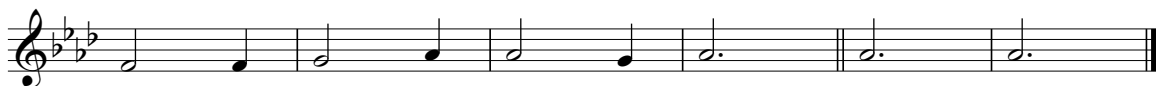
Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head_ and cor - ner -
 All that de - di - ca - ted ci - ty, dear - ly loved_ of God on
 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord_ of Hosts, to -
 Here vouch-safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask_ of thee to
 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or to the



stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing all_ the
 high, in ex - ul - tant ju - bi - la - tion pours per - pet - ual
 day; with thy won - ted lov - ing - kind - ness hear thy ser - vants
 gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er with the bless - ed
 Son, laud and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er Three_ and



Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's help for ev - er,
 me - lo - dy; God the One in Three a - do - ring
 as they pray, and thy ful - lest be - ne - dic - tion
 to re - tain, and here - af - ter in thy glo - ry
 ev - er One: con - sub - stan - tial, co - e - ter - nal,



and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 shed with - in its walls al - way.
 e - ver - more with thee to reign.
 while un - en - ding a - ges run. A - men.

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE Hymnal S-236

John Rutter (b. 1945)



Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of
praise; glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you for the ra - di - ance of your
ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
Glo-ry to you in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty,
glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the Che - ru - bim;
we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. Glo-ry to you,
be - hol - ding the depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo-ry to you.
Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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| CELEBRANT | The Lord be with you. |
| PEOPLE | <i>And also with you.</i> |
| CELEBRANT | Let us pray. |

Most holy and gracious God, whose love and compassion transcends our knowing; Look favorably upon the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea; give us open hearts to follow where you lead; help us to be a place of healing and hope; bless those who seek strength and comfort within our walls; and send us forth into the world to love and serve you; 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON

Genesis 28:10–17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 84:1–6 *Sung by the choir*

Anglican chant by Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:1–5, 9–10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual

sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

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

HYMN 51

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting

Decatur Place

GOSPEL

John 5:2–9

DEACON

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

PEOPLE

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in the English translation Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath.

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE RECTOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

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 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.

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.

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

How lovely is thy dwelling-place

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. Blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore.

Psalms 84:1, 3, 4

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise



him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

S-128

William Mathias (1934–1992)

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 stands or kneels, and the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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

mf bread may we re-lect 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

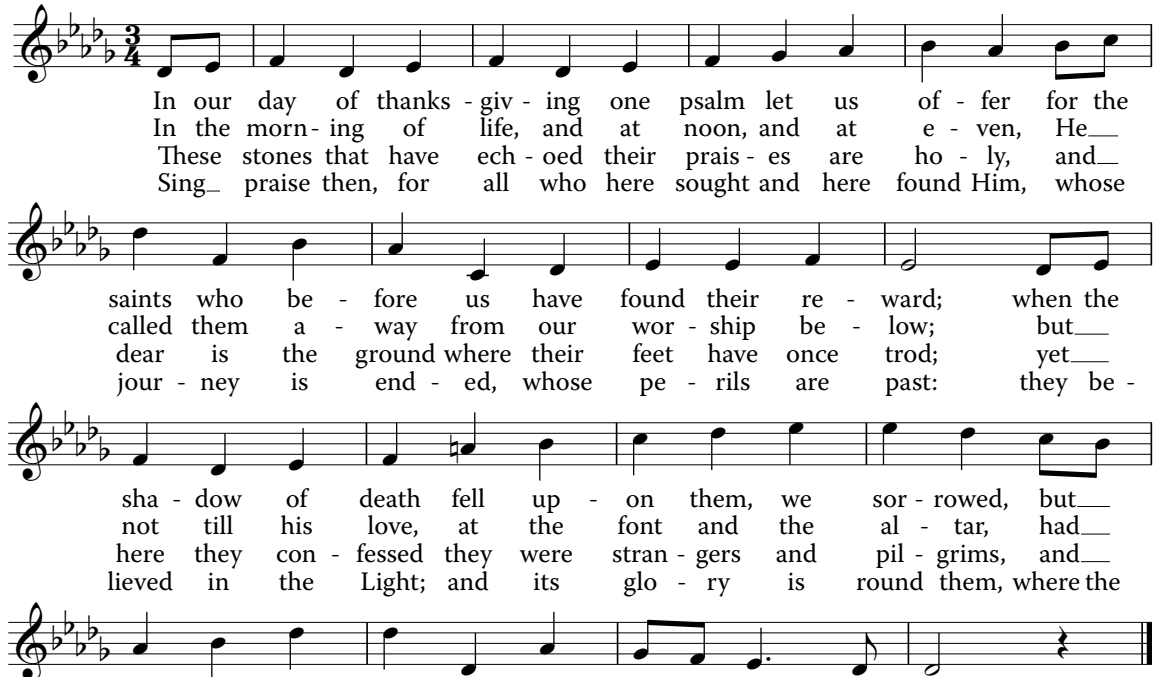
All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. We ask that you receive the bread in your hand and either help guide the chalice to your lips or dip the wafer into the wine as the chalice passes. If 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

