



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **27 November 2016**
8:00 am—Holy Eucharist **10:00 am—The Great Litany & 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 - *Come, Savior of the Gentiles*

Roy Douglas (1907-2015)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: THE GREAT LITANY

Prayer Book, page 148

KYRIE ELEISON

at 10:00 a.m. — from Mass for Four Voices

Prayer Book, page 324

William Byrd (1543-1623)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost., one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON — *A Reading from the Book of Isaiah*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! (2:1-5)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL — *Laetatus sum*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Words: *Psalm 122*

Music: Anglican Chant, Ivor Algernon Atkins (1869-1953)

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

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (13:11-14)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE: HYMN 312, 1st Tune — *York*

The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

(24:36-44)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, page 327

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant 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

ANTHEM

Zion, at thy shining gates
Lo, the King of Glory waits,
Haste thy monarch's pomp to greet,
Strew thy palms before his feet.

Come and give us peace within,
Loose us from the bands of sin,
Take away the galling weight
Laid on us by Satan's hate.

Christ, for thee their triple light,
Faith and hope and love unite;
This the beacon we display
To proclaim thine advent day.

Give us grace thy yoke to wear,
Give us strength thy cross to bear,
Make us thine in deed and word,
Thine in heart and live, O Lord.

So, when thou shalt come again,
Judge of angels and of men.
We with all thy saints shall sing
Alleluias to our King.

Words: Benjamin H. Kennedy (1804-1889)
Music: George Guest (1924-2002)

HYMN 6, 1st Tune - Conditor Alme

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 5, 2nd Tune - Helmsley

ORGAN - Recessional

Francis Jackson (b.1917)

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 COFFEE HOUR at the Empire Room, of the former Van Dam Hotel, 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>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Sean Byrnes Robert Bullock	Robert Bullock Landon Moore Landon Moore
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor[s]</i>		Anne Van Acker
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Beth & Thomas Moeller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Genna Henderson
<i>Lectors</i>	Sean Byrnes	Mary Shartle
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		John Van der Veer Frederick Scheidt Douglas Huston Christopher Lyons

NOTICES

During the month of November, the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Eunice Mitchell. The ALTAR GREENS are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Eunice Mitchell. 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

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Kansas
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	For the observance of a devout Advent
<i>Our Parish</i>	Acolytes, Altar Guild, Bell-Ringers, Choir, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Lectors, Ushers & Greeters

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 12:30 p.m. on *Friday*.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION at BETHESDA, 2016-2017, is available at the rear of the nave.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY for November through January is available in the back of the Church.

ADVENT CALENDARS are available in the back of the Church and are \$5 each.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: If you use church offering envelopes, please stop at the table in the Narthex to pick up your 2017 envelopes. If you are not currently using offering envelopes, and would like to, please call Barbara in the church office, 584-5980.

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.

Anyone interested in being a COFFEE HOUR HOST can either email Sara Manny saramanny@gmail.com or call the church office. In addition, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex of the church. Thank you in advance to all who can help!

BETHESDA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The annual Bethesda Christmas Pageant will be presented in the church after the 10:00 a.m. liturgy on December 18th. Rehearsal is on December 17th from 9:00 am – 11:30 am in the church.

Participants: Please complete a sign-up form (available from church school teachers or from the office) before December 4th.

Volunteers: We are looking for adults to help with costuming (fitting and organization) and for supervising / coaching children. If you are interested, please contact Diane Robinson (584-1921 evenings) for more information.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Sunday, Dec. 18, to DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS. We will be gathering in the sanctuary after the children's Christmas Pageant that follows the 10:00 a.m. worship service. (Approximately 1:00 p.m.) Help is needed to erect the tall trees, place garland, greens, flowers and arrange the beautifully newly restored crèche. Special thanks go to Betsy Cummins and Lewis Bruce for their work on this project. Bruce Solenski will be coordinating the decorating and has asked people to bring donations of evergreens to the church on the 18th. If you are able to join us please bring your pruners and contact Mark Anspach at manspach@nycap.rr.com to volunteer your services.

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT AT CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR!

Sponsored by Anne Van Acker

We always remember the children when it comes to Christmas gifts, but often we forget about the elderly in our community. Paying it forward and blessing our elders is a wonderful way to give this season. Given Bethesda's close ties with the Home of the Good Shepherd, I am organizing an Adopt-a-Grandparent program this year. I will be assembling gifts of hand lotions and body wash, which I will be wrapping and delivering to each of the 4 HGS locations (Volunteers for wrapping and delivering will be greatly appreciated - this would be a great way to see the inside of our beautiful facilities and bring incredible joy to the residents!). For 20.00, you can adopt a grandparent - but you're not limited to just one! We currently have close to 250 residents at our 4 locations. I would like to deliver gifts to ALL of our residents, so please consider adopting more than one! If you would like to participate, please respond by December 5th; checks can be made out to me and mailed to 8 Bingham St., Saratoga Springs. All donations are greatly appreciated; thank you in advance for remembering our elderly who are often alone and forgotten during the holiday season.

