

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON — *A Reading from the Book of Proverbs*

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth — when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race." (8:1-4, 22-31)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL — *Domine, Dominus noster*

- 1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Words: *Psalm 8*

Music: Anglican Chant, William Henry Harris

THE SECOND LESSON — *A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. (5:1-5)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 268, verses 6-7— *Deirdre, St. Patrick*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you." (16:12-15)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant God's Holy Spirit now leads us into prayer and gives us the assurance that God will hear our petitions.

Deacon For the Christian Churches and its ministers, 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 be one in the unifying love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For civil authorities, that they intensify their efforts to establish peace and justice throughout the world,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the homeless and the hungry, the sick and the dying, that they receive consolation from the God who saves,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have gathered here, that we welcome the love of God, poured into our hearts in this Eucharist,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, that they share the glory of the Triune God,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord God, have mercy on us and answer our prayers. Let the love which unites the Persons of the Trinity shape our lives and the lives of all people. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who celebrates life with you and the Holy Spirit, one 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

AT THE OFFERTORY — ANTHEM

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

All hail, adored Trinity,
All hail, eternal Unity:
O God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, ever One.

Three Persons praise we evermore,
And thee th'Eternal One adore:
In thy sure mercy ever kind,
May we our true protection find.

Behold, O Lord, this festal day
We pour to thee our thankful lay:
For all thy gifts of priceless worth,
The saving health of all the earth.

O Trinity, O Unity,
Be present as we worship thee:
And to the Angels' songs in light,
Our pray'rs and praises now unite.

Words: Anglo Saxon Hymn, 11th c.

HYMN 266 — *Nicaea*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF OF TRINITY SUNDAY

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI from *Communion Service, sung by the choir*

A.F. Halpin

MOTET

Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus, miserere nobis,
Te invocamus, Te laudamus, Te glorificamus.
O beata Trinitas,
sit nomen Domini benedictum,

Antoine De Fevin (1470-1512)
*Holy Trinity, One God, we implore thee.
We invoke, We praise and glorify thee.
O great Trinity,
We long for thy blessing.*

Words: unknown

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among 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 274 — *Albany*

ORGAN - *Voluntary*

Albert Dupuis (1877-1967)

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 Sean Byrnes	David Wilder
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington Sherryl Moore	Christine Miller Anne Van Acker Beth & Thomas Moeller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Mark Claverie
<i>Lectors</i>	Mark Claverie	Anne Van Acker David Wilder
<i>Oblations Bearers Ushers & Greeters</i>		John Van der Veer Frederick Scheidt Douglas Huston Kathleen & Mark Anspach
<i>Hospitality Hosts</i>		Joyce & Ed Sweis Helen & Lewis Bruce

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - EASTER TERM

May 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

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
Diocese of Albany Christ the King Spiritual Life Center
Our Parish Theologians of the Church

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.

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.

The sign-up is in the narthex for summer LEMONDADE AND COOKIE HOSTS . Please leave your contact information with your name. Thank you in advance to all who can help!

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 June 5.

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.

VBS CAVE QUEST

Mark your calendars and register now! VBS Cave Quest: Following Jesus, The Light of the World, is coming in summer 2016. Kids will embark on a VBS adventure that will light their way! Gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure. Ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times.

June 27-July 1, 2016. 8:30-11:30am

Register your kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends for an exciting week of games, Bible adventures, singing, whacky experiments and delicious snacks. It is free for anyone to participate and everyone in the community is welcome! Registration is EASY online – go to our church website www.4christchurch.org and click on the VBS button.

“THINGS SEEN AND UNSEEN” - DOUBLE FEATURE SUNDAY MAY 22

Today, the Building Committee will provide a visual presentation “double feature” on the needs of our beloved church building for restoration. The presentations will be offered in the church as follows, so the congregation should not depart immediately after the services end:

9:00 a.m. or immediately following the 8 a.m. service, in the church
11:10 a.m. or immediately following the 10 a.m. service, in the church

Shannon Brown, Bethesda's associate at John G. Waite Associates, Architects, will present. The pictures and information will be drawn from the draft "condition report" prepared by our architects from John G. Waite Associates, Albany. The study and report were funded in part by a grant from the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

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 of the report has been posted to the parish web site at <http://bethesdachurch.org/capital-projects/church-restoration/>.

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!

By the way, have you returned your pledge card yet?

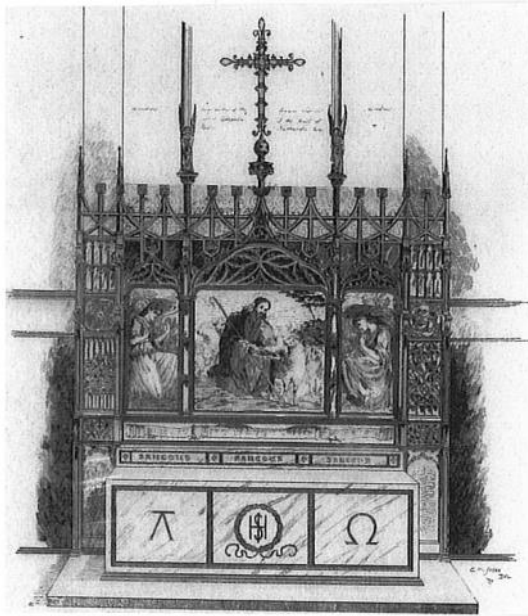
If you have not received your campaign package, the brochure, pledge card and return envelope, please notify clergy, Vestry or Capital Campaigners. We will make sure you receive the information. Gifts and pledges received will all help realize our hopes for the future, both for the New Parish House and Community Center, and for the needed restoration measures in the church building. 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

May 23-29

<p>Monday <i>Feria</i></p>	
<p>Tuesday <i>Jackson Kemper</i></p>	<p>6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i></p>
<p>Wednesday <i>The Venerable Bede</i></p>	<p>12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Chapel</i> 7:00 p.m. - Building Committee Meeting <i>Parish House</i></p>
<p>Thursday <i>Augustine of Canterbury</i></p>	<p>9:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i> 7:00 p.m. - Homes of the Good Shepherd Board Meeting <i>Saratoga Springs</i></p>
<p>Friday <i>Feria</i></p>	
<p>Saturday <i>Feria</i></p>	
<p>Sunday <i>SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI</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. - Solemn Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments <i>Empire Room, Rip Van Dam Hotel</i> Choir Rehearsal <i>Parish House</i></p>



THE PARISH VESTRY

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The Reverend Peter H. Sweeney, *Deacon*

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