



Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 2024

9:00 A.M.

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

- Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal 1982* (blue).
- Childcare for children up to age three is available in the nursery.
 - Please ask an usher for details



HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise
Verses 1, 2, & 4

Salzburg

ACCLAMATION

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

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

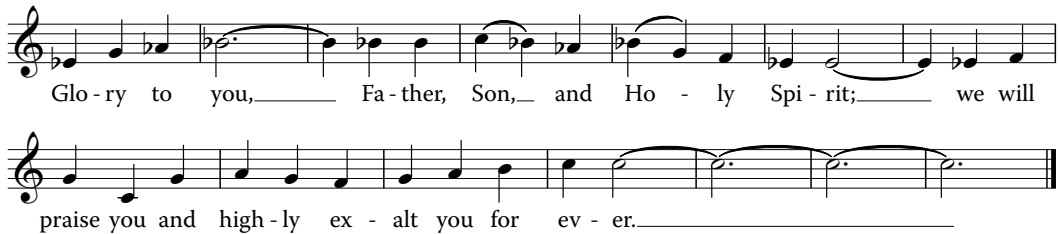
The Celebrant continues.

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 - hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to you.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE *And also with you.*

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 2 Kings 2:1–12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

The congregation stands.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2–9

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

PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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.

NICENE CREED

The congregation stands.

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

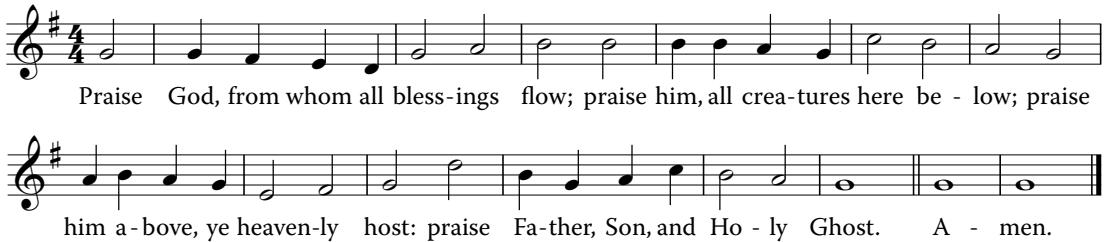
OFFERTORY

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.

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise
him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.*

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

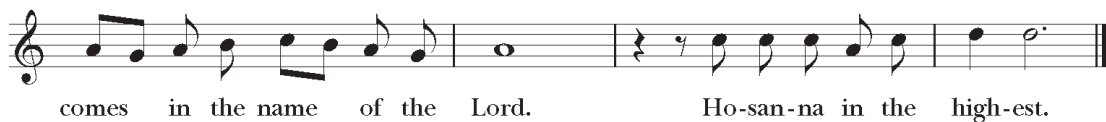
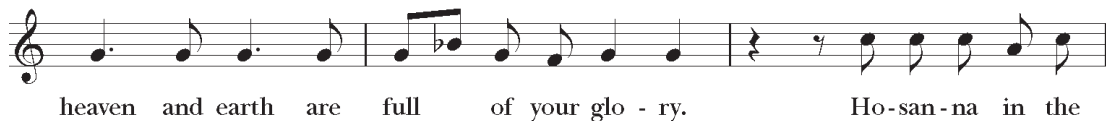
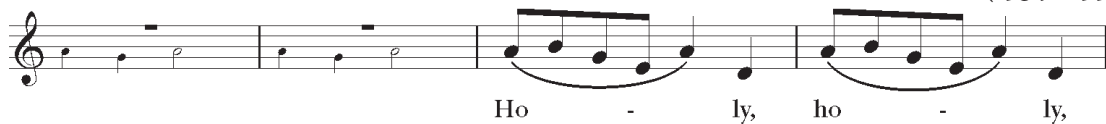
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

S-128

William Mathias (1934–1992)



The congregation kneels or remains standing, 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and 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 forever. *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
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all we do, in all we see.

CELEBRANT

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

All are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers, and all baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Communion. 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 priest.

During the Communion

Hymn 137 O wondrous type! O vision fair

Wareham

The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 122

Alleluia, song of gladness

Dulce Carmen

Verses 1, 3, & 4



1. Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that
3. Al - le - lu - ia though we che - rish and would chant for
4. There - fore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
e - ver - more al - le - lu - ia in our sing - ing,
Tri - ni - ty, at the last to keep thine Eas - ter



e - ver raised by__ choirs on high; in the house of
let us for__ a__ while give o'er, as our Sa - vior
with thy faith - ful__ saints on high; there to thee for



God a - bi - ding thus__ they__ sing e - ter - nal - ly.
in his fas - ting plea - sures of the world for - bore.
ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

THE DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

RESPONSE

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Abby, Alyssa, Andrea, the Baker family, Beckett, Becky, Bill, Birgit, Bob, Carlan, Carol Ann, Caroline, Carolyn, Christel, Connie, Cordelia, Daniel, David, Denise, Denny, Diane, Ed, Eleanor, Ellie, Erik, Francys, Gil, Glen, Henry, Isabel, Jaden, Jason, Justin, Katharine, Kelly, Jacob, Lizz, Malcolm, Marcia, Mark, Marilyn, Marlene, Martin, Mary-Jane, Meegan, Nancy, the Nesselhauf family, Nick, Oliver, Raz, Rebecca, Roger, Ron, Roosevelt, Ruth, Salvatore, Sherry, Theresa, the Thompson family, Timmy, 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

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

Robert Christian Hebble

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 14

8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

- **Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m.** This is a spoken service with Imposition of Ashes.
- **Holy Eucharist at 12:05 p.m.** This service includes the Imposition of Ashes and congregational hymns.
- **Children's Ash Wednesday Service at 4:00 p.m.** This service is specifically geared towards families with young children. We'll talk about the season of Lent and make and impose ashes.
- **Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.** This service includes Imposition of Ashes, with music by the Bethesda Choir.

Lenten Lunch: Following each Wednesday noon service during Lent, we will provide homemade soups, along with salad and bread. The cost of the luncheon is \$3, payable at the door.

To volunteer please contact the main office at (561) 655-4554.



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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