



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Rogation Sunday **1 May 2016**
10:00 am — Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism

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 - *He Shall Be Their Shepherd*

Louis E. Stairs (1892-1982)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 101 - *Kingsfold*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

Prayer Book, page 324

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who has prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through 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*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. (16:9-15)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL — *Deus misereatur*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Words: *Psalm 67*

Music: Anglican Chant, George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

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

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. (21:10, 22-22:5)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 378, 2nd Tune — *Mendon*

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe." (14:23-29)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

As the candidate is brought to the crossing; all stand and sing

HYMN 90, verse 1 — *Neander*

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate is presented by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents I present Nolan Jamieson Darling to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When he has been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After being presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with him who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by 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.
On the third day he rose again

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant
People

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Celebrant
People

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant
People

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant
People

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant
People

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant
People

Will you strive for justice and peace among all
people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

<i>Deacon</i> <i>People</i>	Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Deacon</i> <i>People</i>	Open his heart to your grace and truth. Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Deacon</i> <i>People</i>	Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Deacon</i> <i>People</i>	Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Deacon</i> <i>People</i>	Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Deacon</i> <i>People</i>	Send him into the world in witness to your love. Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Deacon</i> <i>People</i>	Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. ***Amen.***

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 90, verses 2-3 — *Neander*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

<i>People</i>	The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i> <i>People</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

Nolan Jamieson, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Then the Priest places his right hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross (using Chrism) and saying

Nolan Jamieson, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

A candle is now presented.

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over the newly Baptized, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Celebrant

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

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

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 90, *verse 4 — Neander*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts, Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support, Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words — Alcuin (735-804)

HYMN 298, *1st Tune — Tallis' Ordinal*

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

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI from *Missa Brevis*, *sung by the choir*

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

MOTET

Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
Who, from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful o'er our race
Still to man extends his grace.

God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Saviour's blood,
And, to make our safety sure,
Guides us by his Spirit pure.

Heaven and earth by him were made;
All is by his scepter swayed;
What are we that he should show
So much love to us below?

Sing, my soul, adore his Name!
Let his glory be thy theme:
Praise him till he calls thee home;
Trust his love for all to come.

Words: Anonymous, 1800

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

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

HYMN 314 – *Magdalen College*

ORGAN - *March Jubilant*

Ernest Sheppard (1879-1986)

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

	8:00am	10:00am
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
<i>Deacon</i>	Deacon Sweeney	Deacon Sweeney
<i>Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock	Robert Bullock
	Sean Byrnes	David Wilder
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Remington	Anne Van Acker
	Sherryl Moore	Stacey Sweeney
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach
		Steve Rucker
<i>Lectors</i>	Sean Byrnes	Jane Agee
		Christopher Lyons
<i>Oblations Bearers</i>		
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		Mark & Kathleen Anspach
		John Van der Veer
		Frederick Scheidt
<i>Hospitality Hosts</i>		Mark & Kathleen Anspach

EASTER TERM

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 rear of the church immediately after the final hymn.

NOTICES

During this morning's 10 a.m. liturgy, Nolan Jamieson Darling will become a member of Christ's Body, the Church, through the SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	The Anglican Church of Kenya
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Daughters of the King
<i>Our Parish</i>	The Clergy

During the month of May, the *Eucharistic Elements* of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Denton Winslow Crocker.

THE FEAST OF OUR LORD'S ASCENSION

Thursday, May 5th

9:15 am– Holy Eucharist, *Home of the Good Shepherd*

7pm– Holy Eucharist with Hymns

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.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY for May through July is available in the back of the Church.

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 12, 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

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
Today at 3 pm
Sung by the Schola Cantorum
Reception following

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.

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 are 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 will continue to make contact with 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!

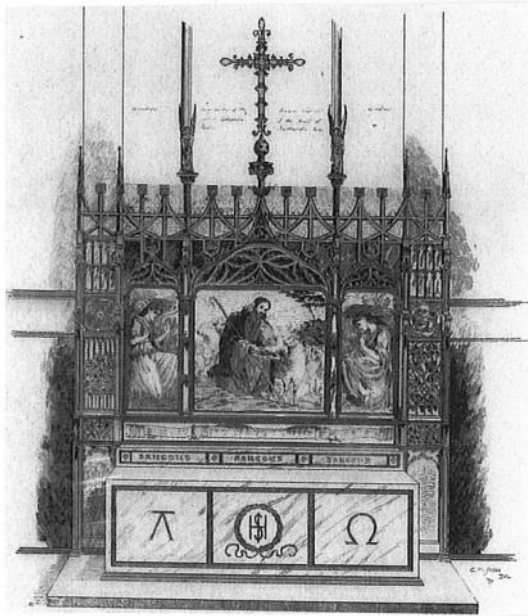
Building Committee: Church restoration

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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

May 2-8

<p>Monday <i>Easter Weekday</i></p>	
<p>Tuesday <i>SAINT PHILIP and SAINT JAMES (tr.)</i></p>	<p>6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i></p>
<p>Wednesday <i>Monica Mother of Augustine of Hippo</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></p>
<p>Thursday <i>ASCENSION DAY</i></p>	<p>9:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i> 7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Hymns, <i>High Altar</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 SEVENTH 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,</i> <i>Rip Van Dam Hotel</i> Choir Rehearsal <i>Parish House</i></p>



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