

# Bethesda



TOWARD A THIRD CENTURY

SARATOGA  SPRINGS

Washington Street near Broadway

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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**24 April 2016**

**8:00 am — Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 am — Holy Eucharist**

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*Please switch off all cellular telephones and other electronic devices before the Liturgy begins. Also, kindly refrain from audible conversation to respect those wishing to pray and listen to the organ prelude. Thank you.*

**ORGAN - Aria**

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*In the absence of the Interim Rector today, a Deacon's Mass will be offered. Deacon Sweeney will serve as the officiant. A deacon, by virtue of ordination, never consecrates the bread and wine at a Eucharistic celebration. The Blessed Sacrament we will receive at the altar this morning was consecrated by Dean Vang on the previous Sunday.*

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

**HYMN 96, 1<sup>st</sup> Tune - Ellacombe**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Hymnal 713)**

*Prayer Book, page 324*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON — *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life." (11:1-18)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** — *Laudate Dominum*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

Words: *Psalm 148*

Music: Anglican Chant, Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814 -1856)

**THE SECOND LESSON** — *A Reading from the Revelation to John*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." (21:1-6)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 361** — *St. James*

*The people turn to face the Book of Gospels*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

*People Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (13:31-35)

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**THE SERMON**

Deacon Sweeney

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Prayer Book, page 327*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Deacon* Let us pray that the salvation won by Jesus Christ will bear fruit in our world in answer to these prayers.

For ministers of the church, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel and David, our Assisting Bishops; Marshall and Paul, our Priests; and Peter, our Deacon, that they live in Christ's love through the strength of God.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

For those baptized at Easter, that they live in Christ's love through the favor of God.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

For those who lack food, housing, and employment, that they live in Christ's love through the generosity of God at our hands.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

For those who suffer from illness of mind or body, especially children who are abused, that they live in Christ's love through the healing of God.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

For us who worship here, that we live in Christ's love through the kindness of God.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

For those who have died, that they live for ever in Christ's love through the mercy of God.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

God of love, you have revealed your compassion to us in the risen Lord. Give answer to our prayers, so that we may love one another as Christ has loved us, and praise your name for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## *Deacon and People*

**Good and Gracious God, you make all things new. Draw near to us as we continue our Capital Campaign to secure Bethesda's ministry and mission for future generations. Bless us with a noble spirit of generosity and gratitude. May the building of a new Parish House and Community Center, together with the renovation and restoration of the Church, extend your compassionate love for the healing and transformation of those who gather there. This we ask in the Name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Deacon* The almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.  
*Amen*

## **THE PEACE**

*Deacon* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* ***And with thy spirit.***

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **ANTHEM**

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Maurice Duruflé (1901-1986)

*Where charity and love prevail there God  
is ever found.*

*United here together by Christ's love by  
love are we thus bound.*

*With grateful joy and holy fear his charity  
we learn.*

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
Amen

*Let us with heart and mind and strength  
now love him in return.*  
Amen

Words: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8

## **HYMN 474 – Woodbird**

*After the Offertory Hymn, the people kneel. The Deacon spreads a corporal and then reverently takes the Blessed Sacrament from the aumbry and places it on the Altar.*

*Deacon*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*           **And with thy spirit.**  
*Deacon*           Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of Him who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal, the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

## **OUR FATHER**

***Prayer Book, page 336***

## **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

***Prayer Book, page 337***

## **MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**AGNUS DEI** *from Missa Aeterna Christi Munera*      Giovanni Palestrina (1525-1594)

## MOTET

Farrell Goehring (b. 1957)

Yet a while I am with you. Ye shall seek me; and as I said, where I go, you cannot come; so now I say unto you.

Words: *John 13:33*

Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

A new commandment I give unto you; that you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

Words: *John 13:34-35*

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Prayer Book, page 339*

*Deacon*

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face to shine upon us  
and be gracious unto us.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon us  
and give us peace:

In the Name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

### DISMISSAL

*Deacon*

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

*People*

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

## HYMN — *Gott sei Dank*

1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa-ther's Name we praise,  
 2 On this day the e-ter-nal Son o-ver death his tri-umph won;  
 3 Ma-ker, who didst fa-shion me im-age of thy-self to be,  
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, may I be dead and bur-ied here with thee;  
 5 Thou, who dost all gifts im-part, shine, blest Spi-rit, in my heart;

1 who, cre-a-tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark-ness bring.  
 2 on this day the Spi-rit came with his gifts of liv-ing flame.  
 3 fill me with thy love di-vine, let my ev-ery thought be thine.  
 4 and, by love in-flamed, a-rise un-to thee a sac-ri-fice.  
 5 best of gifts, thy-self be-stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,  
 dwell within my heart alone;  
 thou dost give thyself to me:  
 help me give myself to thee.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877), alt.

