



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

10:00 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

Andante con moto en sol mineur

Alexandre Pierre François Boëly (1785–1858)

Fuga in g minor, BWV 578

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda Anima

descant by Albert Charles Tysoe (1884–1962)

EASTER ACCLAMATION

CELEBRANT

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

PEOPLE

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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 S–278

William Mathias (1934–1992)



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -




might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



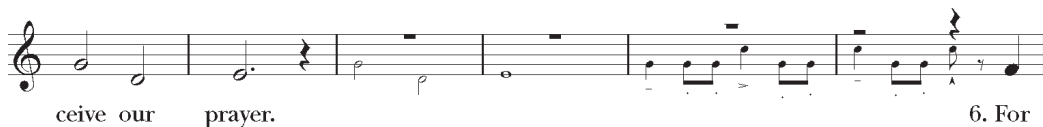
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4, you



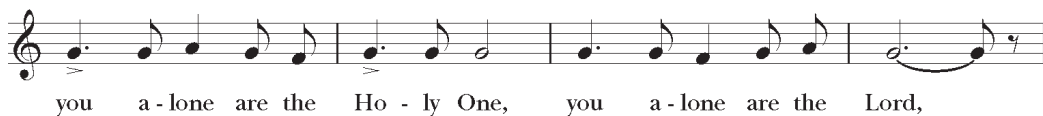
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



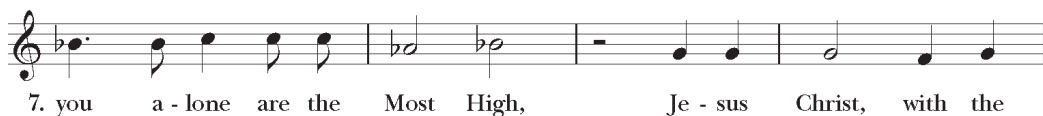
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



7. 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE *And also with you.*

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 10:44–48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 98 *Sung by the choir*

Anglican chant by James Turl (1802–1882)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

EPISTLE

1 John 5:1–6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

John 15:9–17

DEACON

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

PEOPLE

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE

And also with you.

The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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

Haec dies

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus.
Exultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.

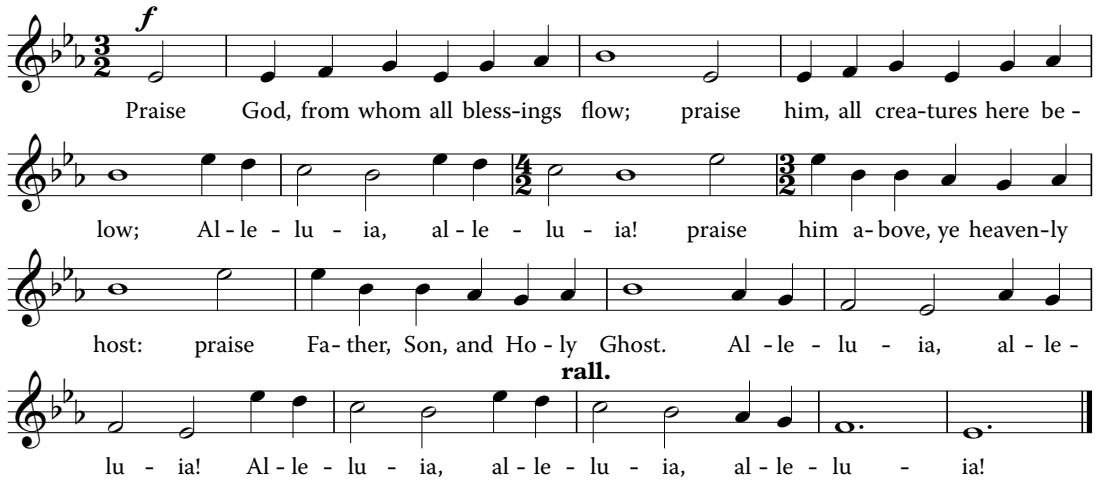
William Byrd (1540–1623)

*This is the day which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice exceedingly and be glad in it. Alleluia!*
Psalm 118:24

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

PRESENTATION AND EASTER DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen



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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be -
low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
rall.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven_ and
 earth___ are full___ of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the
 high-est. Blessed is he who comes_ in the name_ of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD Pascha nostrum Michael Murray (b. 1974)

With majesty

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 610 Lord, whose love through humble service *Blaenhafren*

Anthem If ye love me Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever, ev'n the spirit of truth. John 14:15–17

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Abby, Allie, Andy, Anne, Annette, Becky, Berry, Bill, Byron, Carolyn, Charles, Courtney, Daniel, David, Debbi, Dee, Denny, Donna, Ellie, Erik John, Carla, George and Scootch, Isabel, Jack, Jane, Janet, Jasen, Jessica, Joan, John, Judy, Justin, Kathryn, Kelly Ann, Ken, Kerry, Kimmie, Larry, Lillian, Lizz, Lourdes, Malcom, Marcia, Margot, Mariette, Martie, Mary, Matthew, Maureen, Molly, Nancy, Nicholas, Nicole, Oliver, Pamela, Patrick, Paul, Regine, Robert, Robin, Ruth, Scott, Steve, Steve, the Lawson family, the Nesselhauf family, the Rohe family, Theresa, Tim, Tony, Uma, Vince, Wendy, Whitney, **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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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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