



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Rogation Sunday

21 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 - *Allegro in C*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 101 - *Kingsfold*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Acts of the Apostles*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him-- though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." (17:22-31)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Benedicite populi Deo nostro*

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Words: *Psalm 66:7-18*

Music: Anglican Chant, John Davy (1763-1824)

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

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. (3:13-22)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE: HYMN 408 - *Hollingside*

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 said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."
(14:15-21)

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 Jesus has not left us orphans, for he has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always. Through the power of the Spirit, let us give voice to the needs of people everywhere in these 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, may persevere in works of justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who govern and exercise authority may bring hope to the nations of the world,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the hungry and the homeless may know the presence of Jesus Christ,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That all parents, especially single parents, may receive the strength and power of the Spirit as they care for their children,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have gone before us in death, may enter the place Christ has prepared for them, together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant We praise you, God of our joy, for your strong bond of love which unites us to your risen Son. Give us your Spirit to help us in all our needs, so that we may love in deed and in truth. We ask this through 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 - *O Deus, Ego Amo Te (O God I Love Thee)*

O God, I love thee, I love thee -
Not out of hope of heaven for me
Nor fearing not to love and be
 In the everlasting burning.
Thou, thou, my Jesus, after me
 Didst reach thine arms out dying,
For my sake sufferedst nails, and lance,
Mocked and marred countenance,
 Sorrows passing number,
Sweat and care and cumber,
Yea and death, and this for me,
 And thou couldst see me sinning:
Then I, why should not I love thee,
Jesu, so much in love with me?
Not for heaven's sake; not to be
Out of hell by loving thee;
Nor for any gains I see;
But just the way that thou didst me
I do love and I will love thee:
What must I love thee, Lord, for then?
For being my king and God. Amen.

Words: Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J. (1844-1889) attr. to St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552)
Music: Ned Rorem (b.1923)

HYMN - *Slane*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee,
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca 700

Music: Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927

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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 *from Missa Sanctae Crucis*

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

MOTET - *Sing my soul*

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
Who, from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful o'er our race
Still to man extends his grace.

God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Saviour's blood,
And, to make our safety sure,
Guides us by his Spirit pure.

Heaven and earth by him were made;
All is by his scepter swayed;
What are we that he should show
So much love to us below?

Sing, my soul, adore his Name!
Let his glory be thy theme:
Praise him till he calls thee home;
Trust his love for all to come.

Words: Anonymous, 1800
Music: Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

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 308 – *Monkland*

ORGAN - *Labyrinthe Harmonique*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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>
<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 Catherine Berheide
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>	Sean Byrnes	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pam Houde	Anne Van Acker Marcia McDonald
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Mayumi Kato Emily Pick
<i>Lectors</i>	Sean Byrnes	Mary Shartle Lynda Redman
<i>Ushers</i>		Craig & Karen Walton Mark & Kathleen Anspach
<i>Greeter</i>		Denise Limoli
<i>Hospitality Host[s]</i>		Marcia McDonald

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.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

Anglican Communion

Diocese of Albany

Our Parish

The Church in Ngbo - Enugu, Nigeria

Thanksgiving for Church School Teachers

Mission Ministry

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!

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.

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 22-28

Monday <i>Rogation Day</i>	
Tuesday <i>Rogation Day</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Rogation Day</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>ASCENSION DAY</i>	9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i> 7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Friday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
Saturday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
Sunday <i>THE SEVENTH 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> Church School <i>rear of Nave</i> Coffee Hour <i>Narthex</i>

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Interim Rector*
The Reverend Paul F. Evans, *Assisting Priest*
Mr. Landon M. Moore, *Postulant for Holy Orders*
Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*
Mr. Farrell Goehring, *Organist/Director of Music*
Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*
Mr. Robert E. Bullock, *Verger*

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