Music: melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

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**ORGAN** - *Postlude*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## WORSHIPING THIS MORNING

We welcome all visitors to Bethesda. Please identify yourself to the clergy and sign the Register in the narthex, located next to the vestibule door.

Large print copies of the service leaflet are available. An usher would be happy to assist you.

A wheelchair, located near the handicap lift in the vestibule, is available to those who require it.

REFRESHMENTS are served in the Empire Room on the second floor of the former VanDam Hotel immediately following the Sung Eucharist. Please join us.

## ASSISTING AT OUR LITURGIES TODAY

	8:00am	10:00am
<i>Deacon</i>	Deacon Sweeney	Deacon Sweeney
<i>Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock	Robert Bullock
	Sean Byrnes	Catherine Berheide
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Ann Van Acker
	Gail Remington	Pamela Houde
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth & Tom
		Moeller
<i>Lectors</i>	Mark Claverie	Lynda Redman
		Eid Sweis
<i>Oblations Bearers</i>		Craig Walton
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>		Thomas Moeller
		Richard Wissler
		Betsy Cummins
<i>Hospitality Hosts</i>		Laurie Brenenstuhl

## EASTER TERM

*Classes will not meet on April 24*

May 1-8-15-22 CLASSES

*Classes will not meet on May 29*

June 5 CLASSES

June 12 RECOGNITION SUNDAY

## NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	St. Augustine's Church, Ilion
<i>Our Parish</i>	Capital Campaign Committee

A basket in the vestibule awaits your contributions of hygiene products to Economic Opportunity Council (EOC). These are taken monthly to assist those in need. Your assistance in gratefully appreciated.

Office Hours: The PARISH OFFICES are open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., *Monday through Thursday*, and 9 a.m. until noon on *Friday*.

The DEADLINE for submitting notices for each Sunday's bulletin is noon on Wednesday. Your cooperation will be gratefully appreciated.

A Calendar for CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERINGS at Bethesda is available on the tables at the rear of the nave.

The Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation has invited Bethesda to take part in its SPRING HOUSE TOUR, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday May 14. Bethesda may be asked to either sell tickets to the tour, and/or to be one of the stops on the tour. Volunteers will be needed. If you would like to help in whatever way is needed, please contact Mark Claverie.

EUCCHARISTIC ELEMENTS: Memorial or thank offerings for bread and altar wine are usually given on a monthly basis and cover such expenses both at Bethesda as well as the Homes of the Good Shepherd in Saratoga Springs and Wilton. A gift of \$25 is requested. Please notify the parish office no later than one week before the end of each month.

THANK OFFERING OPPORTUNITY: Did you know you have the opportunity weekly to have flowers placed on the Altar in Memory or in Honor of someone? If you would like to make such an offering, please contact the Parish Office by phone (584-5980) or email ([barbara@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:barbara@bethesdachurch.org)). Your gift is appreciated by all.

The COFFEE HOUR has moved to the Empire Room on the second floor of the former VanDam Hotel. Beverages will be provided by the Adelphi Hotel. We will only be responsible for snacks. This arrangement will continue until June 19, when we return to cold refreshments served near the entrance to the church.

Coffee Hour HOSTS are needed for these Sundays: May 29 and June 5

The BUILDING COMMITTEE meets on Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00pm in the Parish House.

Please mark your calendars: The BETHESDA ARCHIVES (in the Parish House) will be open on these Saturdays between 9:30 am and noon: 5/7/2016. During that time, you are welcome to come and do research, or to help with further organization of materials in the archives. Thanks for your interest and please contact me if there are questions.  
*Diane Robinson*

Do you have room to spare? OPERA SARATOGA seeks housing for opera singers, apprentices, conductors and house staff. The season begins at the end of May, 2016, and runs through mid-July. If you have space available for all or a part of that time, please call Patty at the Opera Saratoga office (584-6018.) Compensation available; opportunity to help the arts in Saratoga flourish, priceless.

The SARATOGA SPRINGS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION has invited Bethesda to take part in its Spring House Tour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday May 14. Bethesda may be asked to either sell tickets to the tour, and/or to be one of the stops on the tour. Volunteers will be needed. If you would like to help in whatever way is needed, please contact Mark Claverie.

