



## Washington Street near Broadway

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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY** **12 February 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 - Prelude**

Gino Visonà (1880-1954)

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

**HYMN 301** – *St. Denio*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

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

*Prayer Book, page 324*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; 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 Sirach*

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

(15:15-20)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL - *Beati immaculati*

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
    who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
    and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
    but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
    that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
    that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
    when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
    when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
    do not utterly forsake me.

Text: *Psalm 119:1-8*

Music: Edward John Hopkins ((1818-1901))

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

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and

another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building. (3:1-9)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### **SEQUENCE HYMN 399 - Ravenshaw**

*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, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your

head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.” (5:21-37)  
*Assisting Priest* 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* In the power of the Holy Spirit, let us turn to God in confident prayer.

*Assisting Priest* That God’s goodness will be a source of wisdom for all the members of the Church, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch; 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.***

That God’s goodness will be a source of peace for nations and peoples,

let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That God’s will be a source of comfort for those who suffer in mind or body,

let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That God’s goodness will be a source of holiness for us as we walk in the way of the Lord,

let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That God’s goodness will be a source of everlasting life for those who have died,

let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* God of wisdom and love, you understand our every need even before we ask. Show us your goodness in answer to these prayers, so that keeping your commandments may be our joy. 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**

*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 - *If ye love me***

If ye love me, Keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father,  
And He shall give you another comforter,  
That He may bide with you forever:  
Ev'n the Spirit of truth.

Words: *John 14: 15-17*

Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

**HYMN 783 - *Cwm Rhondda***



**DISMISSAL**

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

**HYMN 535** - *Festal Song*

**ORGAN** - *Postlude*

C. Calegari (1644-1675)

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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	Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		David Wilder
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pam Houde	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson
<i>Lectors</i>	Tom Remington	Mark Claverie
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>		Katie Hooper
		Mark Claverie
		Kathleen & Mark Anspach
		Thomas Moeller
		Richard Wissler

## NOTICES

During the month of February, the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the glory of Almighty God by Michael Penfold in loving memory of Frederick J. Penfold. 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 Lusaka - Central Africa  
St. Christopher's, Cobleskill  
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 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 February through April is available in the back of the Church.

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!

SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE: As of February 7, \$4,300 has been raised for Bethesda's Seminarian Scholarship Fund to assist Landon Moore at the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. Our goal of \$5,000 is within reach. Please help us to attain our goal. Please make checks payable to Bethesda Episcopal Church, marked at the Memo line "Seminary Scholarship." The Vestry thanks all those who have made an offering to this worthy outreach.

The VESTRY will meet on Wednesday, February 15, beginning at 7 p.m.

Dean Vang will be on HOLIDAY from February 16 until February 24.

Next Sunday we welcome back THE REVEREND CANON CHARLES B. KING as our Celebrant and Preacher.

### **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?

## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

*February 13 — 19*

Monday <i>Absalom Jones</i>	
Tuesday <i>Cyril</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</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> 7:00 p.m. - Vestry Meeting <i>Parish House</i>
Thursday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	
Friday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	
Saturday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	
Sunday <i>THE SEVENTH 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>

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## THE PARISH VESTRY

### Churchwardens

*Class of 2018*  
Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

*Class of 2017*  
Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

### Vestry

*Class of 2017*  
Jane Agee  
Gordon Boyd  
Mark Griffin

*Class of 2018*  
Mark Claverie  
Pamela Houde  
Mayumi Kato

*Class of 2019*  
Field Horne  
Denise Limoli  
Sara Manny

Geneva Henderson, *Clerk* John Van der Veer, *Treasurer*

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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