



Washington Street near Broadway

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

30 April 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 - *Arioso*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 89 – *Salzburg*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread; Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Acts of the Apostles*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. (2:14a,36-41)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Dilexi, quoniam*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Words: *Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17*

Music: Anglican Chant, Percy Buck (1871-1947)

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

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. (1:17-23)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE: HYMN 207, 1st Tune - *Edsall*

The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels

THE HOLY GOSPEL *of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now on that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third

day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (24:13-35)

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 When we are discouraged, God consoles us. When we are troubled, God is with us to help us. In grateful confidence, let us ask God to hear our 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, our Assisting Bishop; and Marshall and Paul, our Priests, will powerfully proclaim to all people the hope which the risen Christ gives them, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That Christ’s message of peace will remove the pain of war and violence from human hearts,

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

That we will use the fruits of the earth according to God's plan, and thus help to restore all things in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That we will recognize and give thanks to the risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and wherever he reveals himself,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have died, will rejoice for ever in the glory of the risen Christ,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Father, truly your voice speaks of peace: peace for us, your people, and for all who turn to you in their hearts. May our prayers at this Eucharist strengthen us to be more worthy and grateful bearers of your peace to others. We ask this in the name of Jesus the 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 For a Closer Walk*

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heav'nly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return!
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)
Music: C. Villers Stanford (1852-1924)

HYMN 195 - *Rendez a Dieu*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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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 Brevis*

Lennox Berkley (1903-1989)

COMMUNION ANTHEM - *O sacrum convivium*

O sacrum convivium,
In quo Christus sumitur,
Recolitur memoria passionis eius;
Mens impletur gratia,
Et futurae gloriae, nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.

*O sacred banquet,
in which Christ is received,
the memory of His Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory is given us.
Alleluia.*

Words: *Saint Thomas Aquinas*

Music: Oliver Messian (1908-1992)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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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

Assisting Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.
People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia***

HYMN 95, 1st Tune – Nassau

ORGAN - *Rondo*

Don McAfee (b.1935)

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 in the narthex, 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 | Robert Bullock Darren Miller Robert Bullock |
| <i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i> | | |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | Sherryl Moore | Anne Van Acker Marcia McDonald |
| <i>Bell Ringers</i> | | Roxanne Baugh Rick Wissler |
| <i>Lectors</i> | Michael Penfold | Sharon Boyd Betsy Cummins |
| <i>Ushers & Greeters</i> | | Kathleen & Mark Anspach Karen & Craig Walton |
| <i>Hospitality Hosts</i> | | Nancy & John Gilliland Betsy Cummins |

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion The Church in Nandyal - (South India)
Diocese of Albany Deacon Formation Program
Our Parish Vestry Retreat

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 2 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 May through July 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!

HONORING MARCIA PENFOLD: A Requiem Eucharist will be celebrated on Friday, June 9, at noon, to celebrate the life and death of Marcia Penfold, a most faithful parishioner of Bethesda. Her Committal will immediately follow the liturgy at Saratoga National Cemetery. Please join Marcia's family in this remembrance. May she rest in peace and her soul rise in glory.

THE SARATOGA COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING is desperate for volunteers for the Home Delivered Meal program. Volunteers will help deliver meals to homebound seniors in the Saratoga Springs area. Meals go out of the Saratoga Springs Senior Center in Saratoga, Monday-Friday @ 11:00 A.M. A training/orientation is provided. Please call Billie Jo or Ashley at The Office for the Aging 518-363-4020 or 518-363-4033 for details.

A FESTIVAL OF EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, 7 May 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

sung by the Schola Cantorum of Bethesda Church

A reception will follow in the narthex.

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. Do- cents 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

May 1-7

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| Monday <i>SAINT PHILIP & SAINT JAMES</i> | |
| Tuesday <i>Athanasius</i> | 6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> |
| Wednesday <i>Easter 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>Monnica</i> | 9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i> |
| Friday <i>Easter Weekday</i> | |
| Saturday <i>Easter Weekday</i> | 9:00 a.m. - Vestry Retreat <i>Saint Mary's Convent, Greenwich</i> |
| Sunday <i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</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 Narthex</i> 3:00 p.m. - A Festival of Lessons & Carols for Eastertide <i>High Altar</i> |

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