

Bethesda



TOWARD A THIRD CENTURY

SARATOGA  SPRINGS

Washington Street near Broadway

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17 April 2016

8:00 am — Holy Eucharist

10:00 am — Sung Eucharist

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 - *Shepherd of Souls*

Rebecca Parkinson (b.1955)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 95, 1st Tune - *Nassau*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. 9:36-43)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL—*Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Words: *Psalm 23*

Music: Anglican Chant, John Goss (1800-1880)

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

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (7:9-17)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE - HYMN 345, 1st Tune — *St. Columba*

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 that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." (10:22-30)

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 Let us come before the Lord, our gladness, with these petitions.

Deacon That those who shepherd the holy church of God, 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, will find strength in God's Word.

The Lord is my Shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

That those who are discerning a church vocation will find joy in God's call.

The Lord is my Shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

That those who suffer from sickness and weakness will find courage in God's faithfulness.

The Lord is my Shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

That those who lack sufficient food or adequate medical care will find assistance in God's people.

The Lord is my Shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

That those who have died, will find salvation in God's everlasting life.

The Lord is my Shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

Celebrant Lord God, we hunger and thirst for your loving-kindness. Care for us well in answer to these prayers, so that we may follow your Son to glory and live with him in your presence, 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

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
World without end, Amen.

Words: *Psalm 100*

HYMN 213 — *St. Agnes*

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 Mass for Four Voices*

William Byrd (1543-1623)

MOTET

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought. For the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation, and to be given for food to the faithful. Before him come the choirs of angels, with every principality and power; the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn, Alleluia.

Words: Liturgy of Saint James

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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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

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN 247 - *Sicilian Mariners*

ORGAN - *Postlude in G*

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 Van-Dam 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 Darren Miller
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington Sherryl Moore	Christine Miller Stacey Sweeney
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Denise Limoli Mayumi Kato
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	Ann Bullock Denise Limoli
<i>Oblations Bearers</i> <i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		Douglas Huston Christopher Lyons Diane Robinson Mark Claverie
<i>Hospitality Hosts</i>		Mark & Kathleen Anspach

EASTER TERM

April 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 rear of the church immediately after the final hymn.

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Church in Japan)
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Beaver Cross Spring Break Camp (April 25-29)
<i>Our Parish</i>	The Vestry

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). 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:
April 24, May 29 and June 5

THE VESTRY meets on Wednesday, April 20th 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

CHORAL EVENSONG
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
1 May 2016 at 3 pm
Sung by the Schola Cantorum
Reception following

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.

CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

INFORMATIONAL FORUM on Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease—Sunday, April 24th at 4 PM in the Saratoga Springs Presbyterian-New England Congregational Church Sanctuary at 24 Circular Street.

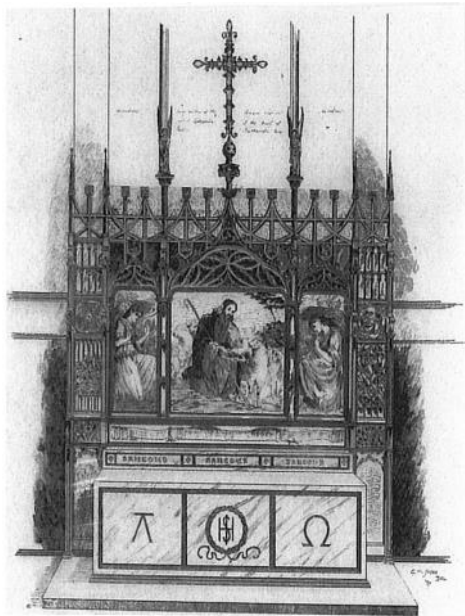
The purpose of this forum will be to provide an overview of dementia and Alzheimer's Disease as well as speak to the challenges of care giving in dealing with the shattering effect that AD and dementia can have on people's lives. A question and answer segment will also be included as part of the forum.

The resource speakers for the forum will be Nancy Cummings and Lynn Young. Nancy is Director of the Anne B. and Leon J. Goldberg Resource Center, a NYSDOH designated Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease. Lynn is currently working with the NYSDOH Alzheimer's Disease Program and was formerly Director of Eddy Alzheimer's Services and Marjorie Doyle Rockwell Center.

Contact Person for further information: Chuck Kochheiser, Coordinator of Senior Ministries at the Saratoga Springs Presbyterian-New England Congregational Church. Email: papanon@nycap,rr.com or cell phone: 727-3615

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
April 18-24

<p>Monday <i>Easter Weekday</i></p>	<p><i>Diocesan Clergy Conference, Spiritual Life Center</i></p>
<p>Tuesday <i>Easter Weekday</i> <i>(Saint Alphege of Canterbury)</i></p>	<p><i>Diocesan Clergy Conference, Spiritual Life Center</i> 6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i></p>
<p>Wednesday <i>Easter Weekday</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> 12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Chapel</i> 7:00 p.m. - Meeting of the Vestry, <i>Parish House</i></p>
<p>Thursday <i>Easter Weekday</i> <i>(Saint Anselm of Canterbury)</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> <i>(Saint George)</i></p>	
<p>Sunday <i>THE FIFTH 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> Refreshments <i>Empire Room,</i> <i>Rip Van Dam Hotel</i> Choir Rehearsal <i>Parish House</i></p>



THE PARISH VESTRY

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