



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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Confirmation and Visitation of
the Bishop*

May 12, 2024

10:00 A.M.

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

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

PRELUDE Præludium und Fuga in D, BWV 532 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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

HYMN 307 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor *Bryn Calfaría*
descant by Walter Sutcliffe (b. 1936)

ACCLAMATION

BISHOP Alleluia. Christ is risen.
PEOPLE *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*
BISHOP There is one Body and one Spirit;
PEOPLE *There is one hope in God's call to us;*
BISHOP One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
PEOPLE *One God and Father of all.*

SALUTATION

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The congregation is seated.

LESSON Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us— one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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 603

When Christ was lifted from the earth

St. Botolph
descant by Stuart Forster

GOSPEL

John 17:6–19

DEACON The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John.

PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON The Bishop

A brief period of silence follows the Sermon.

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BISHOP The Candidates will now be presented.

PRESENTERS I present these persons for Confirmation.
I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates

CANDIDATES Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
I do.

BISHOP Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
CANDIDATES I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

PEOPLE

We will.

The Bishop then says these words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BISHOP

Do you believe in God the Father?

PEOPLE

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

BISHOP

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

PEOPLE

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

BISHOP

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

BISHOP

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

PEOPLE

I will, with God's help.

BISHOP

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

PEOPLE

I will, with God's help.

BISHOP

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

PEOPLE

I will, with God's help.

BISHOP

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

PEOPLE

I will, with God's help.

BISHOP

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

PEOPLE

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

LEADER Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
 PEOPLE *Lord, hear our prayer.*

LEADER Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
 PEOPLE *Lord, hear our prayer.*

LEADER Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
 PEOPLE *Lord, hear our prayer.*

LEADER Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
 PEOPLE *Lord, hear our prayer.*

LEADER Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
 PEOPLE *Lord, hear our prayer.*

LEADER Send them into the world in witness to your love.
 PEOPLE *Lord, hear our prayer.*

LEADER Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
 PEOPLE *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THOSE BEING CONFIRMED AND RECEIVED

Brittany Alexander	Carlos Gabino
Megan Alexander	Kristen Gabino
Diane Clark	Daniel Mahlbacher
Jan Fulford	Patricia McGill
Jacob Gonzalez	Duane Meeks
Christine Kitto	Janice Meeks
Mason Lazzara	Karen Ozemba
Sarah Leiber	Mark Ozemba
Lynne McFadden	Silvia Perez
Mark McFadden	

FOR CONFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says this or a similar prayer

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. *Amen.*

FOR RECEPTION

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

BISHOP

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

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. The collection this Sunday goes to the Bishop's Special Assistance Fund.

ANTHEM

O clap your hands

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God; sing praises unto our King. For God is King of all the earth; sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. Sing praises unto our King. Psalm 47:1–2, 5–8

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward. All sing:

PRESENTATION AND EASTER DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Descant by Stuart Forster

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

The Bishop 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 your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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 *All sing.*

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)



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 congregation stands or kneels, and the Bishop continues.

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

BISHOP
PEOPLE

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Pascha nostrum

Michael Murray (b. 1974)

With majesty

BISHOP

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 382 King of glory, King of peace

General Seminary

Anthem Coelos ascendit hodie

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Coelos ascendit hodie, Alleluia!
 Jesus Christus Rex gloriae, Alleluia!
 Sedet ad Patris dexteram, Alleluia!
 Gubernat coelum et terram, Alleluia!

Jam finem habent omnia, Alleluia!
 Patris Davidis carmina, Alleluia!
 Jam Dominus cum Domino, Alleluia!
 Sedet in Dei solio, Alleluia!

In hoc triumpho maximo, Alleluia!
 Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia!
 Laudatur Sancta Trinitas, Alleluia!
 Deo dicamus gratias, Alleluia! Amen.

*Today he has ascended into the heavens, Alleluia!
 Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Alleluia!
 He sits at the Father's right hand, Alleluia!
 Ruling heaven and earth, Alleluia!*

*Now are all fulfilled, Alleluia!
 The songs of David, Alleluia!
 Now is the Lord with his Lord, Alleluia!
 He sits alone with God, Alleluia!*

*In this his greatest triumph, Alleluia!
 Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!
 Let the Holy Trinity be praised, Alleluia!
 Let us give thanks to the Lord, Alleluia! Amen.*

The congregation stands when the Bishop returns to the altar.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BISHOP Let us pray.

BISHOP AND PEOPLE

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

All are invited to sing.

HYMN 214

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!

Llanfair

THE DISMISSAL

DEACON

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.

PEOPLE

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

March upon Handel's "Lift up your heads"

Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)



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