



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

5 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 F Minor*

Anselm Viola (1739-1798)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: THE GREAT LITANY

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KYRIE ELEISON from *Mass for Four Voices, sung by the choir*

William Byrd (1540-1623)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. (2:15-17; 3:1-7)

GRADUAL - *Beati quorum*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
 who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
 or else they will not stay near you."
11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
 but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
 shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Text: *Psalm 32*

Music: Anglican Chant, James Nares (1715-1783)

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

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

(5:12-19)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

TRACT: HYMN 55 - *Heinlein*

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.

After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The

tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. (4:1-11)

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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IN MEMORIAM: *The Reverend Canon Thomas Taylor Parke*

Celebrant Thou art a priest for ever:

People ***After the order of Melchizedek.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the soul of thy servant Thomas, thy priest, whom in this life thou didst honor with the sacred office, may rejoice in the glory of heaven for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN, *the People kneeling*

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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 - *Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree*

The tree of life my soul hath seen	For happiness I long have sought
Laden with fruit and always green	And pleasure dearly I have bought
The tree of life my soul hath seen	For happiness I long have sought
Laden with fruit and always green	And pleasure dearly I have bought
The trees of nature fruitless be	I missed of all but now I see
Compared with Christ the apple tree	'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel	I'm weary with my former toil
By faith I know but ne'er can tell	Here I will sit and rest a while
His beauty doth all things excel	I'm weary with my former toil
By faith I know but ne'er can tell	Here I will sit and rest a while
The glory which I now can see	Under the shadow I will be
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.	Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit does make my soul to thrive
It keeps my dying faith alive
This fruit does make my soul to thrive
It keeps my dying faith alive
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Words: Anonymous

Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

HYMN 343, 2nd Tune – *Gerontius*

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.

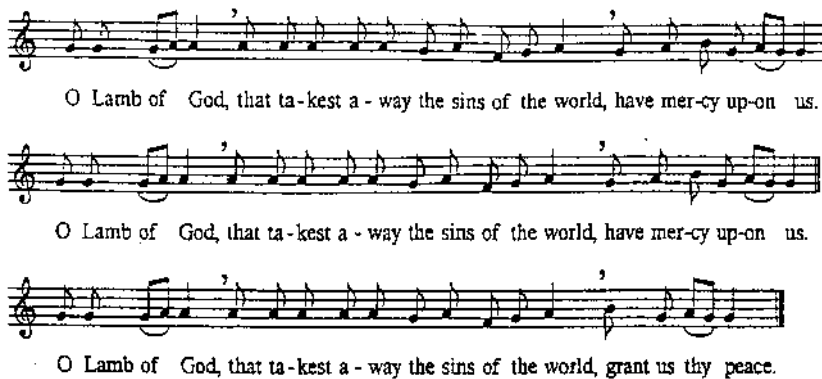
OUR FATHER

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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 - Miserere mei Deus

Miserere mei Deus,
Secundum magnam
misericordiam tuam;
et secundum multitudinem
miserationum tuarum,
dele iniquitatem meam.

*Have mercy upon me, O God,
according to thy loving kindness,
Pour forth compassion upon us,
And according to the multitude
of thy tender mercies,
blot out my transgressions.*

Words: *Psalm 51:1*

Music: William Byrd (1543-1623)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Assisting Priest Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Grant, Almighty God, that thy people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in thy strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of thy loving providence; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

HYMN—*Cwm Rhondda*

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land;
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy power - ful hand,
 let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through;
 death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side;

bread of hea - ven, bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er - more,
 strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and shield,
 songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to thee,

feed me now and ev - er - more.
 be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee.

Music: John Hughes (1873-1932)

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt.

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ORGAN - *Fanfare*

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

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 Darren Miller
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>	Sean Byrnes	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach Steve Rucker
<i>Lectors</i>	Sean Byrnes	Ann Bullock Christopher Lyons
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		Thomas Moeller Rick Wissler Mark Claverie
<i>Hospitality Host(s)</i>		Diane Robinson Virginia & Bruce McMorris

NOTICES

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Allison Parke in loving memory of FATHER THOMAS T. PARKE on the FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of his death. May he rest in peace, and may his soul rise in glory.

The ALTAR FLOWERS are also given to the Glory of Almighty God by David Cummings for “Carol ‘CJ’ Cummings. Seven years gone, but great memories forever.”

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 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 Marathwada, North India

Saint Paul’s Church, Salem

The observance of a Holy Lent

We welcome back to Bethesda this morning our Postulant for Holy Orders, LANDON MOORE.

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.

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!

SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE: As of March 2, \$5,495 has been raised for Bethesda's Seminarian Scholarship Fund to assist Landon Moore at the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. This means we have exceeded our goal of \$5,000. The Vestry thanks all those who have made an offering to this worthy outreach.

The PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet Thursday, March 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.

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?

LISTEN UP! HEARING ASSISTANCE INSTALLED!!



In keeping with the Vestry's goals of both updating and restoring our historic church building, Bethesda has installed a hearing loop to make it easier for those with hearing aids to hear all elements of our services. Some with a suitable hearing device may turn to Channel T and receive better audio. Others may use headphones, available from the ushers. Once you have tried these new hearing assists, please let us know the results.

The loop was installed throughout the church except for several pews to the left of the Gospel-side aisle toward the rear. All other areas of the nave are covered. The contractor was Metro Sound Pros of Washingtonville, working with our architects, John G. Waite Associates, Architects, of Albany. Dean Vang, the Wardens, Vestry, Building Committee, and all of us are grateful for the parish's support of last August's fundraiser, which made this improvement possible. Thanks be to God!

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It is very exciting that Bethesda Episcopal Church is now a participant of AmazonSmile. What does this mean? It means that when you purchase something from Amazon using the AmazonSmile web address, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Bethesda! Here is how it works: when you are ready to make an Amazon purchase, do so by using this web address- <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/14-1364477> This will automatically take you to the AmazonSmile page which supports Bethesda. You then sign in and make your purchase.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

March 6-12

Monday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
Tuesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i> <i>(Perpetua & her Companions)</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i> <i>(Lenten Ember Day)</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>Lenten Weekday</i> <i>(Gregory of Nyssa)</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>Lenten Weekday</i> <i>(Lenten Ember Day)</i>	
Saturday <i>Lenten Weekday</i> <i>(Lenten Ember Day)</i>	
Sunday <i>THE SECOND 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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