



Washington Street near Broadway

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:  
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

8:00 am—Holy Eucharist

8 May 2016

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 - *Epos*

Jan Felderhof (1907-2006)

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 355, *1<sup>st</sup> Tune — Coronation*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Prayer Book*, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

*Prayer Book*, page 324

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

(16:16-34)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL — *Dominus regnavit*

- 1 The Lord is King;  
let the earth rejoice; \*  
    let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
    righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

- 3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
  - 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.
  - 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
  - 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.
  - 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.
  - 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O Lord.
  - 9 For you are the Lord,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.
  - 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
  - 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
  - 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

### Words: *Psalm 97*

Music: Anglican Chant, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

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

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the Beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen. (22:12-14,16-17,20-21)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

(22.12.17, 13.17, 20)

## **SEQUENCE HYMN 366 — Engelberg**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*  
**People    Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

(17:20-26)

*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 ask God to hear these petitions, so that the life-giving water of saving grace may be ours in abundance.

*Deacon* For those who lead the church, 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 proclaim God's merciful love in their service of all,

Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer*

For those who govern nations and peoples, that they reflect God's universal love in words and works of justice,

Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer*

For those who suffer from poverty and disease, that they know God's bountiful love in our care and compassion,

Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer*

For us who worship here, that we welcome God's abundant love in oneness of heart,  
Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer*

For those who have died, that they receive God's everlasting love in the glory of heaven,  
Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer*

*Celebrant* Lord Most High, as Jesus, your Son, prayed for us, so we pray for one another.  
Let your love sustain us this day and every day, so that we will be one with you and your  
beloved Son, and rejoice in you 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.**

## **CONFSSION 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

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with voice of triumph.

For the Lord most high is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth.

God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God; Sing praises unto our King, Sing praises;

For God is the King of all the earth; Sing ye praises, every one that hath understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.

Words: *Psalm 47*

### HYMN 356, 1<sup>st</sup> Tune — *King's Weston*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

*Prayer Book*, page 340

### PROPER PREFACE OF ASCENSION

Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us: that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

### 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 Communion Service in F*, *sung by the choir*

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

### MOTET

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
and lighten our understanding,  
that we may dwell in the fear of thy name  
all the days of our life;  
that we may know thee,  
the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

Words: from "Lidley's Prayers", 1566

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Prayer Book*, page 339

#### ASCENSION BLESSING

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit; 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 347, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tune — *Hyfrydol***

**ORGAN - *Lead On, O King Eternal***

Lani Smith (b.1934)

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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 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>	Mary Withington	Anne Van Acker
	Sherryl Moore	Pam Houde
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson
		Mark Claverie
<i>Lectors</i>	Lynne Priestley	Betsy Cummins
		Sara Manny
<i>Oblations Bearers</i>		Diane Robinson
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>		Mark Claverie
		Douglas Huston
		Christopher Lyons
<i>Hospitality Hosts</i>		Youth Group &
		Church School

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - EASTER TERM

May 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 Anglican Church of Korea
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Blessed Virgin Mary and all Mothers on Mother's Day
<i>Our Parish</i>	Homes of the Good Shepherd

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Michael Stockman, on the twentieth anniversary of his death. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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.

Today's MOTHER'S DAY AFRICAN VIOLET sale will help support the Sunday School's activities. Your generosity will be appreciated.

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 is 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 LEMONADE 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](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 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.

### **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!

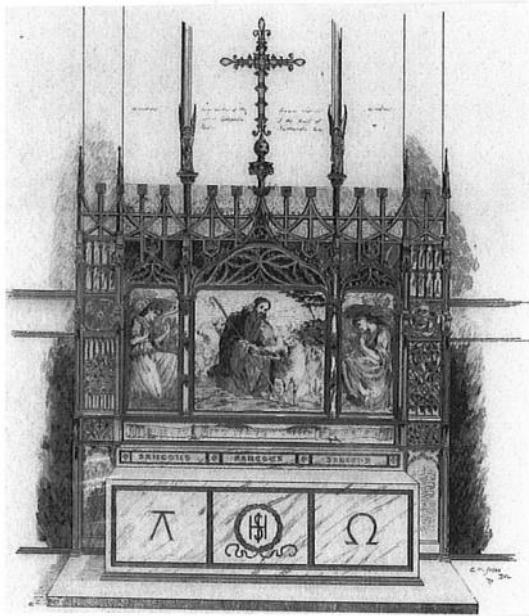
### **BUILDING COMMITTEE — CHURCH RESTORATION**

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 9-15*

Monday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
Tuesday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting <i>Parish House</i> 6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Chapel</i> 7:00 p.m. - Building Committee Meeting <i>Parish House</i>
Thursday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	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>
Friday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	4:00 p.m. - Wedding Rehearsal <i>High Altar</i>
Saturday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	3:30 p.m. - Holy Matrimony <i>High Altar</i>
Sunday <i>THE DAY OF PENTECOST.</i> <i>WHITSUNDAY</i>	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> 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>



## THE PARISH VESTRY

### Churchwardens

*Class of 2016*

Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

*Class of 2017*

Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

### Vestry

*Class of 2017*

Jane Agee

Gordon Boyd

Mark Griffin

Anne Van Acker, *Treasurer*

*Class of 2018*

Mark Claverie

Geneva Henderson

*Class of 2016*

Denise Limoli

Sara Manny

Mary Withington

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Interim Rector*  
The Reverend Paul Evans, *Assisting Priest*  
The Reverend Peter H. Sweeney, *Deacon*  
Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*  
Mr. Farrell Goehring, *Organist/Director of Music*  
Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*  
Mr. Robert E. Bullock, *Verger*

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