Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist † 11:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 9, 2020

PRELUDE
Deck Thysell, My Soul, with Gladness
J.S. Bach

Hymn 372
Praise to the Living God
Leoni

OPENING SENTENCES
Confession of Sin and Absolution
From Enriching Our Worship

Let us confess our sins to
The congregation kneels, and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says:
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through 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. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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. 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. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant
The Lord be with you.
People
And also with you.

Officiant
Let us pray.

The congregation kneels.

Suffrages A

Officiant
Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People
And grant us your salvation.

Officiant
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People
Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People
For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant
Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant
Let your way be known upon earth;
People
Your saving health among all nations.

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Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

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Create in us clean hearts, O God;
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And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collects

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for the Diocese

Faithful and eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the brightness of your glory, the one foundation and the chief cornerstone of the Church: we give you thanks for the gift of your Church, and especially for this community of faith in our region of Southeast Florida as we celebrate our fiftieth anniversary. For your providence and care, we pray, you have prospered, we pray, you have given us your Church; continue to prosper, we pray, that your Church may always show forth your glory in the love we share, through him who first loved us, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

A Collect for Welcome (in unison)

Light within all light, soul behind all souls, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome those who worship today at Bethesda-by-the-Sea. Give us discerning hearts to recognize the face of the Beloved in each child of God, for often goes the Christ in the stranger’s guise. In the name of the undivided Trinity. Amen.

Intercessions

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

The congregation rises.

The Jeremiah 5:8-11a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteous judgments and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me the righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble yourselves, but do you not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down in the dust like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The congregation stands.

The congregation kneels.

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

A listener reads: or 

The Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The congregation stands.

The congregation kneels.

The Word of the Lord. 

People
Thanks be to God.

The congregation rises.

The congregation kneels.

The Lord be with you.

People
And also with you.

Officiant
Let us pray.

The congregation kneels.

The invocation to the Holy Spirit

Officiant
Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People
And grant us your salvation.

Officiant
Let your way be known upon earth;
People
Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People
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Welcoming of New Members
The prospective Members come to the Chancel steps with the Associates and face the Rector
Presenters
Father Harlan, I present to you these persons to be welcomed as members of the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea.
Rector
Have they been duly instructed in the meaning and importance of membership and the requirements of this commitment? They have.
Presenters
Then the Rector addresses the Prospective Members with these words.
My brothers and sisters, you have been brought into God’s family, the Church, through the waters of Baptism at which time you or your parents committed to loving and serving our Lord Jesus Christ through prayer, worship, study, stewardship, and ministry.

Now you come seeking to live out that baptismal covenant in this part of God’s family at the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea. You have been instructed in the requirements for membership and the opportunities for ministry.

Will you commit yourself to being faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and committed members of this Parish?

Prospective Members
I will with God’s help.
Rector
The Lord be with you.

People
And also with you.

Rector
Eternal God, it is only by your love that we are capable of loving and serving, and it is through the Church that we make your love known to one another and to the world: Restow upon these your servants the grace and courage to love and serve you in their lives and to build up and strengthen this parish; through Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In the name of God and of this Parish, I welcome you as members of the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea. You have been welcomed as members of the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea.

The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant continues.

Celebrant
And also with you.
Rector
The Lord be with you.

People
And also with you.

Rector
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface then continues.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

When Jean Paul Marat said "Dieu m’a tué", what was he referring to? What is the significance of his statement? How is his life tied to the events of the French Revolution? Marat’s murder was a pivotal moment in the French Revolution, as his death signaled the darkening of public opinion against the revolution, as well as the rise of the radical left. Marat was an important public figure and journalist who had consistently opposed the government and its policies. His assassination on July 13, 1793, was an act of political terrorism committed by Jean-Paul Marat against another revolutionary journalist, Charlotte Corday. This tragic event marked the beginning of the Reign of Terror as the French government became more radical. Marat’s death illustrates the violent nature of the French Revolution and the willingness of its leaders to use any means necessary to achieve their goals. Corday’s murder of Marat was a moment of intense political upheaval in France, as the Revolution continued to escalate in its quest for social and political change. Marat’s murder was a significant event that contributed to the radicalization of French society and the rise of the radical left. It was a moment of political violence that highlighted the depth of division and hatred in French society during this tumultuous period of history.