



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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024

8:00 A.M.

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



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## HOLY EUCHARIST

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### ACCLAMATION

CELEBRANT

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

PEOPLE

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

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.*

### THE TRISAGION

*(said three times between Celebrant and People)*

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

*Have mercy upon us.*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT

The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE

*And also with you.*

CELEBRANT

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The congregation is seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14–16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 25:1–9** *(in unison)*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL** Luke 21:25–36

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

PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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.*

## THE 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.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form V

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Peter, our Bishop; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone; that with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*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      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.*

## EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*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:

*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,

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.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

CELEBRANT

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

PEOPLE

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## 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.*

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

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT

Let us pray.

*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

### DISMISSAL

DEACON

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE

Thanks be to God.

*Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for...* Abigail, Allemand Family, Alston, Amy, Andrea, Anne, Annette, Annie, Aron, Ayana, Baby Cove, Barbara, Barbara, Barbara, Barbara, Betsy, Bill, Bill, Bill, Bo, Bob, Bradley, Brygida, Cole, Christian, Diane, Elaine, Elle, Evan, Ezra, George, Haleigh, Henryka, Isabel, James, Jameson, JeAnne, Jessica, Jim, John, John, John, Joyce, JP, Judy, Justin, Linda, Kaki, Karen, Kathryn, Kay, Ken, Ken, Kerry, Kevin, Kinga, Larry, Leonard, Liam, Linda, Linda, Lori, Lourdes, Marcia, Margot, Maria, Maria De Nazare, Mary, Mary, Matthew, Michael, Mike, Neil, Norman, Patty, Peter, Rachel, Rebecca, Rebekah, Regine, Rick, Sandy, Scout, Simone, Thais, The Mota Family, Tom, Veronica, Vince, Vivian, Vladi, Wendy, Whitney, Yessennia, 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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## CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Tim Schenck, *Rector*

The Rev. Jeff Beebe  
*Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Susan Beebe  
*Associate Rector*

The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Rankin  
*Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Dr. Cecily Titcomb  
*Deacon*

The Rev. Clayton Waddell  
*Deacon*

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Marcos Guzman, *Acquisitions / Deliveries Coordinator*

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