



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

5 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 - *Verset de Octáu To*

Miquel Lopez (1669-1723)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 258 - *St. Joan*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. (58:1-9a)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Beatus vir*

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

Words: *Psalm 112:1-9*

Music: Anglican Chant, J. Randall (1929-2014)

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

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. (2:1-12)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN — *Slane*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca 700

Music: Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927

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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 said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may

see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (5:13-20)

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 Faith is God’s gift to those who doubt, courage to those who are afraid, and strength to those who are weak. Let us ask God to hear these petitions.

Assisting Priest That 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 receive the wisdom of Jesus in its witness to the Gospel:

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That public officials will receive the power of Jesus in their defense of human rights,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the people of our diocese will receive the love of Jesus in their need,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we who celebrate this Eucharist will receive the light of Jesus in our life of faith,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have died, will receive the glory of Jesus in heaven,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Father, trusting in your goodness, we ask you to answer our prayers. Come to our help, so that the living flame of love in the heart of Jesus and in our hearts will brighten our world. 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 - *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought. For the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation, and to be given for food to the faithful. Before him come the choirs of angels, with every principality and power; the Cherubim

with many eyes, and winged Seraphim, who veil
their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn, Alleluia.

Words: Liturgy of Saint James
Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

HYMN 408 - Hollingside

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 Mass for Four Voices* William Byrd (1543-1623)

COMMUNION ANTHEM - Lead Me Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Words: *Psalms 4:8, 5:8*
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

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 537 - Moscow

ORGAN - Postlude

Joseph Elias (1675-1749)

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> |
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| <i>Celebrant</i> | Dean Vang | Dean Vang |
| <i>Assisting Priest</i> | | Father Evans |
| <i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i> | Sean Byrnes Robert Bullock | Catherine Berheide Robert Bullock |
| <i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i> | | Sean Byrnes |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | Mary Withington | Anne Van Acker |
| <i>Bell Ringers</i> | | Kathleen Anspach Steve Rucker |
| <i>Lectors</i> | Lynne Priestley | Genna Henderson |
| <i>Ushers & Greeters</i> | | Mary Shartle Mark & Kathleen Anspach Craig & Karen Walton |
| <i>Hospitality Hosts</i> | | Mark Claverie Diane Robinson |

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 Lomega - Loryko, Sudan

St. Luke's, Cambridge

Our Music Ministry

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.

The PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet Thursday, February 9th at 1 p.m. at the Home of the Good Shepherd, 400 Church Street, Saratoga Springs. For more information, please call Sherryl Moore at 583-1215 or Suzanne Bishop at 587-3822.

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!

CHORAL EVENSONG
for Candlemas
Today at 3:00 p.m.
A reception will follow in the narthex.

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 6 — 12

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| Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i> | |
| Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</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. - Building Committee Meeting <i>Parish House</i> |
| Thursday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i> | 9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i> 1:00 p.m. - Shawl Ministry <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i> |
| Friday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i> | |
| Saturday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i> | |
| Sunday <i>THE SIXTH 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> |

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