



**Washington Street near Broadway**

**THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**17 July 2016**

**8:00 am—Holy Eucharist**

**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 - *God is Light***

Ned Rorem (b.1923)

**THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**HYMN 288 – *Hanover***

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)**

*Prayer Book, page 324*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON — *A Reading from the Book of Genesis*

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." (18:1-10a)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL — *Domine, quis habitabit?*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
    who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
    who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
    he does no evil to his friend; \*  
    he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
    but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
    and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
    nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
    shall never be overthrown.

*Psalm 15*

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

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. (1:15-28)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE, HYMN 462, 1<sup>st</sup> Tune** — *Windsor*

*The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels*

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." (10:38-42)

*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 bring our needs to the God of glory, who has come close to us in Jesus Christ.

*Deacon* That all who serve the community of believers , 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 live in the Lord's presence through their ministry,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That nations and peoples will live in the Lord's presence through their commitment to peace,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That those who suffer from neglect and abuse will live in the Lord's presence through our words and deeds of compassion,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we will live in the Lord's presence through God's gifts to us in this Eucharist,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That those who have died will live in the Lord's presence through sharing Christ's resurrection, together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* Lord, with Mary of Bethany we open wide our ears to hear your word; with Martha, we open wide our hands to do your work. Let our prayers today center our lives on your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord 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

**HYMN 479, 1<sup>st</sup> Tune** — *Hyfrydol*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**, *Eucharistic Prayer II* *Prayer Book*, page 340

### **PROPER PREFACE OF THE LORD'S DAY**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT** (*Hymnal 797*) *Prayer Book*, page 334

**OUR FATHER** *Prayer Book*, page 336

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: AGNUS DEI** (*Hymnal 712*) *Prayer Book*, page 337

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS** *Prayer Book*, page 337

### **MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## **THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** *Prayer Book*, page 339

**BLESSING** *Prayer Book*, page 339

### **DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* *Thanks be to God.*

## HYMN – *Slane*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee,  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca 700

Music: Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927

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**ORGAN** - *All Glory Be to God on High*

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.

Please join us for REFRESHMENT outside, at the church entrance, immediately following the ten o'clock liturgy.

### 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>Assisting Priest</i>        |   | Father Evans                           |
| <i>Eucharistic Minister[s]</i> | Landon Moore<br>Sean Byrnes<br>Gail Remington | Robert Bullock                         |
| <i>Altar Guild</i>             |   | Stacey Sweeney                         |
| <i>Bell Ringers</i>            |   | Denise Limoli<br>Mayumi Kato           |
| <i>Lectors</i>                 | Lynne Priestley                               | Sharon Boyd<br>Robert Bullock          |
| <i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>   |   | Craig & Karen Walton<br>Thomas Moeller |
| <i>Hospitality Host</i>        |   | Marcia MacDonald                       |

## NOTICES

During the month of July, the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Eda M. Read. The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Kathleen Dodge Withington. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for  
*Anglican Communion* Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda  
*Diocese of Albany* The Diocesan Staff  
*Our Parish* The Vestry

THE VESTRY meets on Wednesday, July 20, at 7 p.m. in the Parish House.

DEAN VANG will be on holiday beginning July 21, and returns to the parish on July 29.

CDs of MUSIC AT BETHESDA are available for purchase in the vestibule. Offerings support the Father Thomas T. Parke Music Fund.

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*. The Parish offices will be closed this Friday.

LECTORS are needed for both the 8 am and 10 am Eucharists during July, August, and the first Sunday of September. A sign-up list is available on the lectern in the narthex.

A sign-up list is available 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 following Sundays remain available: 8-7, 8-21, 8-28.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

The Capital Campaign is now poised to invite the community to get involved!

At our meeting Wednesday in the Parish House, over pizza, the Capital Campaign crew under the guidance of Leslie Pendleton, our consultant from the Episcopal Church Foundation, discussed how to involve people outside the parish who may be eager to support our expanded mission.

Bethesda's New Parish House and Community Center will be a major resource to the city. It will provide child care and enrichment options for families whose work is downtown or at Saratoga Race Course, the essence of economic opportunity. Our partners at Saratoga County EOC/Head Start are eager to expand and serve this need at our center.

We seek volunteers to help us reach as many people outside the parish as possible through conversations, relationships, communications and any other means. If you are willing to donate some time, or know of someone who would be interested in giving or helping, please contact Mary Withington or Gordon Boyd, co-chairs, or Dean Vang.

### THANKFUL HEARTS

It is with great thanks that we said farewell to Leslie Pendleton, who has guided Bethesda for more than three years. She has helped us not only toward the objective success of our campaign so far (more than our goal), but also to a renewed confidence and optimism at our own ability to set goals and achieve them.

Late adopters, there's still time... If you have not yet returned your pledge or gift, there is still time! WE HAVE NOW ATTAINED THE LEVEL OF \$415,544! Capital Campaign pledge materials are available at the back of the church.

**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**  
*July 18—24*

|   |   |
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| Monday<br><i>Feria</i>                                |   |
| Tuesday<br><i>Macrina</i>                             | 6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>  |
| Wednesday<br><i>Feria</i>                             | 12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Chapel</i><br>7:00 p.m. - Meeting of the Vestry <i>Parish House</i>           |
| Thursday<br><i>Feria</i>                              |   |
| Friday<br><i>SAINT MARY MAGDALENE</i>                 | <i>The Parish Offices are closed today</i>  |
| Saturday<br><i>Feria</i>                              |   |
| Sunday<br><i>THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER<br/>PENTECOST</i> | 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i><br>10:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist <i>High Altar</i><br>Refreshments on the lawn |

The Rector, Churchwardens and Members of the Vestry of

Bethesda Episcopal Parish

Most cordially invite you to  
The Saratoga Golf and Polo Club  
on Monday August, 1, 2016  
from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

For beverages and light fare

In support of  
Improvements to our community's landmark church.

## THE PARISH VESTRY

### Churchwardens

*Class of 2016*

Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

*Class of 2017*

Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

### Vestry

*Class of 2016*

Denise Limoli

Sara Manny

Mary Withington

*Class of 2017*

Jane Agee

Gordon Boyd

Mark Griffin

Anne Van Acker, *Treasurer*

*Class of 2018*

Mark Claverie

Geneva Henderson

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, *Vergar*

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