



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: 8 January 2017
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
8:00 am—Holy Eucharist 10:00 am - Solemn 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 - *Prelude in G* Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 53 — *Salzburg*

COLLECT FOR PURITY *Prayer Book, page 323*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*) *Prayer Book, page 324*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. (42:1-9)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Psalm 29

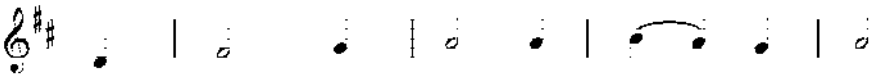
THE SECOND LESSON — *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (10:34-43)

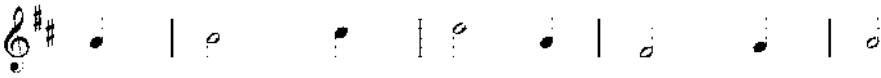
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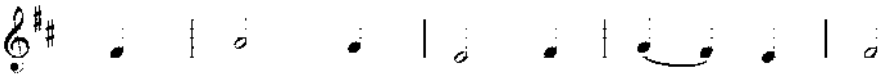
SEQUENCE HYMN — *Solemnis haec festivitas*




1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
 5 O Christ, may we hap - tized from sin,
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!
 5 go forth with you are the world to win:
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and close the path his Fa - ther willed,
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

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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.***

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."
(3:13-17)

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 bring our prayers to the God of glory, who fulfills our hopes in the birth of the beloved Son.

Deacon That 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, will announce God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the citizens of all nations will hallow God's name in peace,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That immigrants and exiles will rejoice in God's promise of justice and consolation.

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those weakened by sin and sickness will find strength in God's healing,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we will show forth God's glory by lives of holiness,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have died, will know everlasting joy in proclaiming God's praise.

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord, we join with every nation to adore you, for like the Magi, we find our everlasting light in your Son who dwells with us. Let his glory fill the earth as his presence fills our lives. Answer our prayers for your saving help, and sustain us in your justice. 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

HYMN 545, 1st Tune – *Woodbird*

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

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, page 339

EPIPHANY BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN 542 – *Duke Street*

ORGAN - *Fantasia*

William Thomas Best (1826-1897)

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	Sean Byrnes Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		David Wilder
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson Mark Claverie
<i>Lectors</i>	Robert Bullock	Sara Manny Robert Bullock
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		John Van der Veer Frederick Scheidt Douglas Huston Christopher Lyons

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

The Church in North India

Diocese of Albany

God's Blessing upon the New Year

Our Parish

Children and Young People

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 OFFICE is closed for a minimum of one week, beginning 1/9/17 while our Parish Administrative Assistant is 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). 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!

This afternoon at three o'clock Dean Vang will preach at CHORAL EVENSONG at THE CATHEDRAL OF ALL SAINTS.

NEXT SUNDAY: Our Postulant for Holy Orders, Landon Moore, will preach at both Eucharists.

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.

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>	
Tuesday <i>William Laud</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Alered</i>	9:30 a. m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i>
Friday <i>Hilary</i>	
Saturday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	
Sunday <i>THE SECOND 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> Church School <i>rear of nave</i> Coffee Hour <i>Empire Room,</i> <i>former Van Dam Hotel</i>



THE PARISH VESTRY

Churchwardens

Class of 2016

Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

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Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

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The Reverend Paul F. Evans, *Assisting Priest*

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

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

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