



Washington Street near Broadway

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ————— **7 August 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 - Deux Pièces

J. Clarke (1659-1707)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 285, 1st Tune — *Leoni*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Hymnal 713)

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; 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 word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. (15:1-6)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL — *Beata gens*

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Psalm 33:12-22

THE SECOND LESSON — *A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

(11:1-3, 8-16)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE, HYMN 569 — *St. Flavian*

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 said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

(12:32-40)

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 As the people the Lord has blessed in Christ Jesus, let us ask God's blessing on us and on our world in these prayers.

Deacon That the Lord's kindness will be upon the members 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; and be their source of faith,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's kindness will be upon all peoples of the earth and be their deliverance from every danger,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's kindness will be upon those weakened by mental and physical suffering, and be their comfort in distress,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's kindness will be upon us who worship here and be our help in every need,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's kindness will be upon all who have died, and be their peace for ever,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Increase our faith, ever-faithful God, so that with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may embrace your kindness in our lives and share it with others according to your will. 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 551 — *Ein' Feste Burg*

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 484 — *Truro*

ORGAN - Dialogue Louis Clérambault (1646-1749)

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>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:00 am</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 Robert Bullock Mary Withington	Darren Miller
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Stacey Sweeney Kathleen Anspach Steve Rucker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Glenna Joyce Kim Caughron Karen & Craig Walton
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	Thomas Moeller
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		Laurie Brenenstuhl
<i>Hospitality Host</i>		

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion The Church of South India (United)
Diocese of Albany For students preparing to return to college
Our Parish All places of worship in Saratoga Springs, their clergy
and people

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!

FORWARD DAY BY DAY for August through October is available in the back of the Church.

We express OUR THANKS to Debbie Harper [coordinator], Jane Agee, Gordon & Sharon Boyd, Marcia MacDonald, and Mary Withington for their fine work in preparing for this past Monday's Bethesda Landmark Reception at the Saratoga Golf & Polo Club. A grand time was had by all.

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!

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

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.

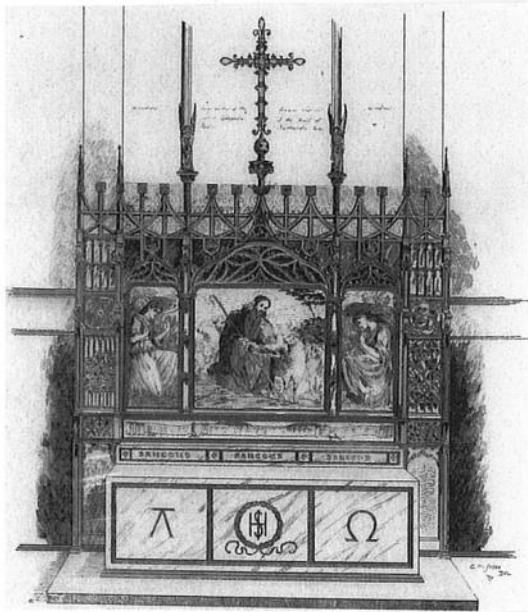
The facility will also include a large fellowship and dining hall, parish offices, and music training center. Seed money from the sale of our old Parish House and Rectory, property near Saratoga Lake, bequests, pledges and donations are making this possible, but pledges and donations from the parish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

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

August 8 — 14

Monday <i>Dominic</i>	
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Laurence of Rome</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Chapel</i>
Thursday <i>Clare of Assisi</i>	9:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i>
Friday <i>Florence Nightingale</i>	
Saturday <i>Jeremy Taylor</i>	
Sunday <i>THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> 10:00 a.m. - Solemn Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> Reception to honor Deacon Sweeney <i>Empire Room, former Van Dam Hotel</i>



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