



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

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

11:00 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.



11:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

Canzona Quarta
“Adagio” from *Symphonie V*

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583–1643)
Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Bourbon

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

CELEBRANT Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
PEOPLE *His mercy endures for ever.*

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The congregation kneels, and a period of silence is kept.

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

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 Celebrant 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.

KYRIE ELEISON

S-91

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-
on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE *And also with you.*

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The congregation is seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

EPISTLE Romans 4:13—25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake

alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 455 O Love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

GOSPEL

Mark 8:31–38

DEACON

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

PEOPLE

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON The Rev. Susan Beebe

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.

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

“I waited for the Lord” from *Hymn of Praise* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809—1847)
Erin Destito & Ashley Leland, *sopranos*

I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint. O bless'd are they that hope and trust in the Lord. Psalm 40:1, 5a

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures 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 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.

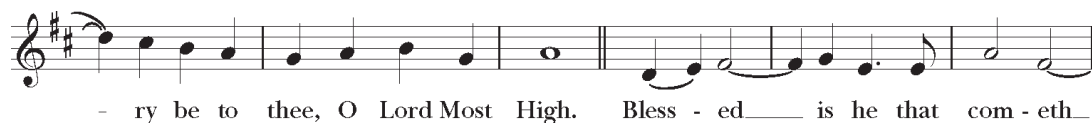
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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-114

Healy Willan (1880–1968)



The People 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,

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 Be known to us, Lord Jesus (Cambridge Mass)

Stuart Forster (b. 1971)

p
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. Be

mp
known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The bread which we

poco a poco cresc.
break is the com - mu - nion of the bo - dy of Christ. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the

break - ing of the bread. One bo - dy are we, for though ma - ny we share one

dim. *p*
bread. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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 691 My faith looks up to thee

Olivet

Anthem The best of rooms

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Christ, he requires still, wheresoe'er he comes to feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms: Give him the choice; Grant him the nobler part of all the house: The best of all, the best of all's the heart.

Robert Herrick (1591–1674)

The congregation kneels 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.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

CELEBRANT Bow down before the Lord.

CELEBRANT Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The People stand to sing.

HYMN 149 Eternal Lord of love, behold your church

Old 124th

DISMISSAL

DEACON Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE “Allegro moderato e serio” (incorporating “Was mein Gott will, das g'scheh allzeit” *What my God wills always occurs*) from *Sonata No. 1*

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–1847)

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Daniel Henry Rowe and Sal Rossi

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Contributions given as memorials or thanksgivings make possible the beautiful flowers that adorn our church at Easter. We invite you to make a contribution in memory of or in honor for your loved ones during this Easter season.

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LENTEN RETREAT WITH THE REV. SCOTT GUNN

Saturday, March 2 | 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

DISCOVERING A HOLY LENT

Join us on Saturday, March 2, for our annual Lenten Retreat, featuring the Rev. Scott Gunn, executive director of Forward Movement. We'll spend a quiet day discovering and savoring the riches of Lent, using as our guide the "Invitation to a Holy Lent" from the Book of Common Prayer. Fr. Scott will help us practice self-examination, read and meditate on God's holy Word, enrich our lives in prayer, and consider self-denial and fasting. If you have always dreaded Lent, this might be a fruitful way to see the joy that imbues the season. And if you have always loved Lent, here's an opportunity to find fresh new ways to treasure this season set apart to grow closer to Jesus Christ. \$20 suggested donation (includes lunch). Register at bbts.org/special-events/

The Rev. Scott Gunn is executive director of Forward Movement, a discipleship ministry of the Episcopal Church. He travels widely as preacher, speaker, and retreat leader. On Sundays he is not traveling, he serves as priest associate at Christ Church in Glendale, OH. Author of several books, his most recent book is *Easter Triumph, Easter Joy: Meditations for the Fifty Days of Eastertide*. Prior to serving at Forward Movement, Scott was a parish priest in the Diocese of Rhode Island. Before that, he had a career in information technology. Scott was educated at Yale Divinity School, Brown University, and Luther College. He lives in Cincinnati with his spouse, the Rev. Sherilyn Pearce.



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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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