



Washington Street near Broadway

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

19 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 - *Now, Praise the Lord*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 563 - *St. Dunstan's*

KYRIE ELEISON *from Missa Secunda, sung by the choir*

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Exodus*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" (17:1-7)

GRADUAL - *Venite, exultemus*

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
 as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
 at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
 when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *
 though they had seen my works.

- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
 "This people are wayward in their hearts;
 they do not know my ways."
11 So I swore in my wrath, *
 "They shall not enter into my rest."

Text: *Psalm 95*

Music: Anglican Chant, Richard Wayne Dirkson (1921-2003)

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (5:1-11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

TRACT: HYMN 446 - *Passion Chorale*

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.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would

have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.” (4:5-42)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

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Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant My sisters and brothers, we are gathered during this Holy Season of repentance to celebrate the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ. Let us ask our merciful God to open for all the world this fountain of life and blessing.

Assisting Priest For all Church leaders, 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, that their work be blessed and made fruitful,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are preparing for Christian initiation at Easter, that they look forward to this celebration with fervent joy,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of our country and of every nation, that they work together to meet the needs of the poor,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, justice, and peace, that they be satisfied,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the ill, the aged, and the dying, that their hope in God's merciful love give them comfort and peace,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us who worship here, that the love of God be abundantly poured into our hearts so we may pour out that love to others,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, that they rejoice for ever in the glory of God, in the company of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord God, you are our Savior. Let us draw water joyfully from the springs of your mercy as did the woman of Samaria. Grant us your saving help in answer to our prayers, for we make them in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord 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

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 - *Lord, Let Me Know Mine End*

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days:
that I may be certified how long I have to live.
Behold, thou hast made my days, as it were a span long:
and mine age is ev'n as nothing in respect of thee;
And verily ev'ry man living is altogether vanity.
For man walketh in a vain shadow, And disquieteth himself vain;
he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.
And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is ev'n in thee.
Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears, consider my calling.
Hold not thy peace at my tears. O spare me, a little, that I may recover my strength:
before I go hence and be no more seen.

Words: *Psalm 39:5-8, 13, 15*

Music: Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

HYMN 213 - *St. Agnes*

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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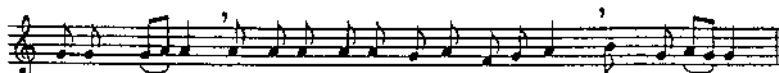
AGNUS DEI, sung by all



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.

ACCESS, said by all

**PRAYER OF
HUMBLE**
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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MOTET - *Sicut Cervus*

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum: ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.
As a deer longs for the running brooks: so longs my soul for thee, O God.

Words: *Psalm 42:1*

Music: Giovanni Palestrina (1525-1594)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Assisting Priest Bow down before the Lord.

Look mercifully on this thy family, Almighty God, that by the great goodness they governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 415, 1st Tune - *Aberystwyth*

ORGAN - *Variation on a Theme*

César Franck (1822-1890)

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	Sean Byrnes Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		David Wilder
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sherryl Moore	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Denise Limoli Mayumi Kato
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	Mark Griffin Lynda Redman
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		Mark & Kathleen Anspach Craig & Karen Walton

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 Mbale, Uganda

Saint Peter's Church, Fourth Lake

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*.

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.

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

March 20-26

Monday <i>SAINT JOSEPH</i>	
Tuesday <i>Lenten Weekday (Thomas Ken)</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Lenten Weekday (James de Koven)</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Lenten Weekday (Gregory the Illuminator)</i>	9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i>
Friday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
Saturday <i>THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD</i>	
Sunday <i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Laetare)</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> <i>Church School rear of nave</i> <i>Coffee Hour Empire Room, former</i> <i>Van Dam Hotel</i>



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