### **Capital Campaign Exceeding Goal**

Bethesda can be grateful and perhaps amazed that the congregational goal for the Capital Campaign has been met and will be exceeded. When all pledges received, plus those known to be “on the way” are tallied, the Campaign leadership expects the goal of \$330,000 to be surpassed!

But we don't want to stop now. Members of the Vestry, Building Committee and gift worker volunteers will continue to contact parishioners to keep the momentum going. Gifts and pledges received will all help realize our hopes for the future both for the New Parish House and Community Center, and for the needed restoration measures in the church building. So, when you are called upon, please open your door and your heart to this effort to renew our church building and establish Bethesda's mission and ministry for future generations. Mary Withington and Gordon Boyd are co-chairs.

If you wish to learn more about Bethesda's capital projects and campaign, please leave your name with the clergy, sign the book in the Narthex, or speak with a member of the Vestry. We will follow up!

### **Building Committee: Church restoration**

A draft "condition report" from our architects on restoration needs of the church building has been prepared. The report, comprising nearly 50 pages, addresses issues affecting the long term wellbeing of the church building, from the roof to the undercroft, the stained glass, and many other features. It details the physical needs, and proposes a priority ranking of measures to make most efficient use of available financial resources. A digital version has been posted to the parish web site at <http://bethesdachurch.org/capital-projects/church-restoration/>. A presentation will be scheduled soon for the parish. Live demonstrations of some restoration needs are occasionally provided by squirrels, bats and leaking rainwater, but these are unscheduled. The study and report were funded in part by a grant from the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

## **CHORAL EVENSONG**

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

1 May 2016 at 3 pm

Sung by the Schola Cantorum

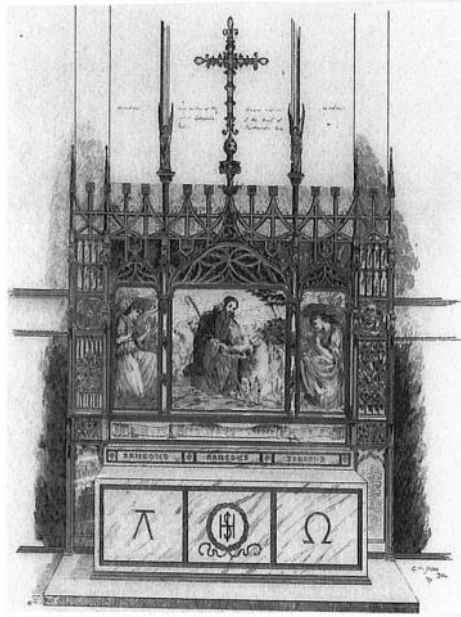
Reception following

The SKIDMORE COMMUNITY CHORUS AND VOCAL CHAMBER ENSEMBLE present *Gather by the River*, a program featuring beloved spirituals, folk song arrangements from around the world, and moving works by contemporary American composers.

We hope you will join us Sunday, April 24, 2:00pm in the Helen Filene Ladd Concert Hall of the Zankel Music Building. The event will also be streaming live at the following link: <http://livestream.com/accounts/2689920/events/4751084>

**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**  
*April 25-May 1*

Monday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
Tuesday <i>SAINT MARK, THE EVANGELIST (tr.)</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Chapel</i>  7:00 p.m. - Building Committee, <i>Parish House</i>
Thursday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
Friday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
Saturday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
Sunday <i>THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ROGATION SUNDAY</i>	8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> 9:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal <i>Choir Room</i> 10:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> Church School Youth Group <i>Parish House</i> Refreshments <i>Empire Room,</i> <i>Rip Van Dam Hotel</i> Choir Rehearsal <i>Parish House</i> 3:00 p.m. - Choral Evensong, <i>High Altar</i> <i>Reception following</i>



## THE PARISH VESTRY

### Churchwardens

*Class of 2016*

Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

*Class of 2017*

Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

### Vestry

*Class of 2016*

Denise Limoli

Sara Manny

Mary Withington

*Class of 2017*

Jane Agee

Gordon Boyd

Mark Griffin

Anne Van Acker, *Treasurer*

*Class of 2018*

Mark Claverie

Geneva Henderson

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Interim Rector*

The Reverend Paul Evans, *Assisting Priest*

The Reverend Peter H. Sweeney, *Deacon*

Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*

Mr. Farrell Goehring, *Organist/Director of Music*

Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*

Mr. Robert E. Bullock, *Vergar*

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