



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

16 July 2017

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - Sung Eucharist

Please switch off all cellular telephones, 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 - *Choral in G Major*

Alexandre Guilmant (1852-1917)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 474 - *Woodbird*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have the grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the and thy Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Book of Isaiah*

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial. for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. (55: 10-13)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Exaltabo te, Deus*



- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very / plenteous; *
the river of God is full of / water.
- 10 You prepare the / grain, *
for so you provide for the / earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the / ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its / increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your / goodness, *
and your paths overflow with / plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for / grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with / joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with / grain; *
let them shout for joy and / sing.

Psalm 65: 9-14

Music: Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)

THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans*

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who

live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. (8:1-11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE: HYMN 376 - Down Ampney

THE HOLY GOSPEL *of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." (13:1-9,18-23)

Deacon 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 The Lord's kindness is established for ever. Filled with gratitude, let us ask our faithful God to bless us with every good gift.

For all believers, that the Word of God give them courage to correct injustice and heal the wounds of hate, especially their leaders, Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Frances, 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, so that their oneness will show forth the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For young Christians, that God's Holy Spirit be their power for witness,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all farmers, that good weather bring their crops to maturity and crown the year with God's bounty,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that the sufferings of the present lead them to the glory promised to us,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have died, that they rejoice for ever at the heavenly banquet, together with the ever - blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord God, we ask you to receive our prayers and answer them according to your great mercy. Grant that whatever our labors for your kingdom will sow may produce an abundant harvest for eternity. We make this prayer 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

Celebrant 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

AT THE OFFERTORY: HYMN 402 - *Munich*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF THE LORD'S DAY of *God the Son*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: AGNUS DEI (*Hymnal 712*) *sung by all*

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Celebrant
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 769 - *Hymn to Joy*

ORGAN - *Andantino*

Albert Alain (1880-1971)

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 REFRESHMENTS on the Terrace, immediately following the ten o'clock liturgy.

ASSISTING AT OUR LITURGIES TODAY

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock Sean Byrnes	Catherine Berheide Sean Byrnes
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Robert Bullock
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Pam Houde Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Mayumi Kato Emily Pick
<i>Lectors</i>	Robert Bullock	Jane Agee Darren Miller
<i>Ushers</i>		Doug Huston Chris Lyons John Van der Veer Fred Scheidt
<i>Hospitality Host[s]</i>		Mary A. Thompson

NOTICES

During the month of July, the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Bill Read in loving memory of Eda M. Read.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Ontario, Canada)
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	St. Stephens Church, Schuylerville
<i>Our Parish</i>	The Vestry

SIGN UP FOR MINISTRY: During the summer season, known more commonly as Ordinary Time, we welcome members of the congregation and visitors to read at both the 8 am and 10 am Masses, one for the earlier liturgy, two for the latter. Sign-up lists can be found at the narthex lectern.

We also invite those who wish to share a MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY [cold beverages and snacks] after the ten o'clock liturgy to sign the designated list, also at the narthex lectern. Please email Sara Manny saramanny@gmail.com

The VESTRY meets this Wednesday at 7 p. m.in the Chancel.

INVITATIONS to Bethesda's Annual Gala at the Saratoga Golf and Polo Club on July 31 are available at the back of the church.

PLANNING AHEAD: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: Dean Vang will once again offer classes to prepare young children to receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. An orientation will be offered on Sunday, September 10, immediately following the 10 am Eucharist. Parents and children should plan to attend.

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.

NEW EMAIL: Please send all notices for the church bulletin to office@bethesdachurch.org

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.

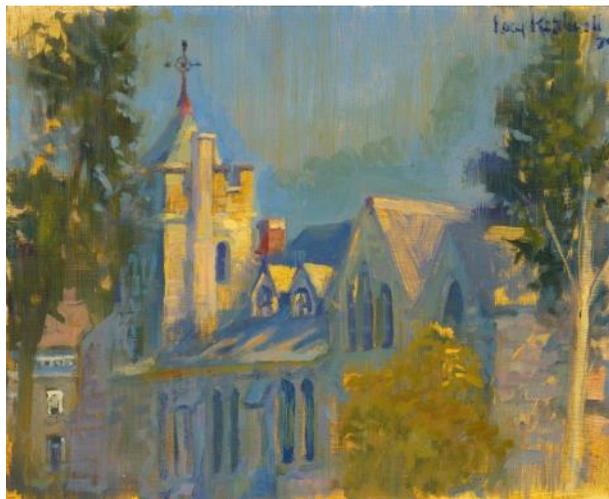
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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

July 17 - July 23

Monday <i>William White</i>	
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	<i>The Parish Office is closed today.</i>
Wednesday <i>Macrina</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i> 7:00 p.m. - Vestry Meeting - <i>Chancel</i>
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i>
Friday <i>Feria</i>	
Saturday <i>Saint Mary Magdalene</i>	
Sunday <i>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i>	7:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer <i>Transcept Altar</i> 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> 10:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments <i>The Courtyard</i>



THE PARISH

VESTRY

Churchwardens

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Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

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