



**Washington Street near Broadway**

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**23 April 2017**

**7:30 am - Morning Prayer**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 am - Solemn Eucharist**

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*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 - Meditation**

Russell Woollen (1923-1994)

### **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**HYMN 99 – *O Filii et Filiae***

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)**

***Prayer Book, page 324***

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 Acts of the Apostles*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses." (2:14a,22-32)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL - *Conserva me, Domine*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
 my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
 nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Text: *Psalm 16*

Music: Anglican Chant, Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1:3-9)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**TRACT: HYMN 98 – *Puer Nobis***

*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.***

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark

of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. (20:19-31)

*Deacon* 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* Wonderful in our eyes is the resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God and minister of divine mercy. Let us pray to share even now in the eternal inheritance we have in him.

*Deacon* That those who preach the risen Christ in word and deed, 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, receive strength in Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That those reborn at Easter, receive joy in Jesus Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That all nations receive salvation in Jesus Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That all who are hard-pressed by sickness and injury, by famine and warfare, receive deliverance in Jesus Christ,

let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we who praise God this day receive hope in Jesus Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That those who have died, receive everlasting life in Jesus Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* Lord, we ask you to increase our faith in your risen Son, so that we will welcome your salvation in answer to these prayers. Praise, glory, and honor be yours, now and at the revelation of 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

*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** - *Blessed Be the God and Father*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which,  
according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively  
hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled,

that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation,  
ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as He which hath called you is holy,  
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

pass the time of your sojourning in fear.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently.

See that ye love one another.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed,  
but of incorruptible, by the word of God.

For all flesh is grass, and all the glory of God as the flower of grass.

The grass withereth, and the flower therefore faileth away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for evermore. Amen!

Words: *1 Peter 1: 3-5, 15-17, 22-25*

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley(1810-1876)

### **HYMN 91** – *Victory*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

*Prayer Book, page 340*

### **PROPER PREFACE OF EASTER**

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT** (*Hymnal 797*), *sung by all*

**OUR FATHER**

*Prayer Book, page 334*

**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)

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** - *This Joyful Eastertide*

This joyful Eastertide,  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified,  
Hath sprung to life this morrow

My flesh in hope shall rest,  
And for a season slumber:  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number.

*Refrain*

*Had Christ that once was slain,  
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now hath Christ arisen.*

Death's flood hath lost his chill  
Since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver.

*Refrain*

Words: Dutch Carol

Music: William Harris (1883-1973)

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Prayer Book, page 339*

### PASCHAL BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

### DISMISSAL

*Deacon*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia***

HYMN - *Gelobt sei Gott*

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955, at. St. 5, Norman Mealy (b.1923)

Music: Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

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**ORGAN - *Finale***

Daniel Gawthrop (b.1949)



## WORSHIPPING 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 Sean Byrnes
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>	Sean Byrnes	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Remington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth & Tom Moeller
<i>Lectors</i>	Mark Claverie	Darren Miller
		Sara Manny
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>		John Van der Veer
		Frederick Scheidt
		Douglas Huston
		Christopher Lyons

## NOTICES

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Karen and Craig Walton in loving memory of Michael Stockman. 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 Muranga South, Kenya

Chaplains to the Retired Clergy & Spouses

Building Committee

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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY You will soon receive your 2017 first quarter giving statement in the mail. As you are aware, this is a time of much planning and anticipation. It is extremely important for all of us to honor our pledges and to give generously so that Bethesda Church can continue to fulfill its mission and move forward to the future. Thanks be to God.

THE RIGHT REVEREND DAVID S. BALL, Seventh Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, died on Easter Tuesday in Loudonville. Bishop Ball's ordained ministry commenced here at Bethesda when the then Rector, The Reverend Benjamin Holmes, called him to serve as Curate. From Saratoga Springs, he proceeded to the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, where he would spend the duration of his vocation to Sacred Ministry, first as Canon, second as Dean, and lastly as Diocesan Bishop. A Memorial Mass to honor Bishop Ball's life and work will be offered here, at a time yet to be determined.

## BUILDING COMMITTEE NEWS

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Bethesda's historic church is receiving renewed recognition, as we prepare to apply for restoration grants. Volunteers are needed to help us make the most of two opportunities. Please sign up in the Narthex and/or contact Sharon Boyd at 518-852-2348 if you are interested in helping on either date.

**Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation's Historic House Tour.** Bethesda is not only included this year, but featured. We will be the site of the Tour's special "Lunch and Learn" event, with a talk about the church's history and restoration plans. We need members to help with the event. Docents to guide visitors through the church, minders for the areas near the altar, gallery and bells, a sales table for CDs, set up, tidy up. We expect hundreds of visitors for this day-long event.

**Saturday May 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday May 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. New York Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Sites Open House.** This event is organized by the New York City-based NYLC, and will be a wonderful opportunity for visitors who have never seen Bethesda to do so. Bethesda, quite literally, will be on the map! We are offering guided and self-guided tours, an informal talk, music and CD sales. The theme of this year's NYLC tour is stained glass, so our impending improvements to the North-facing windows will be a feature for the restoration-minded visitors. NYLC funded the condition assessment we commissioned and completed in 2015.

**MORE NEWS!!** Bethesda has recently corrected an oversight of years of yore. We have now been listed as a contributing element to the Saratoga Springs National Register Historic District. This recognition will greatly assist Bethesda in qualifying for restoration funding from New York State and other sources.

**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**

*April 24-30*

Monday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
Tuesday <i>SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i>
Friday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
Saturday <i>Catherine of Siena</i>	
Sunday <i>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EAST-ER</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> Church School <i>rear of nave</i> Coffee Hour <i>Narthex</i>

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