



Washington Street near Broadway

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

26 February 2017

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

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 - *Christ, The Blessed Force*

Horst Gehann (1928-2007)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 119 - *Wareham*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same 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 Exodus*

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. (24:12-18)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL — *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;
12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
13 Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

Text: *Psalm 2*

Music: Anglican Chant, Bryan Hesford (1930-1996)

THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter*

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

(1:16-21)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN - *St. Albinus*

1 Christ up - on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in glo - ry
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E - li - jah
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing in its
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets fade be -

blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak, with the
 speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law shout through
 thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name! Na - tions
 - fore him; first and last and on - ly One, let cre -

saints and an-gels praise him. Al-le - lu - ia!
 them their joy-ful greet - ing. Al-le - lu - ia!
 cry a - loud in won - der! Al-le - lu - ia!
 - a - tion now a - dore him! Al-le - lu - ia!

Words: Brian Wren b. 1936

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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.*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." (17:1-9)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, page 327

THE BLESSING OF A CRUCIFIX

Celebrant We will glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.

Christ for us became obedient unto death:

People ***Even death on a Cross.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O gracious God, who in thy mercy didst ordain that thy Son should suffer death upon a Cross of shame: We thank thee that it has become for us the sign of his triumph and the banner of our salvation. Bless this Crucifix that it may draw our hearts unto him, who leadeth us to the glory of thy kingdom; where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us pray to God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness and whose glory is like a devouring fire. [*Please kneel.*]

Deacon That the Church may be continually uplifted by the vision of the King is all his beauty, be rescued from all fear, and in confidence face the future. We pray especially for 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.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the Church may be conformed to Christ the Son of God, share his sufferings, become like him in his death, and know the power of his resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That your people may hear the prophets' testimony, see you clearly in the records of those who were eyewitnesses of your majesty, and do your will, preparing for your glorious coming on the Last Day.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the nations of the earth may more and more perfect the rule of law and administer after the example of Moses, the lawgiver and judge of your people.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the Church may heed the call of God in Christ Jesus to descend from the heights of vision and to serve those who are needy, desolate, and forgotten.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the suffering, the lonely, the disconsolate, the dying, and those who mourn may know the transforming light of your presence

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the whole Church may persevere in the proclamation of the Gospel until the day dawns and Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, arises, that all the world may walk in his light.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Arise, O Morning Star, and in your rising lift us to behold with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints the majestic glory of God, so that through the shadows and darkness of the world we may ever press toward the glory of the world to come, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, 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

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

ANTHEM - *Like as the hart*

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,
so longeth my soul after thee,
O God My soul is a-thirst for God
yea, even for the living God
When shall I come to appear
before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they daily say unto me
Where, where is now thy God?
My tears have been my meat day and night.

Words: *Psalm 42:1-3*

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

HYMN - Salzburg

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant light, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

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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 Missa Resurrectionis* Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

MOTET - *O taste and see*

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him have no want.
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: *Psalm 34:7-8*

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING

Prayer Book, page 339

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN 54 — *Dulce Carmen*

ORGAN - *Fugue*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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	David Wilder Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Robert Bullock
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Remington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth & Thomas Moeller
<i>Lectors</i>	Robert Bullock	Denise Limoli David Wilder
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		Mark Claverie Diane Robinson
<i>Hospitality Host</i>		Craig & Karen Walton Steve Rucker

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. The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Helen and Lewis Bruce in loving memory of Jane Rinfret. May their souls 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 Malek - (Upper Nile, Sudan)

Church of the Holy Name, Boytonville

Colleges and Schools of Saratoga Springs

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*.

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.

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!

THE FINGER LAKES GUITAR QUARTET (FLGQ), one of the northeast's premier classical guitar ensembles, will appear in concert at Bethesda from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 4th. The FLGQ presents exciting, eclectic programming spanning five centuries, including original arrangements, as well as works commissioned and premiered by the FLGQ. The concert is part of the Thomas T. Parke Music Series and is being underwritten by Robert and Ann Bullock of Saratoga Springs. Suggested donations are \$10 at the door. Children under 16 are free.

SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE: As of February 21, \$5,475 has been raised for Bethesda's Seminarian Scholarship Fund to assist Landon Moore at the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. This means our goal of \$5,000 has been exceeded. The Vestry thanks all those who have made an offering to this worthy outreach.

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.

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 27 - March 5

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	
Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	6:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> 12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> 7:00 p.m. - Solemn Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Lenten Weekday</i> <i>Chad of Litchfield</i>	9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd,</i> <i>Saratoga Springs</i>
Friday <i>Lenten Weekday</i> <i>John and Charles Wesley</i>	
Saturday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
Sunday <i>THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</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. - Great Litany & 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>

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