



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY **19 February 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 - *Lord Jesu*

Dietrich Buxtehude - (1637-1707)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 291 — *Mendon*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Book of Leviticus*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

(19:1-2,9-18)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Legem pone*

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Text: *Psalm 119:33-40*

Music: John Jones (1728-1796)

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

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future - all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God. (3:10-11,16-23)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 379 - *Capetown*

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, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (5:38-48)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

Canon King

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us present our prayers to the Lord, whose kindness and mercy are our hope.

That 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, will find renewed strength in God's love, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That all nations and people will find lasting peace in God's plan for this world, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the ill and the infirm will find abundant comfort in God's healing, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That all who worship here will find sure guidance in God's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have died, will find everlasting joy in God's glory, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

All-holy God, we ask you to answer our prayers, for you are merciful and gracious to all your people. Rescue us from whatever could harm us, and crown us with your kindness and compassion in Christ Jesus, both now and for 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

Celebrant 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 - *Behold, The Tabernacle of God*

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you:
for the temple of God is holy,
which temple ye are:
for the love of whom ye do this day
celebrate the joys of the temple
with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Words: Sarum Antiphon for the Dedication of a Church

Music: William Harris (1883-1973)

HYMN 498 - *Gardiner*

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 - *O Salutaris hostia*

O Salutaris hostia

Quae coelipandis ostium

Bella praemunt hostia

da robur fer auxilium.

O Saving Sacrifice

to whom Heaven has opened its door.

Sweet End to all strife!

Give us Thy strong assistance. Amen.

Words: Saint Thomas Aquinas

Music: Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

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 479, 1st Tune - Hyfrydol

ORGAN - Now, Praise the Lord

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>	Canon King	Canon King
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Sean Byrnes Robert Bullock	Catherine Berheide Robert Bullock Mark Griffin
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Anne Van Acker
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sherryl Moore	Denise Limoli Mayumi Kato
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Betsy Cummins Darren Miller
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	John Van der Veer Frederick Scheidt Douglas Huston Christopher Lyons
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		

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 Mahajanga (Indian Ocean)
Grace Church, Canton
Homes of the Good Shepherd

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*.

The PARISH OFFICES will be closed on Monday, in observance of President's Day.

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). 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!

We welcome back to Bethesda this morning as Celebrant and Preacher THE REVEREND CANON CHARLES B. KING. DEAN VANG is on holiday and will return to the parish on Saturday.

Please bring your BLESSED PALM branches and crosses to Bethesda next Sunday, as we prepare ashes for the First Day of Lent.

SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE: As of February 12, \$4,875 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.

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?

THE FIRST DAY OF LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1

6:30 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST

12:00 P.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST

7:00 P.M.

SUNG EUCHARIST

Ashes will be imposed at all liturgies.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

February 20 - 26

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	
Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer <i>Transcept Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Polycarp</i>	
Friday <i>SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE</i>	
Saturday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	
Sunday <i>THE LAST 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. - Solemn Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> Church School <i>rear of nave</i> Coffee Hour <i>Empire Room, former Van Dam Hotel</i>

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