In our day of thanksgiving

St. Catherine's Court



The musical notation is written on a single staff in 3/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

In our day of thanks - giv - ing one psalm let us of - fer for the
 In the morn - ing of life, and at noon, and at e - ven, He___
 These stones that have ech - oed their prais - es are ho - ly, and___
 Sing_ praise then, for all who here sought and here found Him, whose
 saints who be - fore us have found their re - ward; when the
 called them a - way from our wor - ship be - low; but___
 dear is the ground where their feet have once trod; yet___
 jour - ney is end - ed, whose pe - rils are past: they be -
 sha - dow of death fell up - on them, we sor - rowed, but___
 not till his love, at the font and the al - tar, had___
 here they con - fessed they were stran - gers and pil - grims, and___
 lieved in the Light; and its glo - ry is round them, where the
 now we re - joice that they rest___ in the Lord.
 girt them with grace for the way___ they should go.
 still they were seek - ing the ci - ty of God.
 clouds of earth's sor - rows are lift - ed at last.

Anthem

Locus iste

Michael Sitton (b. 1958)

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
 inaestimabile sacramentum,
 irreprehensibilis est.
 Deus, cui adstat Angelorum chorus,
 exaudi preces servorum tuorum.

*This place was made by God;
 a priceless holy thing,
 it is without fault.
 God, in whose presence stands a chorus of Angels,
 Hear the prayers of your servants.*

Gradual for the Dedication of a Church

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

All are invited to sing.

HYMN 680 O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne
descant by Stuart Forster

DISMISSAL

DEACON Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE Fanfare Jacques Nicholas Lemmens (1823–1881)

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Abby, the Aliapoulios family, Alyssa, Andrea, Beckett, Becky, Bill, Birgit, Bob, Cal, Carlan, Carol Ann, Caroline, Carolyn, Connie, Cordelia, Daniel, David, Denise, Denny, Diane, Ed, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Ellie, Erik, Francys, Glen, Henry, Isabel, Jaden, Justin, Katharine, Kelly, Jacob, Laurie, Malcom, Marcia, Marietta, Mariela, Marilyn, Marlene, Martin, Mary-Jane, Meegan, Nancy, the Nesselhauf family, Nick, Oliver, Raz, Rebecca, Robin, Roger, Ron, Roosey, Ruth, Salvatore, Sherry, Steve, Theresa, the Thompson family, Vince, Viola-Cleo, Wayne, Wendy, Xavier, **and all those serving our country**, including Alex, Austin, Benjamin, Christian, Elizabeth, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lee, Lorne, Luster, Michael, Mantis, Sean, Thomas, Tommy, and William

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