



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00 am—Holy Eucharist

3 April 2016
10:00 am—Solemn 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: *Prelude*

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 99 — *O Filii et Filiae*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and 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*

When the captain and the temple police had brought the apostles out of the temple, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." (5:27-32)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL — *Aperite mihi portas justitiae*

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *

he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *

and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *

has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, *

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; *

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Words: *Psalm 118: 19-24*

Music: Anglican Chant, I. A. Atkins (1869-1953)

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

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us to be a kingdom, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and

Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

(1:4-8)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE: HYMN 98 — *Puer Nobis*

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.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

(20:19-31)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Deacon Sweeney

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us bring our prayers to the Father through Jesus Christ, the glorious victor over sin and death.

Deacon That the church may be renewed in the joy of its Lord'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,
On this day the Lord has acted;
We all rejoice and be glad in it.

That the nations of the world may receive mercy in the name of Jesus Christ,
On this day the Lord has acted;
We all rejoice and be glad in it.

That those who were baptized into Christ at Easter may rejoice in peace from on high and the salvation of their souls,
On this day the Lord has acted;
We all rejoice and be glad in it.

That we, like Thomas, may acclaim Jesus as our Lord and our God,
On this day the Lord has acted;
We all rejoice and be glad in it.

That those who have died, may live with their risen Savior for ever,
On this day the Lord has acted;
We all rejoice and be glad in it.

Celebrant God of glory, you raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and made him the joy of all believers. Bring us to new life in Christ, so that we may join those who now see him in his risen glory, and share the blessedness of his kingdom, both now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant and People

Good and Gracious God, you make all things new. Draw near to us as we begin 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

Samuel Sebastian Wesley(1810-1876)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which,
according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively
hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled,
that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation,
ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as He which hath called you is holy,
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
pass the time of your sojourning in fear.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently.

See that ye love one another.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed,
but of incorruptible, by the word of God.

For all flesh is grass, and all the glory of God as the flower of grass.

The grass withereth, and the flower therefore faileth away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for evermore. Amen!

Words 1 Peter 1: 3-5, 15-17, 22-25

HYMN 91 — *Victory*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

Prayer Book, page 340

PROPER PREFACE OF EASTER

But chiefly are we bound to praise you 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

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI *from Missa Brevis*

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

William Harris (1883-1973)

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain

*Had Christ that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.*

Death's flood hath lost his chill
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

Refrain

Words: Dutch Carol

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 90 — *Neander*

ORGAN: *Prelude and Fugue in C*

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 Solemn 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>	Mary Withington Sherryl Moore	Anne Van Acker Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach Steve Rucker
<i>Lectors</i>	Tom Remington	Kim Caughron Robert Bullock
<i>Oblations Bearers</i> <i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		Craig Walton Thomas Moeller Richard Wissler
<i>Hospitality Hosts</i>		

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT BETHESDA
EASTER TERM**

April 3-10-17 CLASSES
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

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 the Province of the Indian Ocean
Diocese of Albany The Right Reverend William H. Love
Our Parish The Building 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.

Please continue to pray for FATHER EVANS as he recovers from hip replacement surgery. Cards may be sent to 23 Seward Street, #14, Saratoga Springs, NY, 12065.

Starting this Sunday, the COFFEE HOUR will be moving to the Empire Room on the third 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 Hall) 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: CHURCH RESTORATION

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.

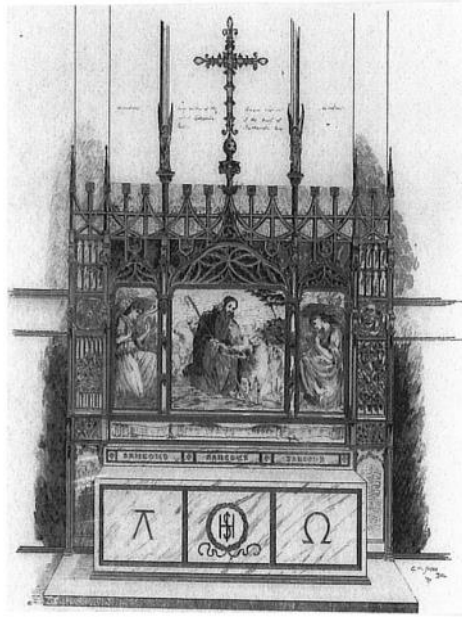
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT

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 4-10

<p>Monday <i>Easter Weekday</i></p>	
<p>Tuesday <i>SAINT JOSEPH (tr.)</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>THE ANNUNCIATION (tr.)</i></p>	<p>9:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> 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>Sunday <i>THE THIRD 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 & Youth Group <i>Parish House</i> Refreshments <i>Empire Room, Van Dam Hotel</i> Choir Rehearsal <i>Parish House</i></p>



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