

**THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF BETHESDA-BY-THE-SEA
PALM BEACH, FLORIDA**

Welcome to Bethesda!



We welcome children from the youngest ages to enjoy church with their families, and we're pleased to have you worship with us this morning. For those who prefer, we do offer a child care ministry at our 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services for children up to three years of age. You are welcome to take your child to our nursery at any point during the service—just ask an usher to point the way.

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- A large-print version of this leaflet is available from our ushers.

Coffee in the West Cloister following both services.

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
ECW Sunday • Commissioning of the Vestry
February 5, 2012**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I

The service begins on page 323.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II

† *Latecomers may be seated at this time.*

PRELUDE Pastorale on *Dominus regit me* Eric Thiman

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 401 The God of Abraham Praise *Leoni*

Children in Pre-K (three years old) through third grade follow the crucifer to the Parish Hall for Children's Worship.

† GLORIA Hymnal S–280 Robert Powell

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The congregation is seated.

LESSON Isaiah 40:21–31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even

youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

The congregation stands when the hymn is introduced.

† HYMN 529 In Christ There Is No East or West *McKee*

GOSPEL Mark 1:29–39

Before the Gospel

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

PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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After the Gospel

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PEOPLE *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

HOMILY The Rector

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PRAYER OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Make us so thankful for the power of your love, given through your son, Jesus, that we may pray, labor and give liberally to make known that love throughout the world. Bless us that our lives may shine forth the joy and wonder we share in your name. Amen.

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THE PEACE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Procession

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Brightest and Best Malcolm Archer

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid; star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining; low lies his head with the beasts of the stall; angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all. Say, shall we yield him in costly devotion, odors of Edom, and offerings divine, gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine? Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favor secure: richer by far is the hearts adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

During the presentation, the children will return to the church.

PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

Musical notation for Presentation and Doxology with lyrics: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A

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Musical notation for The Great Thanksgiving with lyrics: The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise. Sanctus and Benedictus Hymnal S-128 William Mathias. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. 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 Great Thanksgiving continues on page 362. The congregation may kneel or stand.

The Lord's Prayer (During the season after Epiphany, we use the second translation from THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem Hymnal S-152

Mason Martens

Musical notation for Fraction Anthem with lyrics: Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-over is sac-rif-iced for us; There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn 321 (sung by all)

My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread

Rockingham

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

HYMN 423 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise St. Denio

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE Finale in D minor Eric Thiman

Join us for our Adult Forum following the 9:00 a.m. service!

- Rector's Forum in the Parish Hall: If you have not attended a Stewardship Social Gathering, we invite you to our forum today and see Fr. James' presentation and share your thoughts and questions.

PSALM 147:1-12, 21 (said antiphonally)

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.
3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.
4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.
5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.
6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.
7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.
8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;
9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.
10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.
11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.
21 Hallelujah!

- The service continues with the Gospel on page 3 in the leaflet.

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COMMISSIONING OF WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

The Examination

The congregation is seated. The Vestry and Wardens stand facing the Rector.

The Rector says these words

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

The Rector asks the sponsor(s)

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

SPONSOR(S) I believe they are.

The Rector then says these words

You have been called to serve on the Vestry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

CANDIDATES I will.

RECTOR Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

CANDIDATES I will.

The Commissioning

SPONSOR(S) I present to you these persons as Wardens and Members of the Vestry in this congregation.

RECTOR The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

RECTOR I am your servant; grant me understanding:

CONGREGATION That I may know your decrees.

Let us pray. (silence)

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Wardens and Members of the Vestry in this Parish of Bethesda-by-the-Sea.

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HYMN 401 The God of Abraham Praise Leoni

ACCLAMATION

CELEBRANT
Bless - ed be God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

PEOPLE
And bless - ed be his king - dom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

†GLORIA Hymnal S-280 Robert Powell

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 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. 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

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

PSALM 147:1-12, 21 Thomas Pavlechko

The congregation, remaining seated, joins in singing the antiphon before the Psalm and each time the introduction is played.

