



Washington Street near Broadway

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **31 July 2016**
8:00 am—Holy Eucharist **10:00 am—Sung Eucharist**

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 - *Tiento de Sexto Tono*

Pedro deSoto (16th Century)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 783 — *Cwm Rhondda*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; 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 Ecclesiastes*

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me — and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

(1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL — *Audite haec, omnes*

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
 hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
 and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
 and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
 when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
 and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
 or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
 that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
 and never see the grave.

- 9 For we see that the wise die also;
 like the dull and stupid they perish *
 and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
 their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
 though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
 they are like the beasts that perish.

Psalm 49:1-11

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

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things — anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

(3:1-11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE, HYMN 400 — *Graefenberg*

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.*

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I

will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." (12:13-21)

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 With great confidence, let us ask the Lord's kindness and faithfulness for us and for all God's servants.

Deacon For the welfare of the holy church of God, and especially her ministers: 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; and for the well-being of the human family,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the elimination of disease, famine, and war, and for an end to hatred and violence, especially in the Middle East and in Africa,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the recovery of the sick and for the deliverance of the oppressed,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For seasonable weather, sufficient rainfall, and bountiful harvests, and for a just return for human labor,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the consolation of the dying and for the eternal happiness of those who have died,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Father, we rejoice in your never-failing help. Show us the greatness of your love, and answer our prayers in your great mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
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 408 — *Hollingside*

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 769 — *Hymn To Joy*

ORGAN - *Toccata en Do Major de Ma Esquerria* Joan Cabanilles (1644-1712)

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 Sean Byrnes	David Wilder
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Denise Limoli
<i>Lectors</i>	Sean Byrnes	Marcia MacDonald
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		Edward Peticolas
		Eid Sweis
		Douglas Huston
		Christopher Lyons
		Diane Robinson
		Mark Claverie
<i>Hospitality Host</i>		Kim Caughron
		Parker Clifford

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 Alfred and Eltheldreda Boyd. 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 Church of the Province of South East Asia
Diocese of Albany Daughters of the King and their expansion in the Diocese
Our Parish God's Blessing upon our summer recreation

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., *Tuesday and Wednesday* this week.

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!

FORWARD DAY BY DAY for August through October 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.

LANDON MOORE departs after today's Sung Eucharist to serve on the faculty of the Saint Michael's Conference in West Hartford, Connecticut.

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

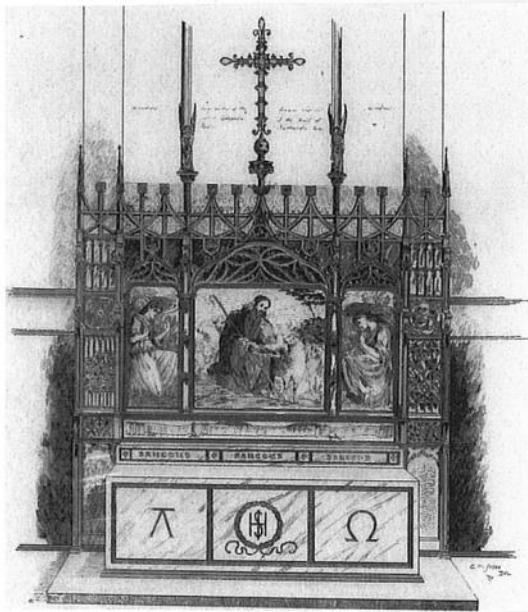
Most cordially invite you to
The Saratoga Golf and Polo Club
on Monday August, 1, 2016
from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

August 1 — 7

Monday <i>Joseph of Arimathaea</i>	6:00 p.m. - Annual Bethesda Building Fund Reception <i>Saratoga Golf and Polo Club</i> <i>The Parish Offices are closed</i>
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> 12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Chapel</i>
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	9:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i> <i>The Parish Offices are closed</i>
Friday <i>Feria</i>	<i>The Parish Offices are closed</i>
Saturday <i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</i>	
Sunday <i>THE TWELFTH 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



THE PARISH VESTRY

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Class of 2016

Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

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Geneva Henderson

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Interim Rector*

The Reverend Paul Evans, *Assisting Priest*

The Reverend Peter H. Sweeney, *Deacon*

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