



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

12 March 2017

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - Sung Eucharist

Please switch off all cellular telephones, Blackberries, 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 B Minor*

Oreste Ravenello (1871-1938)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 285, 1st Tune - *Leoni*

KYRIE ELEISON *from Communion Service in F, sung by the choir*

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. (12:1-4a)

GRADUAL - *Levavi oculos*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Text: *Psalm 121*

Music: Anglican Chant, Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

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

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it

is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. (4:1-5, 13-17)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

TRACT: HYMN 449 - Olivet

The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (3:1-17)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us call upon the God of our ancestors, who is rich in compassion and love toward every generation.

Assisting Priest That the Lord's mercy be upon 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, and be its strength, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's mercy be upon nations and peoples, especially the children of Abraham, and be their source of justice and peace,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's mercy be upon all who are alienated from God and others, and be their bond of love,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's mercy be upon us who are saved by Jesus Christ, and be our hope in every difficulty,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's mercy be upon those who have died, and be their gift of immortality,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Father of glory, you sent your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us from sin and lead us to holiness. Answer our prayers, so that we may receive your mercy and share it with others. We ask this through the same 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 - *O Lord, Increase Our Faith*

O Lord, increase our faith,
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith; endue us with wisdom,
charity, chastity and patience, in all our adversity.
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.

Words & Music: Henry Loosemore (1600-1670)

HYMN 344 – *Deus Tuorum Militum*

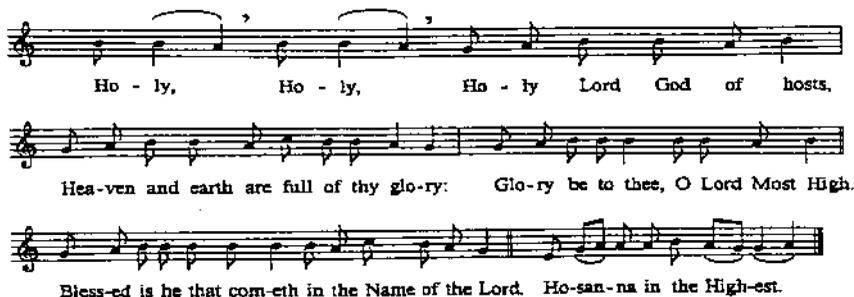
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer I*

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PROPER PREFACE OF LENT

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died and rose again.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT, *sung by all*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

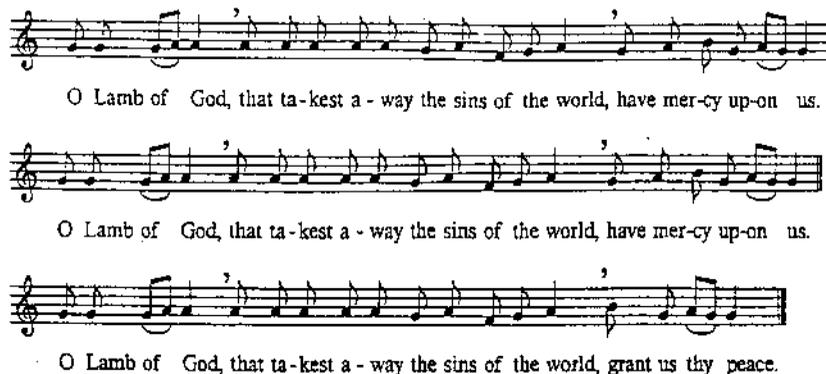
OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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AGNUS DEI, *sung by all*



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS, *said by all*

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MOTET - *God So Loved the World*

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world might through him be saved.

Words: *John 3:16-17*

Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Keep this thy family, O Lord, with thy never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of thy heavenly grace, they may be upheld by thy divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 393 - *St. Catherine*

ORGAN - *Postlude in D Minor*

Ansel Josef Monar (1860-1911)

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>		Mark Griffin
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pam Houde	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson Mark Claverie
<i>Lectors</i>	Lynne Priestley	Ed Peticolas Emily Pick
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		Douglas Huston Christopher Lyons John Van der Veer Frederick Scheidt

NOTICES

During the month of March, the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the glory of Almighty God by Jane Agee in loving memory of William Hugh Agee. 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 South & West Maseno, Kenya

Christ Church, Deposit

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: If you would like to make an offering of flowers or Eucharistic Elements, 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!

BUILDING COMMITTEE NEWS

Bonacio Construction, Inc. has been engaged as the parish's construction manager for development of the New Parish House and Community Center. This decision was made by the Vestry, on recommendation of the Building Committee. Along with building many successful commercial projects, Bonacio has successfully assisted local non-profits, including Universal Preservation Hall, Caffè Lena, and AIM Services with great success. We are delighted to have them join forces with Bethesda.

Bonacio will work closely with the Building Committee and our architects to assure that we keep costs within budget, without compromising quality. If cost estimating, leasing and financial milestones are attained in the coming weeks, we may hope for groundbreaking this year.

To follow this process, please keep an eye on the Bethesda Facebook page and on the parish website. Questions may be directed to Senior Warden Darren Miller, Gordon Boyd, Building Committee chair, or to any member of the Vestry.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

March 13-19

Monday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
Tuesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Lenten 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>
Thursday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i>
Friday <i>Lenten Weekday</i> <i>(Patrick of Ireland)</i>	
Saturday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
Sunday <i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY</i> <i>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. - 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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