



Washington Street near Broadway

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:00 am—Holy Eucharist

24 July 2016
10:00 am—Holy Eucharist

Please switch off all cellular telephones, and other electronic devices before the Liturgy

In the absence of the Interim Rector today, a Deacon's Mass will be offered. Deacon Sweeney will serve as the officiant. A deacon, by virtue of ordination, never consecrates the bread and wine at a Eucharistic celebration. The Blessed Sacrament we will receive at the altar this morning was consecrated by Dean Vang on the previous Sunday.

begins. Also, kindly refrain from audible conversation to respect those wishing to pray and listen to the organ prelude. Thank you.

ORGAN - *All Glory be to God on High*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 155 – *Melcombe*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; 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 Book of Genesis*

The Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." *(18:20-32)*

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL — *Confitebor tibi*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Psalms 138

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

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. (2:6-15)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE, HYMN - *St. Thomas*

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), para. of *Psalm 103:1-5*

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has five lines of lyrics, and the second system has five lines of lyrics. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The piano accompaniment is simple, using chords and single notes to support the vocal line.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776)

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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.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'" And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (11:1-13)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Deacon Sweeney

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us call upon God our Savior in fervent prayer.

That the all-powerful God will be the Church's power for good: We pray especially for the ministers of the Church: 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;

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the all-reconciling God will be the reconciliation of states and peoples,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the all-saving God will be the salvation of the sick and the poor, the hungry and the homeless,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the all-protecting God will be the protection of all who defend us, especially police officers and firefighters,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the all-strong God will be the strength of this parish community,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the all-merciful God will be the mercy of those who have died,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Generous God, as Jesus taught us, we knock on the door of your mercy, and seek your good gifts for body, soul, and spirit. Give us what you have inspired us to ask of you in faith, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

Deacon 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.

Deacon The almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.
Amen

THE PEACE

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 189 — *Unde et memores*

After the Offertory Hymn, the people kneel. The Deacon spreads a corporal and then reverently takes the Blessed Sacrament from the aumbry and places it on the Altar.

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***
Deacon Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of Him who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal, the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR FATHER *Prayer Book, page 336*

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*

Deacon
The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 383, 2nd Tune — *Oriel*

ORGAN - *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

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>Deacon</i>	Deacon Sweeney	Deacon Sweeney
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Landon Moore	Catherine Berheide
	Sean Byrnes	Landon Moore
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pam Houde	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth & Thomas Moeller
<i>Lectors</i>	Tom Remington	Emily Pick
		John Van der Veer
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		Mark & Kathleen Anspach
		John Van der Veer Fred Scheidt

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 Eda M. Read. May her soul 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 The Scottish Episcopal Church
Diocese of Albany The Anglican Church of Canada
Our Parish Homes of the Good Shepherd

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 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*.

A sign-up list is available in the narthex for summer LEMONDADE AND COOKIE HOSTS for August 28 and September 4. Please leave your contact information with your name, email Sara Manny at saramanny@gmail.com or call the church office. Thank you in advance to all who can help!

DEAN VANG is on holiday, and will return to the parish on July 29.

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). Your gift is appreciated by all. The following Sundays remain available: 8-7, 8-21, 8-28.

DEACON SWEENEY FAREWELL: Deacon Sweeney's last Sunday at Bethesda is fast approaching. On August 14, which will be kept as the Solemnity of Saint Mary the Virgin, we will express our gratitude to the Sweeney family at both services. The ten o'clock liturgy will be followed by a festive reception at the Empire Room at the former Van Dam Hotel. Mark your calendar!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

If you are visiting for the first time, or are new to Bethesda, here is your chance to learn about our building plans and capital campaign.

Child care and community-based services will be the theme of Bethesda's New Parish House and Community Center, planned for the lot adjacent to the church immediately to the west. The services housed will provide early childhood education to children from low income families, day care for working parents (fee based on ability to pay) and other community focused services.

The facility will also include a large fellowship and dining hall, parish offices, and music training center. Seed money from the sale of our old Parish House and Rectory, property near Saratoga Lake, bequests, pledges and donations are making this possible, but pledges and donations from the parish and friends of Bethesda have made the biggest difference.

Architectural renderings are on an easel in the Narthex. Pledge and donation packages are available at the back of the church. Questions may be directed to Dean Vang, or to Mary Withington and Gordon Boyd, co-chairs of the Capital Campaign.

The Rector, Churchwardens and Members of the Vestry of
Bethesda Episcopal Parish

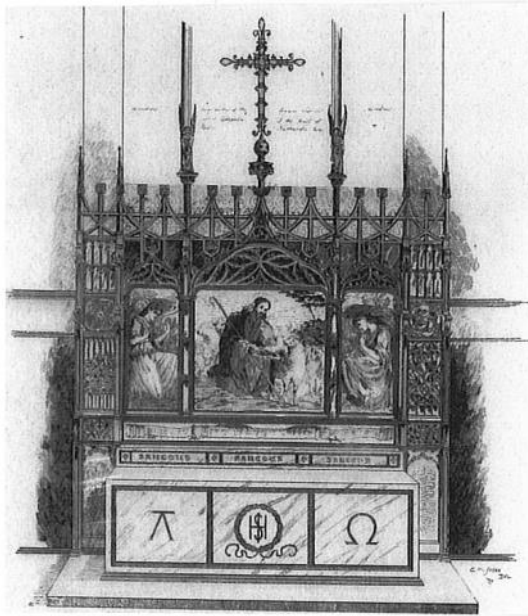
Most cordially invite you to
The Saratoga Golf and Polo Club
on Monday August, 1, 2016
from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

For beverages and light fare
In support of
Improvements to our community's landmark church

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

July 25 - 31

Monday <i>SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE</i>	
Tuesday <i>Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>William Reed Huntington</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Chapel</i>
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	
Friday <i>Mary & Martha of Bethany</i>	
Saturday <i>William Wilberforce</i>	
Sunday <i>THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i>	8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> 10:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments on the lawn



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