



**Washington Street near Broadway**

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**15 January 2017**

**8:00 am—Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 am - Sung Eucharist**

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*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** - *Praeludium in D Major*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

### **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**HYMN 153** — *Ratisbon*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

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

*Prayer Book, page 324*

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." (49:1-7)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL — *Domine, quis habitabit?*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
    who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
    who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
    he does no evil to his friend; \*  
    he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
    but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
    and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
    nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
    shall never be overthrown.

*Psalm 15*

- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great  
congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Words: *Psalm 40:1-12*

Music: Anglican Chant, Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

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

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1:1-9)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN 263, 1<sup>st</sup> Tune** — *McKee*

*The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels*

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). (1:29-42)

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

Mr. Landon M. Moore

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Prayer Book, page 327*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant* The love of God embraces all peoples; God's kindness knows no limit. Let us place our hope in God as we offer these petitions.

*Assisting Priest* For the shepherds and guardians of the Church, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel and David, our Assisting Bishops; and Marshall and Paul, our Priests, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who work for the unity of all Christians,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who are hungry, homeless, or exploited by the powerful of this world,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our relatives and friends who are ill,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who are dying with no one to comfort them,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died in the peace of Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* God of our strength, hear our prayers. May our oneness with you and each other be the living sign of your presence in our divided world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*Celebrant and People*

**Lord Jesus Christ, when you come among us, you proclaim the Kingdom of God in this and every place: Grant that your presence and power will make this parish church a home of spiritual refreshment and healing. We acknowledge our thankfulness to you for the generosity of those who have and continue to support our Capital Campaign. Open our loving hearts so that our mission may prosper and your Name be glorified. This we ask through the same 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**

### **ANTHEM**

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavn'ly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return!  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)  
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

**HYMN 314** – *Magdalen College*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**, *Eucharistic Prayer II*        *Prayer Book, page 340*

### **PROPER PREFACE OF THE EPIPHANY**

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT** (*Hymnal 797*)        *Prayer Book, page 341*

**OUR FATHER**        *Prayer Book, page 336*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM**

*Prayer Book, page 337*

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

*Prayer Book, page 337*

**MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**AGNUS DEI** *from Mass for Four Voices*

William Byrd (1543-1623)

**MOTET**

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts, Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,  
Eternal Power, be our support, Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,  
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words: Alcuin (735-804)

Music: Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

**THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Prayer Book, page 339*

**BLESSING**

*Prayer Book, page 339*

**DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*          ***Thanks be to God.***

**HYMN 253** – *Lubeck*

**ORGAN** - *Toccata in F Major*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

## 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	Landon Moore Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Sean Byrnes
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pam Houde	Ann Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Denise Limoli Mayumi Kato
<i>Lectors</i>	Sean Byrnes	Mark Griffin Emily Pick
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>		Craig & Karen Walton Mark & Kathleen Anspach
<i>Hospitality Hosts</i>		Mark & Kathleen Anspach

## NOTICES

During the month of January, the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Lynne Priestley in loving memory of Ray Priestley. May his 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*

*Diocese of Albany*

*Our Parish*

The Church in Kyushu, Japan

Saint James, Ausable Forks

The Vestry

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 is gratefully appreciated.

Office Hours: *The Parish Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.* The PARISH OFFICE will be closed Tuesday through Friday while our Parish Administrative Assistant continues to be out on medical leave.

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

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.

Anyone interested in being a COFFEE HOUR HOST can either email Sara Manny [saramanny@gmail.com](mailto: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!

The Battenkill Chorale presents ON HALLOWED GROUND A PLEA FOR PEACE on Sunday, January 22 at 3 p.m. at Helen Filene Ladd Concert Hall Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College. Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information. Bethesda parishioners Mr. & Mrs. Michael Emery and Virginia McMorris are participating in this concert.

THE VESTRY meets on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Parish House.

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING with ELECTIONS**

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

6:30 pm Holy Eucharist, *High Altar*

7:00 pm Commencement of Business, *Church Nave*

### Why Do We Pledge?

Each of us has a unique relationship with faith and the church. Giving back to God is one way to express this. The decision to share one's blessings comes from the combined senses of gratitude, obligation and love.

Here are some thoughts from fellow parishioners about why they pledge to Bethesda.

*“My wife Sharon and I make an annual pledge to Bethesda in order to reciprocate, in a small way, God’s unconditional commitment to us. We can never match what he does for us, but we can do our best.”*

Gordon & Sharon Boyd

*“When I walk into our historic church for a service, the Tiffany lights are glowing, the HVAC is humming, Farrell Goehring is creating gorgeous music on our Casavant, candles are lit, and our priest, servers, acolytes, and choir appear in their robes and vestments; this is truly a miracle in my eyes, one that occurs every week for me and for all of us! Although my monthly pledge supports only a small part of the costs of this miracle, I know that it’s a vital gift that makes Bethesda’s very existence possible.”*

Jane Agee

What are your reasons?

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR TREASURER & TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY**

Bethesda Church needs two new vestry members, one for a three-year term and the other for a two-year term. Vestry members are now term-limited to a maximum of two three-year terms. According to canon law, a vestry member must be a communicant in good standing, someone who attends church regularly and pledges to support the mission and ministry of the church. The vestry meets once a month, usually on the third Wednesday of the month, from 7-8:30.

Are you interested in serving on the vestry? If so, please write your name below and put it in the collection plate. Or let Dean Vang or a member of the nominating committee know.

Do you have suggestions of people you think would make good members of the vestry. If so, please write their names below and put them in the collection plate. Or let Dean Vang or a member of the nominating committee know.

In addition, Anne Van Acker is stepping down from her role as Treasurer of Bethesda Episcopal Church after five years of service. We are looking for someone to take her place. We are looking for volunteers or suggestions of people who can become our next Treasurer. We have a bookkeeper and we use a CPA to audit our books, so the Treasurer's job is one of presenting the financial records they provide to the vestry and helping to set the budget. Anne will work with the new Treasurer until he or she is comfortable with the position. We would like the new Treasurer to serve for three years if possible.

Are you interested in serving as treasurer or do you have suggestions of people who might make a good treasurer? If so, please write your name or their names below and put them in the collection plate. Or let Dean Vang or a member of the nominating committee know.

Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your help with the important process of identifying parishioners to serve the parish in these important roles.

### Nominating Committee

Catherine White Berheide, *Junior Warden, Chair*  
Geneva Henderson, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Mary Withington, *Outgoing Vestry Member*

Mark Griffin, *Vestry Member*  
Virginia McMorris, *Communicant*

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## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

*January 16-22*

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	<i>The Parish Offices are closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>
Tuesday <i>Antony of Egypt</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>THE CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i> 7:00 p.m. - Meeting of the Vestry <i>Parish House</i>
Thursday <i>Wolfstan of Worcester</i>	9:30 a. m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i>
Friday <i>Fabian of Rome</i>	
Saturday <i>Agnes of Rome</i>	
Sunday <i>THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</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>High Altar</i> <i>Church School rear of nave</i> <i>Coffee Hour Empire Room, former Van Dam Hotel</i>



## THE PARISH VESTRY

### Churchwardens

*Class of 2016*

Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

*Class of 2017*

Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

### Vestry

*Class of 2016*

Denise Limoli

Sara Manny

Mary Withington

*Class of 2017*

Jane Agee

Gordon Boyd

Mark Griffin

Anne Van Acker, *Treasurer*

*Class of 2018*

Mark Claverie

Geneva Henderson

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

The Reverend Paul F. Evans, *Assisting Priest*

Mr. Landon M. Moore, *Postulant for Holy Orders*

Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*

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

Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*

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