



**Washington Street near Broadway**

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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**8:00 am—Holy Eucharist**

**26 June 2016**  
**10:00 am—Holy Eucharist**

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*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** - *Christus, Der uns Selig Macht*

Horst Gehann (1928-2007)

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

**HYMN 220** – *Toulon*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

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

*Prayer Book, page 324*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same 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 First Book of Kings*

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place." So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant. *(19:15-16,19-21)*

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL — *Conserva me, Domine*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
 it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
 my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
 because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
 my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
 nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*Psalm 16*

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

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. (5:1,13-25)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**SEQUENCE, HYMN 418** — *Franconia*

*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.**

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (9:51-62)

*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* Having heard the words of everlasting life, let us bring our needs to God in this common prayer.

For the ministers of 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 experience the joy of generous service for the reign of God,

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

For public officials, that they achieve success in their efforts to build up the human family,

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

For the people of all nations, that they know the blessings of prosperity, harmony, and justice,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who travel and vacation during this season, that they enjoy safety and refreshment in their leisure time,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For us who celebrate the Eucharist in this place, that we find renewed strength in following the Lord Jesus,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, that they know delight at God's right hand for ever, together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lord God, you have set us on the way of discipleship. As we journey together, we ask you to answer our prayers. Grant that your Son be for us and for all people our joyful inheritance, this day and every day, both now and for ever. ***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 279** — *Praise to the Lord*

*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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tune — Oriel**

**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>Deacon</i>	Deacon Sweeney	Deacon Sweeney
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock Sean Byrnes Mary Withington	Darren Miller Robert Bullock Christine Miller Stacey Sweeney Beth & Thomas Moeller
<i>Altar Guild</i>		
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		
<i>Lectors</i>	Lynne Priestley	Sharon Boyd Sara Manny Thomas Moeller Craig Walton Karen Walton Virginia & Bruce McMorris
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>		
<i>Hospitality Hosts</i>		



## NOTICES

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of M. Tyrone Bullard and Florence Sharp. 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

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Pray for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Trinity Church, Rensselaerville
<i>Our Parish</i>	Homes of the Good Shepherd

Of your charity kindly pray for the repose of the soul of GRACE HAWTHORNE, who died this past Tuesday. Funeral arrangements are pending. May she rest in peace and her soul rise in glory.

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*.

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!

DEAN VANG will be on holiday from June 24 until July 2.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY for May through July is available in the back of the Church.

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: 7-10, 8-7, 8-21, 8-28.

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.

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.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 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](http://www.4christchurch.org) and click on the VBS button.

YOU ARE INVITED  
to celebrate the college graduation of  
LANDON MOORE  
on Monday, July fourth, **11am — 5pm**  
Burgess Kimball Memorial Park  
384 Rowland Street in Ballston Spa.

*If you are able to attend, please sign the designated list in the narthex. Thank you.*

## 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 come to the June 15 meeting and/or 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 (35% above our goal), but also to a renewed confidence and optimism at our own ability to set goals and achieve them.

As Bethesda celebrates this first phase of the campaign, we must also look at how we want to invite the greater community to take part in this project.

### Late adopters, there's still time...

If you have not yet returned your pledge or gift, there is still time! WE HAVE NOW EXCEEDED THE \$400,000 LEVEL! Capital Campaign pledge materials are available at the back of the church.



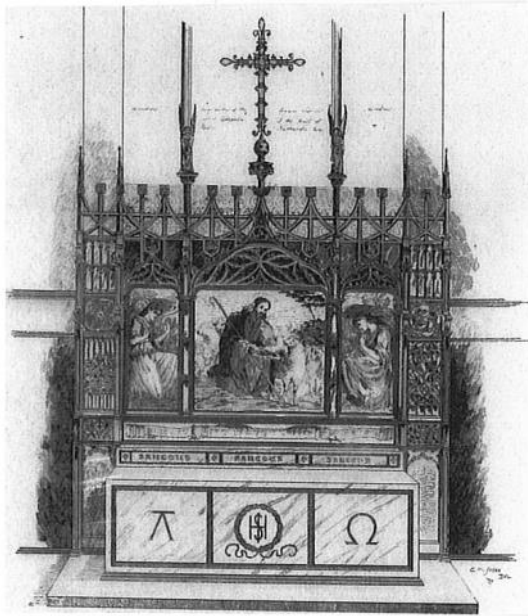




## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

*June 27— July 3*

Monday <i>Feria</i>	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School <i>Christ Church, Ballston Spa</i>
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School <i>Christ Church, Ballston Spa</i> 6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>SAINT PETER &amp; SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES</i>	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School <i>Christ Church, Ballston Spa</i> 12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Chapel</i>
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School <i>Christ Church, Ballston Spa</i>
Friday <i>Feria</i>	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School <i>Christ Church, Ballston Spa</i>
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	
Sunday <i>THE SEVENTH 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

### Churchwardens

*Class of 2016*

Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

*Class of 2017*

Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

### Vestry

*Class of 2016*

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Mary Withington

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Gordon Boyd

Mark Griffin

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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*

Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*

Mr. Farrell Goehring, *Organist/Director of Music*

Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*

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