**HARRY T. BURLEIGH OBSERVANCE AND
MUSICAL COLLABORATION WITH SKIDMORE COLLEGE**

Bethesda is joining with Skidmore College to observe the 150th anniversary of the birth of Harry Burleigh, one of America's foremost African American composer/arrangers, whose musical roots trace to Saratoga Springs and this parish. A new pamphlet summarizing Burleigh's Roots in Bethesda and Saratoga Springs is now available in the Narthex. The schedule for the Burleigh celebration is:

Wednesday November 30 to Friday December 2

Museum-style installations by Skidmore students, concerning Burleigh, African American music and Saratoga Springs history. All day, lobby of Zankel Music Center

Friday December 2

12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. "Blacks in Saratoga Springs: Then and Now" Brown bag lecture by Myra Young Armstead (Bard College). Zankel Music Center Room 117.

7:00 p.m. Pre-concert talk by Jean Snyder, author of "Harry T. Burleigh: from the Spiritual to the Harlem Renaissance." Zankel Music Center, Ladd Recital Hall.

8:00 p.m. Recital featuring the music of Burleigh with baritone Stephen Salters and pianist Linda Osborn. Also featuring the Skidmore Vocal Chamber Ensemble, Katie Gardiner, Director, with singers from Bethesda. Ladd Recital Hall. \$8 adults; \$5 faculty/staff and seniors; students and children free. Salters sings "like God on a good day...intensely imaginative and adventurous" (Washington Post).

Saturday December 3

3:00 p.m. Bethesda's annual Service of Advent Lessons and Carols at Bethesda will feature singing by Stephen Salters, along with several pieces by Burleigh.

BUILDING NEWS

With thanks to God for the generosity of all who supported the parish's August fundraiser at the Saratoga Golf and Polo Club, we are pleased to move forward with two important projects in our historic church building.

1) Hear, hear! Bethesda will soon install a hearing loop to assist all persons with hearing aids. The loop will be installed on the interior perimeter of the Nave and Sanctuary, and will allow greater clarity of all audible elements, both spoken and musical. The contractor has been selected with the help of our architects, so we are assured of the highest quality and reasonable cost.

2) See, see! The Vestry has decided to move forward to install protective glazing on the windows on the north side of the church (Washington Street side). Lamb Studios will do the work, which will include protection for the three Tiffany angels in the gallery. Visibility of these treasures will be greatly improved, as well as their future safety.

Total cost of these projects will be about \$20,000 to \$25,000, divided between the proceeds of the August fundraiser and funds from Bethesda's Capital Campaign. Both the Building Committee and Vestry determined that these projects represented a prudent balance of accessibility enhancement and historic value.

Your generosity has allowed Bethesda to proceed with these two initial pieces of our renovation of our beautiful, historic sacred house of worship. Your continued giving toward Bethesda's Capital Campaign will enable us to take the next steps in restoring the church as well as building the new Parish House and Community Center.

THE EVE OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2016, Saturday

3:00 P.M. - A Service of Advent Lessons & Carols

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.

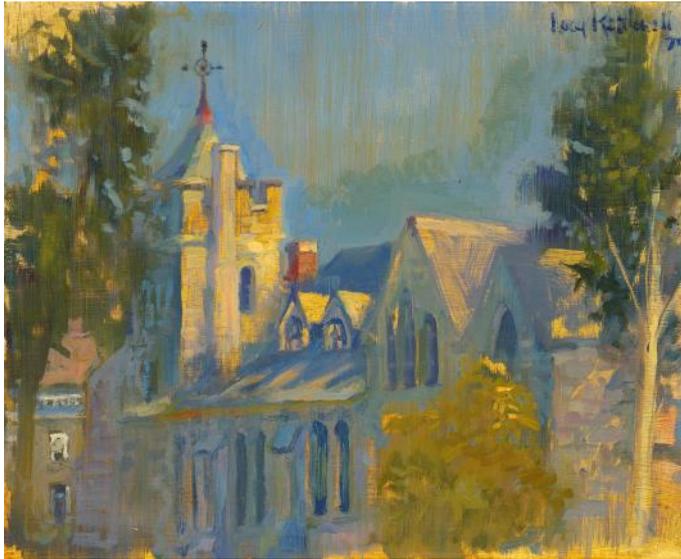
Child care and community-based services will be the theme of Bethesda's New Parish House and Community Center, planned for the lot adjacent to the church immediately to the west. The services housed will provide early childhood education to children from low income families, day care for working parents (fee based on ability to pay) and other community focused services. If any parishioners are aware of a regional non-profit agency seeking new office space, please contact Gordon Boyd.

The Capital Campaign has concluded the 'pledge phase' well above our expectations for the congregation. Now begins the "pledge fulfillment" phase. Reminders, with prayerful gratitude, will soon go out to all who pledged reminding them of the timetable for sending in their donations.

For those seeking more information, 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
November 28-December 4

Monday <i>Advent Weekday</i>	
Tuesday <i>Advent Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE</i>	9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> 12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Advent Weekday</i> <i>(Nicholas Ferrar)</i>	9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i>
Friday <i>Advent Weekday</i> <i>(Channing Moore Williams)</i>	
Saturday <i>Advent Weekday</i> <i>(Francis Xavier)</i>	3:00 p.m. - A Service of Lessons and Carols for <i>Advent High Altar</i>
Sunday <i>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	7:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer <i>Transcept Altar</i> 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> 9:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal <i>Choir Room</i> 10:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist <i>Church School rear of nave</i> <i>Coffee Hour Empire Room, former Van Dam Hotel</i>



THE PARISH VESTRY

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