



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28 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 - *Prelude on Orientis Partibus*

Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN **355**, *1st Tune* - Coronation

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. (1:6-14)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Exsurgat Deus*

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

Words: *Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36*

Music: Anglican Chant, David Hurd (b.1950)

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

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

(4:12-14; 5:6-11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE: HYMN 106 - *St. Magnus*

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 looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

(17:1-11)

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 United in prayer with the Blessed Virgin Mary and the apostles chosen by the Lord, let us ask God for what we need this day.

Assisting Priest For deeper faith in all the members of 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, and for the support of those baptized at Easter,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the well-being of this nation and its government, and for the safety of all who serve and protect us,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the comforting of those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit, and for peace for the dying,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the continuing work of creation, and for the building of a more humane world,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the ministry of God's care and healing to others at our hands, and for abundant life in the reign of God,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For eternal joy for the faithful departed, and for consolation for all who mourn them,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord, we ask to see your goodness in answer to these prayers. Bring us to glory with Jesus Christ in the land where all are alive for 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 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 Clap Your Hands*

O clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with voice of triumph.

For the Lord most high is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth.

God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God; Sing praises unto our King, Sing praises;

For God is the King of all the earth; Sing ye praises, every one that hath understanding.

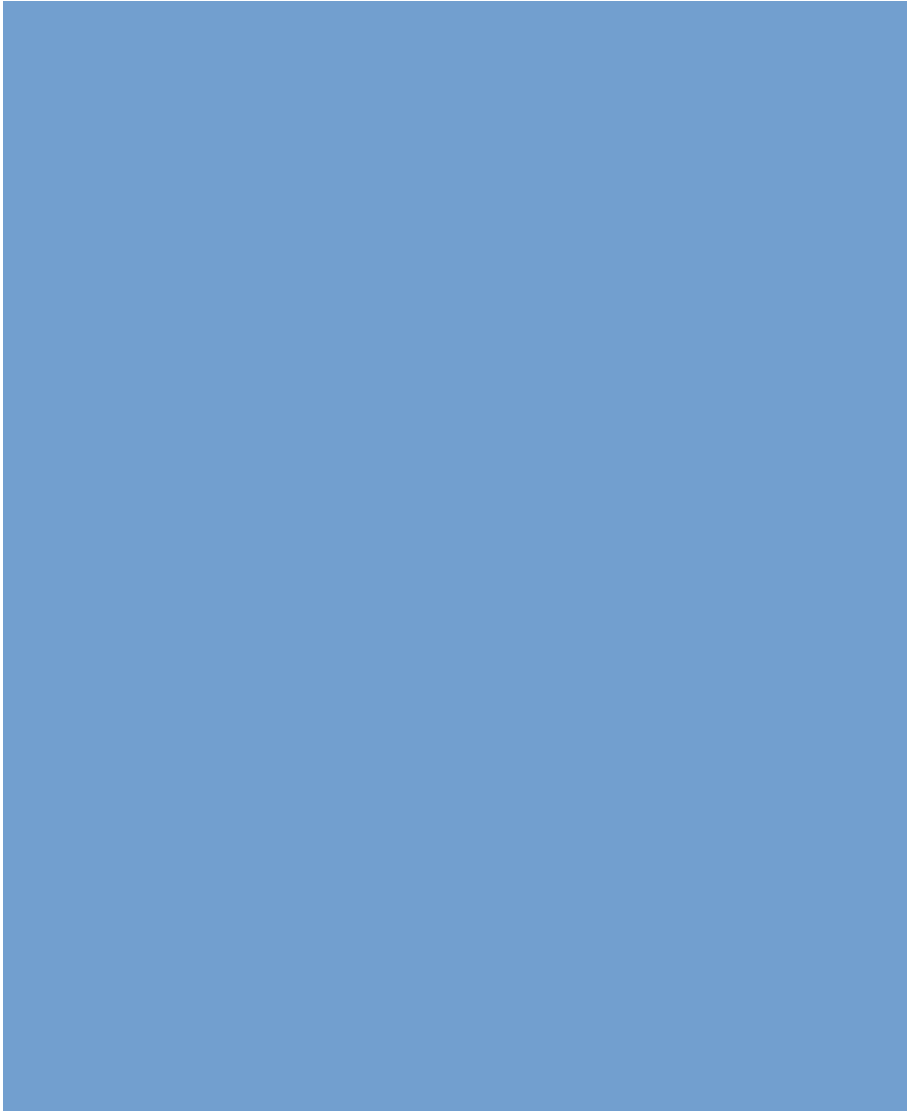
God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.

Words: *Psalm 47*

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

HYMN - *Bryn Calfaría*



Words:

Music:

Melody William Owen (1813–1983); harm. *Christian Hymns*, 1977
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer I I* *Prayer Book*, page 340

PROPER PREFACE OF THE ASCENSION

Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us: that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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

OUR FATHER *Prayer Book*, page 336

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 Simile Est Regnum Coelorum*

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

MOTET - *I sat down*

I sat down under His shadow with great delight,
and His fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house,
and His banner over me was love.

Words: *Song of Solomon 2:3-4*

Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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ASCENSION BLESSING

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the Risen Christ; 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 542 — *Duke Street*

ORGAN - *Postlude in C*
1750)

J.S. Bach (1685-

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
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Robert Bullock
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sherryl Moore	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth & Tom Moeller Emily Pick
<i>Lectors</i>	Michael Penfold	Mark Griffin Ed Peticolas
<i>Ushers</i>		Tom Moeller Rick Wissler
<i>Greeter</i>		Darren Miller

NOTICES

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of all of the Men and Women who have served our Country. May the souls of all the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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 Nike - Enugu, Nigeria
St. Luke's, Mechanicville
Those who serve in the Armed Forces of our
Nation

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. *The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day.*

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

In the fall of this year, PBS, in cooperation with Ken Burns, will present a television special addressing the subject of the Vietnam War. The years which embraced this time of conflict were controversial and troubling. Individuals who were affected by military engagement in Southeast Asia are now being interviewed for the broadcast. This past Wednesday members of the PBS team came to Bethesda Church to tape a segment with our very own JEAN MARIE CROCKER. As many of you know, the Crockers' son, Denton, was killed during this war. Remembrances are difficult to erase, even now. These Jean Marie has shared. Please consult the WMHT, Channel 17, autumn schedule for viewing days and times.

STEWARDSHIP

For many, summer means a rejuvenating vacation; for others, it's a time to pick up extra work; for some, summer is simply a hotter version of the "daily grind." Here in beautiful Saratoga Springs, summer means thousands of tourists and the excitement they generate. Whatever your personal summer experience may be, Bethesda Church never goes on vacation.

It's important for us all to continue our regular pledge and donation payments during these summer months, whether we actually attend or are away. Bethesda's operating financial needs continue year round, and the Church depends on each one of us to fulfill his or her pledge. If you are away, please remember to make up missed payments when you return or plan to double up before you leave. Your quarterly giving statement can help you keep track of your progress throughout the year.

This is an exciting time as we parishioners look forward to the growth and expansion anticipated from our new parish house/community center. It is crucial that we also continue to honor our annual commitment to support the daily work of Bethesda's ministry, not just in the future but right now.

Enjoy the summer, wherever you may go, and remember that Bethesda Church is always here!

Denise Limoli
Vestry, Stewardship Chair

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

May 29—June 4

Monday

Easter Weekday

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Easter Weekday

6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist *High Altar*

Wednesday

*THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY*

12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing
Transcept Altar



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