



Washington Street near Broadway

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

30 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 - Meditation

Don McAfee (b. 1935)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 291 - Mendon

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and thy Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the First Book of Kings*

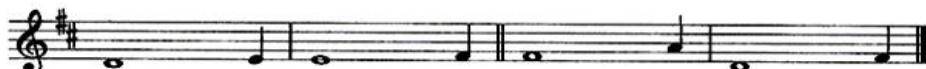
At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

(3:5-12)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Mirabilia*



- 129 Your decrees are / wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my / heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives / light; *
it gives understanding to the / simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and / pant; *
I long for your com - / mandments.
- 132 Turn to me in / mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your / Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your / word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over / me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who op - / press me, *
and I will keep your com - / mandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your / servant *
and teach me your / statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of / tears, *
because people do not keep your / law.

Psalm 119:129-136

Music: Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)

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

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(8:26-39)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE: HYMN 370 - Graefenberg

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."

And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

(13:31-33,44-52)

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 My sisters and brothers, let us ask that we will find all things working for our good in answer to these prayers.

Assisting Priest That the merciful love of God will come to all who serve the church and comfort them in difficulty, especially their leaders, 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, 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.

That the saving wisdom of God will come to rulers of nations and communities and shape their thoughts and actions for peace,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the tender compassion of God will come to those oppressed by any need and renew their hope in God's promises,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the abundant healing of God will come to the sick and raise them up to wholeness of mind and body,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the infinite power of God will come to us gathered here and sustain us in the way of God's commands,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Gracious God, as we walk in the light of your face, increase in us your many gifts for our well-being. Let them become our way to eternal life with your risen Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord 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.

CONFESSON 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

AT THE OFFERTORY: 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 my dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931);
 tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.

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

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer II

Prayer Book, page 340

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

Prayer Book, page 336

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

Prayer Book, page 339

THE BLESSING

Prayer Book, page 339

DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN 542- Duke Street

ORGAN - Dialogue

Gilbert Martin (b.1941)

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 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	David Wilder Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Laurie Brenenstuhl
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Gail Remington Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Roxanne Baker Rick Wissler
<i>Lectors</i>	Sean Byrnes	Sara Manny Corinne Shaffer
<i>Ushers</i>		Mark Claverie Diane Robinson Tom Moeller Rick Wissler
<i>Hospitality Host[s]</i>		Nancy & David Wilder

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. The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Sharon & Gordon Boyd in loving memory of Etheldreda & Alfred Boyd.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Dioceses of Pennsylvania & Pittsburgh
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Daughters of the King and their expansion in the Diocese
<i>Our Parish</i>	God's Blessing upon our summer recreation

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

IS YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE: The ministers of Bethesda do not take vacation during the summer. It is important that we honor our commitments in a timely manner. Thank you.

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 is 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*. *Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, August 3rd and Friday August 4th.*

FORWARD DAY BY DAY for August through October 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 31– August 6

Monday <i>Ignatius of Loyola</i>	
Tuesday <i>Joseph of Arimathaea</i>	6:30 p. m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i> 2:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i>
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> <i>The Parish Office is closed.</i>
Friday <i>Feria</i>	<i>The Parish Office is closed.</i>
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	
Sunday <i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</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. - Solemn Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments <i>The Courtyard</i>



THE PARISH VESTRY

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Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

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