



## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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

“Communion” from *Triptyque*

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

*The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced. All join in singing.*

### HYMN 429

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

*Old 113th*

### 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.*

### GLORIA *All sing.*

Hymnal 1982 S–280

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace\_\_ to his peo- ple on  
earth. Lord God, heaven- ly King, al- migh- ty\_ God and Fa - ther, we wor- ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you\_ for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on- ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a- way the sin of the world: have  
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our

prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, 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.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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** Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

READER The Word of the Lord. PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

1. Lord, who may dwell with - in your house or on your ho - ly  
 2. Who have no guile up - on their tongues nor harm their neigh-bor's  
 3. Who do no wrong, but keep their word and seek no bribe or

hill? Those who do good and speak the truth, whose  
 life, but hon - or those who fear the Lord and  
 gain; all those who do such things shall live and

lives are blame - less still;  
 turn a - way from strife;  
 safe from harm re - main.

**EPISTLE** James 1:17–27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

*The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced. All join in singing.*

**HYMN 423** Immortal, invisible, God only wise

*St. Denio*

**GOSPEL** Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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

PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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 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 III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

We pray for all who are—or recently have been—hospitalized, and for everyone on our parish prayer list. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

We pray for all who have died and for those we now name silently or aloud. Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. 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

PEOPLE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*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

O for a closer walk

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924) [arr.]

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return! sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper (1731–1800)

*The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

## PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

*Old 100th*



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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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.* Hymnal 1982 S-129 Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven 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 musical score is written on four staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) on the second, third, and fourth staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*The congregation kneels, and the Celebrant 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:

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

*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**      Hymnal S-155      Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-ov-er is sac-ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep\_ the

feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the 'Alleluia' chorus. The second staff contains the beginning of the 'Christ our Pass-over' verse. The third staff contains the end of the 'Alleluia' chorus.

**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 the Communion

Hymn 656    Blest are the pure in heart

*Franconia*

*The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

CELEBRANT 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 join in singing.*

**HYMN 557** Rejoice, ye pure in heart! *Vineyard Haven*  
Verses 1–5 descant by Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921–2003)

## DISMISSAL

DEACON Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

**POSTLUDE** Grand Choeur en ré majeur (alla Handel) Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)



*Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service for snacks, refreshments, and a chance to gather with fellow parishioners and visitors. Be sure to stop by our Welcome Table to learn about opportunities to get involved at Bethesda.*

*Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for...* Andrea, Andrew, Anita, Ann, Anne, Annie, Annette, Ayana, Barbara, Barbara, Barbara, Becky, Berry, Bill, Bill, Bill, Bo, Bob, Burkholder Family, Calvin, Charlie, Charlie, Daniel, Deb, Dede, Dee, Dick, Donna, Elaine, Emalyn, Garcia Family, George, Havey Family, Hope, Isabel, Jackie, Jane, Joe, John, Jones Family, Judge Raz, Judy, Judy, Justin, Karen, Kathryn, Kelly Ann, Ken, Kerry, Larry, Letts Family, Lilly, Little Family, Lourdes, Marcia, Margot, Marie, Mariette, Marjorie, Marion, Mark, Mary, Mary G, Matthew, Maurizio, Michael, Mike, Mike, Nancy, Nancy, Nancy, Nathalia, Pam, Pamela, Paulson Family, Peter, Philip, Rebecca, Reid Family, Reily, Reilly, Regine, Robert, Ruth, Sally, Sandy, Scout, Shelly, Sidney, Simone, Steve, Steve, Susan, Suzanne, Thais, The Mota Family, Thomas, Tim, Tony, Victor, Vince, Wendy, Yessennia, *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*

Nancy B. Wood

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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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