



Washington Street near Broadway

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**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**22 January 2017**

**7:30 am — Morning Prayer**

**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** — *Pastorale*

Theodor Kullak (1818-1882)

### **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**HYMN 477** — *Tysk*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

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

*Prayer Book, page 324*

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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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 Isaiah*

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. (9:1-4)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL - *Dominus, illuminatio*

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Words: *Psalm 27:1, 5-13*

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

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

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1:10-18)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN — *Restoration*

*Unison or harmony*

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult  
 2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows,  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

1 of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his  
 2 by the Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and  
 3 of the vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol  
 4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in  
 5 Sa - vior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"  
 2 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
 3 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 4 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Music: melody from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm.

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*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.*

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. (4:12-23)

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

Dean Vang

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Prayer Book, page 327*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant* Let us turn to God in our need, trusting in God’s goodness and mercy.

*Assisting Priest* For the leaders of the Churches, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel and David, our Assisting Bishops; and Marshall and Paul, our Priests, that they help all Christians to bear the fruit of the Spirit in unity and love, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For President Donald and Vice-President Michael, for members of the Cabinet and the Congress, and for the justices of the Supreme Court, that they protect the rights of all people,

let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For expectant parents, that they receive abundant strength and joy in God's gift of life,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For ourselves, that we live in the light of the risen Christ and accept his call to follow  
him,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, that they celebrate everlasting life with the Creator and Re-  
deemer of all,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* God of the living, you have called us to walk the way of unity and peace.  
Confirm us in our hope that life is mightier than death, and, in answer to our prayers, let  
us know the great power for good that flows from your Son's Resurrection. 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 thank-  
fulness 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**

*Assisting Priest* 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** — *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,

Christ, the true, the only Light,

Sun of righteousness, arise!

Triumph o'er the shades of night:

Dayspring from on high, be near;

Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn

Unaccompanied by Thee;

Joyless is the days' return,

Till Thy mercy's beams I see;

Till they inward light impart

Glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!

Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Fill me, Radiancy Divine;

Scatter all my unbelief;

More and more Thyself display,

Shining to the perfect day. Amen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Frederick Candlyn (1892-1964)

# HYMN – *Land of Rest*

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread,  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends,  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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## **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 Missa Aeterna Christi Munera* Giovanni Palestrina (1525-1594)

### **COMMUNION ANTHEM — *Thee we adore***

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour,  
Thee, Who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be;

Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail.  
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,  
Who living bread to men doth here afford!

O may our souls forever feed on Thee,  
And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,  
Cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing  
flood;

Increase our faith and love, that we may know,  
The hope and peace which from the presence  
flow.

Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,  
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,

To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face,  
The vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

Words: Translated from Saint Thomas Aquinas  
Music: Frederick Candlyn (1892-1964)

## **THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** ***Prayer Book, page 339***

**BLESSING** ***Prayer Book, page 339***

## DISMISSAL

*Assisting Priest*  
*People*

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

**HYMN 385** — *Austria*

**ORGAN** — *Postlude*

George Whiting (1822-1923)

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## 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	Catherine Berheide Robert Bullock Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Christine Miller
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sherryl Moore	Thomas & Beth Moeller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Jane Agee
<i>Lectors</i>	Lynne Priestley	Christopher Lyons Thomas Moeller
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>		Rick Wissler Mark Claverie Diane Robinson

## 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

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	The Church in Lake Rukwa, Tanzania
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	The Standing Committee
<i>Our Parish</i>	The Unity of the Church

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 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.

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 today 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.

SEMINARIAN FUND OFFERING: Next Sunday we will receive special offerings for the Bethesda Seminarian Fund, its purpose being to assist Landon Moore during his formation for priesthood at The Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. The Vestry has set a goal of \$5,000. In your offering envelope folder, you will find one specifically designated for this purpose. Please be generous. Supporting Landon is not the concern of a few, but of each and every one of us.

## **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 generosity.

Bethesda Church is an organization of many facets. All ministries, all staff, all infrastructure and upkeep need to be supported. The Vestry is working very hard to lead Bethesda into the future. We all look forward to the exciting prospects of opening a new Parish House and to calling a new rector who will lead us into the future. Here are statements from some fellow parishioners about why they pledge to Bethesda.

*“Our pledge to Bethesda is a demonstration of our commitment to the teachings of Christ, our love and commitment to the community in which we live and our church and those it serves.”*

Mark Claverie & Diane Robinson

*“Christine and I pledge to Bethesda because it is a place where we can worship God in a welcoming and traditional manner. Bethesda offers us hope, faith and life through Jesus Christ.”*

Christine & Darren Miller

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 23-29*

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	
Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	12:30 p.m. - Saratoga Clergy Commission <i>Skidmore College</i> 6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	9:30 a. m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i>
Friday <i>John Chrysostom</i>	
Saturday <i>Thomas Aquinas</i>	
Sunday <i>THE FOURTH 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*

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Gordon Boyd

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Anne Van Acker, *Treasurer*

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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*

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Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*

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