



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14 May 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 - *Concerto in G*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN – *Gott sei Dank*

1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,
 2 On this day the - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;
 3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;
 5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;

1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
 2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.
 3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.
 4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.
 5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,
dwell within my heart alone;
thou dost give thyself to me;
help me give myself to thee.

Words: Latin; tr. Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877), alt.

Music: Gott sei Dank; melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of 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*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. (7:55-60)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL — *In te, Domine, speravi*

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Words: *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*

Music: Anglican Chant, James Turle (1802-1882)

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

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (2:2-10)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE: HYMN 361 - *St. James*

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 told his disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.” (14:1-14)

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 In Christ Jesus, dead and risen, we recognize the saving plan of God and come to believe in the power of God’s redeeming love. With Easter faith, let us present our prayers to the God of mercy.

Assisting Priest That the Christian Churches, 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, may persevere in faith and bear witness to the unifying power of the Holy Spirit,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That nations and peoples may rejoice in the blessings of peace and justice,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That our suffering sisters and brothers, especially the sick of our parish, may have their sorrow turned into lasting joy,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That our parish community may build up the spiritual temple of God in our midst,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all who have died, may enjoy fullness of life with the risen Christ, together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty God, we thank you for calling us to be a holy people in Jesus Christ, our way, our truth, and our life. Hear the prayers we offer, so that we may speak his words and do his works for the salvation of all. 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 - *Greater Love Hath No Man*

Many waters cannot quench Love,
neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater Love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends
Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree,
that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness,
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
That ye show forth the praises of Him
Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God
that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
holy, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Words: Canticles 8, *St John 15*, *1 Peter 2*, *1 Corinthians 6*; *Romans 12*

Music: John Ireland (1879-1962)

HYMN 780 - *Westminster Abbey*

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

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM ***Prayer Book, page 337***

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI *Missa Sanctae Crucis*

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

MOTET - *O taste and see*

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him have no want.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: *Psalm 34:7-8*

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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 - *Laudate Dominum*

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
 3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
 in - tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150

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J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 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>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Sean Byrnes Landon Moore	Landon Moore Darren Miller
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Virginia McMorris
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson Mark Claverie
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	Genna Henderson Christopher Lyons
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		John Van der Veer Fred Scheidt Douglas Huston
<i>Hospitality Host[s]</i>		Christopher Lyons Ed Peticolas

NOTICES

During the month of May, the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Jean-Marie Crocker in loving memory of Denton Winslow Crocker. The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Rhoda Nimsker in loving memory of Bertha Sunderland, Mary Nimsker, Betty Bell, Marie Travis, and Doris Hopp. 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 New Jersey

The Blessed Virgin Mary and all Mothers on
Mother's Day

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 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!

The VESTRY of the Parish will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Bethesda remembers BISHOP BALL. A Requiem Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, May 27, at 10 a.m. to offer thanks for his priestly work among us as Curate (1953-1956) and then as Bishop of Albany (1984-1998).

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.

AN AGING AMERICA. Saturday, May 20th at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Saratoga Presbyterian-New England Congregational Church at 24 Circular Street. Sister M. Peter Lillian of the Avila Institute of Gerontology in upstate New York provides a not-to-be-missed opportunity to hear about "The Challenges and Promise of an Aging America." Sister Peter is dedicated to researching issues related to aging and combines her knowledge, and considerable passion and compassion in delivering a memorable and inspirational message to her audience. This is a message of special interest not only to seniors but also to the younger generations who will be facing these social issues with their parents or grandparents. Mark your calendars as this truly is an event worth of your attendance.

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 this opportunity. 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 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.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION AND SECURITY

Protective glass and better ventilation for our priceless Tiffany and other stained glass windows was installed this past week on the north (Washington Street) side of the church. Lamb Studios' craftsmen worked diligently Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to complete this project, which was supported by last August's Building Fund party.

The narthex was the site of the work table, stencil-making, glass cutting, taping and staging. Scaffolding was erected above the front steps, and craftsmen Jay and Joseph executed the project with great care and expertise.

Many thanks to all who supported last August's fundraiser, and who continue to support Bethesda's Capital Campaign. And thanks be to God for the gift of craftsmanship and artistry that has enhanced our worship here for nearly two centuries.

See the slide show on the Bethesda website.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
May 15-21

Monday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
Tuesday <i>Easter Weekday</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> 7:00 p.m. - Meeting of the Vestry <i>Church Chancel</i>
Thursday <i>Dunstan</i> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i>
Friday <i>Alcuin</i> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
Saturday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
Sunday <i>THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF</i> <i>EASTER, Rogation Sunday</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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