The Lord heals the bro - ken - heart - ed.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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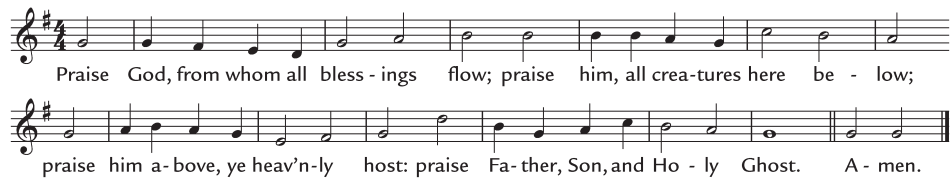
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come Wm. Mathias

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you. Nations will stream to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut. They will call you The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders. You will call your walls Salvation, and all your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

Old 100th



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

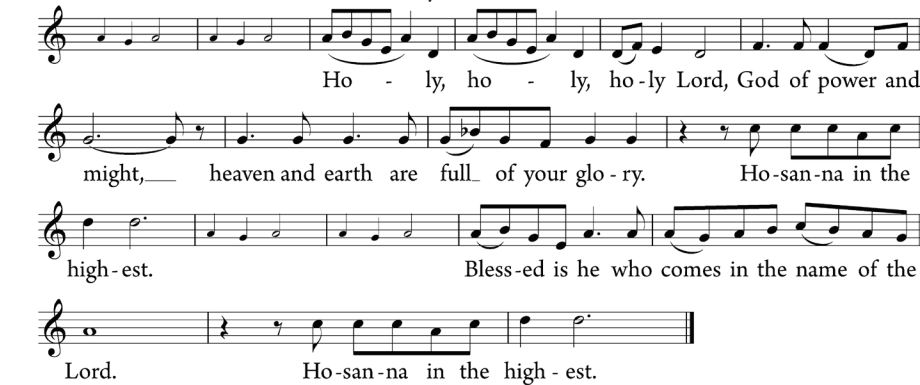
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The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus and Benedictus Hymnal S-128 William Mathias



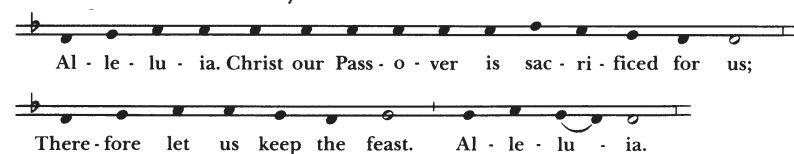
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Fraction Anthem Hymnal S-152 Mason Martens



Alleluia. Christ our Pass-over is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

COMMUNION

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Communion Hymn 321 (sung by all)

My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread

Rockingham

Communion Anthem How Lovely Are the Messengers F. Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

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Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for....Alexander, Alicia, Allan, Barbara, Beth, Bill, Bob, Brandon, Bud, Camden, Carol, Caroline, Caron, Charles, Charlotte, Cindy, Corie, Dan, Daphne, David, Deanne, Dennis, Dorothy, Douglas, Earl, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Ellen, Eric, Ermias, Etonella, Georgette, Georgia, Grace, Greta, Hadley, Hallock, Harry, Helen, Helene, Henrietta, Holly, Hugh, Jake, James, Jerry, Joe, John, Joyce, Judy, Kevin, Kim, Larry, Linda, Loraine, Louise, Marco, Marilyn, Mary, Mary Jean, Matthew, Michael, Mike, Nancy, Nicole, Norman, Patty, Paula, Peggy, Raymond, Rob, Robert, Rod, Rose, Ruth, Sam, Santo, Sherry, Stacey, Steve, Susan, Suzanne, Suzy, Sydney, Tad, Tee, Thomas, Tom, Tommy, Vivian, and Warren.

THE WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.

We pray for our companion Dioceses of the Dominican Republic, Antananarivo (Madagascar), and Haiti.

In our companion Diocese of the Bahamas, we pray for St. Stephen's, Eight-Mile-Rock, Grand Bahama.

In our own Diocese we pray for Christ Church, Coconut Grove; St. Christopher's, Ft. Lauderdale; and St. Philip's, Pompano Beach.

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COMMISSIONING OF WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

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The Commissioning

SPONSOR(S) I present to you these persons as Wardens and Members of the Vestry in this congregation.

RECTOR The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

RECTOR I am your servant; grant me understanding;

CONGREGATION That I may know your decrees.

Let us pray. (silence)

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Wardens and Members of the Vestry in this Parish of Bethesda-by-the-Sea.

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