



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

29 January 2017

7:30 am — Morning Prayer

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 — *Cantabile*

César Franck (1822-1890)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 366 — *Engelberg*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; 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 Micah*

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord. With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (6:1-8)

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.

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

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. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

(1:18-31)

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 Matthew*

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you”

(5:1-12)

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 humbly take refuge in the Name of the Lord as we offer our petitions.

Assisting Priest That Jesus, the wisdom of God, will enlighten the Church and her leaders, 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, for proclaiming the reign of God, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That Jesus, the righteousness of God, will guide world leaders into the ways of peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That Jesus, the consolation of God, will raise up the needy by our care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That Jesus, the sanctification of God, will make us holy and blessed in doing God's will, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That Jesus, the salvation of God, will welcome the dead into his kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Ever-faithful God, we seek you in the midst of this assembly and in the heart of our world. As we call upon your name in these prayers, answer them for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. ***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

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 — *O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem*

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words: *Psalm 122:6-7*

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

HYMN 340 — *Breslau*

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

PRAAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *Prayer Book, page 337*

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI *from Missa Aeterna Christi Munera* Giovanni Palestrina (1525-1594)

MOTET — *Set Me as a Seal Upon Thine Heart*

Set me as a seal upon thine heart,
As a seal upon thine arm:
For love is strong as death;
Many waters cannot quench love,
Neither can the floods drown it;
Set me as a seal upon thine heart,
For is love is strong as death.

Words: *Song of Solomon*
Music: William Walton (1902-1983)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Prayer Book, page 339*

BLESSING *Prayer Book, page 339*

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 576 — *Ora Labora*

ORGAN — *Postlude*

George Frederick McKay (1899-1970)

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	Darren Miller Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Mark Griffin
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Remington	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Denise Limoli Marcia MacDonald
<i>Lectors</i>	Michael Penfold	Ed Peticolas Anne Van Acker
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		Douglas Huston Christopher Lyons John Van der Veer Frederick Scheidt
<i>Hospitality Hosts</i>		Kim Caughron Emily Pick

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. The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Lynne Priestley in loving memory of Ray Priestley. May their his 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 Lichfield, Canterbury, England
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Development of Christ the King Spiritual Life Center
<i>Our Parish</i>	Berkeley Divinity School at Yale

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*.

Members of the Vestry will attend the PARISH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE at the Spiritual Life Center on Saturday.

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!

SEMINARIAN FUND OFFERING: Today 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?

NEXT SUNDAY: CHORAL EVENSONG

3:00 p.m.

Sung by Bethesda Schola Cantorum

Reception following

NEW PARISH BYLAWS TO BE PRESENTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

On January 18, 2017, the Vestry unanimously adopted new bylaws for the parish. They have also been approved by the Diocesan Chancellor, as required by the canons. The Chancellor intends to use them as a model for other parishes in the Diocese. A presentation of the new bylaws is on the agenda for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m., preceded by Mass in the Church at 6:30. Parishioners who are curious or suffering from insomnia may review the full text, along with a slide deck on the Parish web site, www.bethesdachurch.org.

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
January 30 — February 5

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	
Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> 7:00 p.m. - Annual Meeting <i>Church Nave</i>
Wednesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</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>CANDLEMAS</i>	9:30 a. m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i>
Friday <i>Anskar</i>	
Saturday <i>Cornelius the Centurion</i>	8:30 a.m. - Parish Leadership Conference <i>Spiritual Life Center</i>
Sunday <i>THE FIFTH 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</i> <i>Van Dam Hotel</i> 3:00 p.m. - Choral Evensong <i>High Altar</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

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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*

Mr. Robert E. Bullock, *Verger*

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