

# Bethesda



TOWARD A THIRD CENTURY

SARATOGA  SPRINGS

**Washington Street near Broadway**

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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**10 April 2016**

**8:00 am — Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 am — Sung 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** - *Prelude in B Major*

Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

## **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**HYMN 87** - *Fortunatus*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*Hymnal 713*)

*Prayer Book, page 324*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread; Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." (9:1-6)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL — *Exaltabo te, Domine*

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper."

- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.  
13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Words: *Psalm 30*

Music: Anglican Chant, Ray Francis Brown(1897-1965)

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

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped. (5:11-14)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

***People Thanks be to God.***

**SEQUENCE - HYMN 89 - Salzburg**

*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.***

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after day-break, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish

that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

(21:1-19)

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

## THE SERMON

Dean Vang

## THE NICENE CREED

*Prayer Book, page 327*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* In the saving name of Jesus, let us offer fervent prayer for all in need.

*Deacon* That the Lord's power will renew the church in the joy of Christ's resurrection. We pray especially for 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,  
Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

That the Lord's peace will rescue nations and peoples from hatred and violence,  
Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

That the Lord's gifts of living waters and fertile soil will sustain the human family,  
Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

That the Lord's victory over evil will fill our hearts with thanksgiving and praise,  
Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

That the Lord's salvation will give everlasting joy to those who have died,  
Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

*Celebrant* God, our helper, look upon us in your compassion and grant us the riches of your kindness. For the blessings we have received and for those yet to come, all honor, glory and praise are your due, O God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Celebrant 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.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an Absolution.*

## **THE PEACE**

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

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **ANTHEM**

Charles Stanford (1852-1924)

And I saw another angel ascending from the east,  
having the seal of the living God;  
and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels; saying,  
'Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees,  
till we have sealed the servants of our  
God in their foreheads'  
And lo, a great multitude which no man could number,  
of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues,  
stood before the throne, and before the Lamb,  
clothed with white robes, and palms were in their hands;  
and cried with a loud voice, saying,  
'Salvation to our God,  
which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.' Amen.  
Blessing and glory, and wisdom and thanksgiving,  
and honor, and power, and might,  
be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

Words: *Revelation 7:2,3,9,10,12*

### **HYMN 207, 1<sup>st</sup> Tune - Edsall**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer II**      *Prayer Book, page 340*

### **PROPER PREFACE OF EASTER**

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT** (*Hymnal 797*), *sung by all*

### **OUR FATHER**

*Prayer Book, page 336*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM**

*Prayer Book, page 337*

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

*Prayer Book, page 337*

**MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**AGNUS DEI** *from Missa Resurrectionis*

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

**MOTET**

Beati quorum via integra est:  
Qui ambulat in lege Domini.

Charles Stanford (1852-1924)  
*Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.*  
Words: *Psalm 119:1*

**THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Prayer Book, page 339*

**PASCHAL BLESSING**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**DISMISSAL**

*Deacon*  
*People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## 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

	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
<i>Deacon</i>	Deacon Sweeney	Deacon Sweeney
<i>Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock Sean Byrnes	Robert Bullock
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pam Houde Gail Remington	Anne Van Acker Stacey Sweeney
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson Mark Claverie
<i>Lectors</i>	Michael Penfold	John Van der Veer Genna Henderson
<i>Oblations Bearers</i> <i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>		Kathleen & Mark Anspach John Van der Veer Frederick Scheidt
<i>Hospitality Hosts</i>		Mayumi Kato Anne Van Acker

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT BETHESDA  
EASTER TERM**

April 10-17	CLASSES
<i>Classes will not meet on April 24</i>	
May 1-8-15-22	CLASSES
<i>Classes will not meet on May 29</i>	
June 5	CLASSES
June 12	RECOGNITION SUNDAY

**Church School Classes & Youth Group**

CHURCH SCHOOL children and teachers meet in the Parish House after communion.

**NOTICES**

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for  
*Anglican Communion* The Church of Ireland  
*Diocese of Albany* Clergy & Spouse Conference (April 17-19)  
*Our Parish* Acolytes, Altar Guild, Choir, Lectors,  
Ushers & Greeters

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.

Please continue to pray for FATHER EVANS as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.

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.

Please mark your calendars: The BETHESDA ARCHIVES (in the Parish House) will be open on these Saturdays between 9:30 am and noon: 4/16/2016 and 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

### **BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

While spending much time on the design and program for the New Parish House and Community Center, the Building Committee has not overlooked the needs of our principal physical asset, the church.

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. The report was reviewed by the Building Committee on March 9, and by the Vestry on March 16. 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.

### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT**

Members of the Vestry, Building Committee and gift worker volunteers continue to make contact with parishioners to fulfill or perhaps surpass the goal of Bethesda’s Capital Campaign. Our pledges continue to increase. This effort will continue through Easter and beyond. 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.

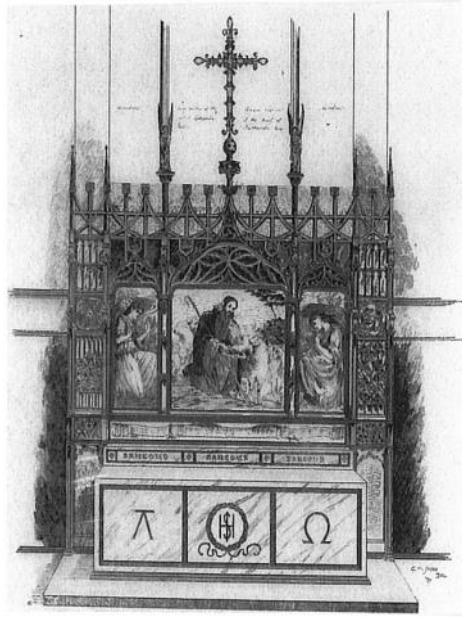
If you wish to learn more about Bethesda’s capital projects and campaign, please leave your name with the clergy, sign the book in the Narthex, or speak with a member of the Vestry. We will follow up!

**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**  
*April 11-17*

<p>Monday <i>Easter Weekday</i></p>	
<p>Tuesday <i>Easter Weekday</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. - Parish Staff Meeting <i>Parish House</i> 6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i></p>
<p>Wednesday <i>Easter Weekday</i></p>	<p>12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Chapel</i></p>
<p>Thursday <i>Easter Weekday</i></p>	<p>9:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i></p>
<p>Friday <i>Easter Weekday</i></p>	
<p>Saturday <i>Easter Weekday</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. - Bethesda Archives Open <i>Parish House</i></p>
<p>Sunday <i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i></p>	<p>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 &amp; Youth Group <i>Parish House</i> Refreshments <i>Empire Room,</i> <i>Van Dam Hotel</i> Choir Rehearsal <i>Parish House</i></p>







## THE PARISH VESTRY

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