



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7 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 - *Ite, Missa Est, Alleluia*

Colin Mawby (b.1936)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 345, 1st Tune - St. Columba

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (2:42-47)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

GRADUAL - *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Words: *Psalms 23*

Music: Anglican Chant, John Goss (1800-1880)

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

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When

he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (2:19-25)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE: HYMN 247 - Sicilian Mariners

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, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (10:1-10)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant With hearts filled with Easter joy, let us bring our prayers to the God who raised Jesus from the dead.

Assisting Priest That those who shepherd the holy Church of God, 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 find courage in the name of Jesus Christ,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those baptized at Easter will find lasting peace in the name of Jesus Christ,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who are crushed by sadness, pain, and disappointment will find joy in the name
of Jesus Christ,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who suffer from disability or injury will find strength in the name of Jesus
Christ,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who lack sufficient food or adequate housing will find bountiful help in the
name of Jesus Christ,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have died, will find eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord God, in the power of Jesus' name we stand before you in fervent prayer.
Grant us and all your children the salvation Christ won for us by his death and resurrec-
tion. Keep us safe in his love, and help us follow him to glory. Let us dwell in your
house, at home with you, 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 thankful-
ness 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 - *Jubilate Deo*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

Serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:

it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,

and into his courts with praise

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:

World without end, Amen.

Words: *Psalm 100*

Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

HYMN 213 - *St. Agnes*

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 Brevis*

Lennox Berkley (1903-1989)

MOTET - *Ego sum panis vivus*

Ego sum panis vivus, qui de caelo descendi: si quis manducaverit ex hoc pane, vivet in aeternum. Alleluia.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever.

Words: *John 6:51*

Music: William Byrd (1540-1623)

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 - 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-struction, 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-er-er, strong de-liv-er-er, 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 - *Sanctorum Meritis*

Colin Mawby (b.1936)

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 David Wilder
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Laurie Brenenstuhl
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Remington	Anne Van Acker Marcia McDonald
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach Steve Rucker
<i>Lectors</i>	Robert Bullock	Ann Bullock Mark Claverie
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		Diane Robinson Mark Claverie Tom Moeller
<i>Hospitality Host[s]</i>		Rick Wissler Glenna Joyce

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. 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 Ndokwa - Bendel, Nigeria

Preparations for Diocesan Convention (June 9-11)

Homes of the Good Shepherd

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*.

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. Please join Marcia's family in this remembrance. May she rest in peace and her soul rise in glory.

DATES for Administration of HOLY BAPTISM, 2017

Sunday, June 4 The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, September 17 The Solemnity of the Holy Cross

Sunday, November 5 The Solemnity of All Saints

A FESTIVAL OF EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS

Today 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. 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

May 8-14

Monday <i>Easter Weekday</i> <i>Julian of Norwich</i>	
Tuesday <i>Easter Weekday</i> <i>Gregory of Nazianzus</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>Easter Weekday</i>	
Sunday <i>THE FIFTH 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>

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