



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
7:30 am - Morning Prayer

10 September 2017

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 - *Vision*

Rudolf Bibl (1832-1902)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 376 - *Hymn to Joy*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? (33:7-11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Legem pone*

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Words: *Psalms 119:33-40*

Music: John Jones (1728-1796)

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is

the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (13:8-14)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE: HYMN 631– *Liebster jesu*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

(18:15-20)

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 Let us join our voices and pray for each other’s needs in Jesus’ name.

Assisting Priest For the well-being of the holy church of God, and for the unity of all Christians, 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.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace in the world, and the reconciliation of states and peoples,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the safety of students and teachers in our schools,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the healing of the sick, the feeding of the hungry, and the consolation of the afflicted,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

God of our salvation, hear our prayers and watch over us always. Guide us as your flock, and keep us safe in your love. 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 - *Be Still My Soul*

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Be still, my soul, for God is near; The Great High Priest is with thee now;

The Lord of Life Himself is here, Before whose face the angels bow.
To make thy heart His lowly throne Thy Saviour God in love draw nigh.
He gives Himself unto His own, For whom He once came down to die.

I come, O Lord, for Thou dost call to blend my pleading prayer with Thine:
To Thee I give myself, my all And feed on Thee, and make Thee mine.
Amen.

Words: W.D. Maclagan

AT THE OFFERTORY: HYMN 594 - *Cum Rhondda*

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 S114*), *sung by all*

OUR FATHER

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**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM
MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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AGNUS DEI *Missa Simile est Regnum Coelorum*

Tomas Victoria (1548-1611)

MOTET Ave Verum

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Ave verum corpus,
natum Ex Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
vero fluxit sanguine;
esto nobis praegustatum,
mortis in examine.
O clemens, O pie,
O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

*Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
thou who truly suffered,
sacrificed on the cross for mankind.
From whose pierced side
flowed water with blood.
Be to us a foretaste
in the trial of death.
O kind Jesus, O good Jesus,
O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary.*

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

*Assisting Priest
People*

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

HYMN 637 - Lyons

ORGAN - Fanfare on Salzburg

Stephanie Hanz

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> |
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| <i>Celebrant</i> | Dean Vang | Dean Vang |
| <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> | | Pamela Houde Christine Miller |
| <i>Bell Ringers</i> | | Diane Robinson Mark Claverie |
| <i>Lectors</i> | Tom Remington | Mark Claverie Emily Pick |
| <i>Ushers</i> | | Diane Robinson Mark Claverie Tom Moeller Rick Wissler |

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

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| <i>Anglican Communion</i> | Church in the Seychelles - (Indian Ocean) |
| <i>Diocese of Albany</i> | Outreach in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico, & Argentina |
| <i>Our Parish</i> | Christian Education Programs |

THANK OFFERING OPPORTUNITY: If you would like to make an offering of flowers or Eucharistic Elements, please contact the Parish Office by phone (518-584-5980) or email (barbara@bethesdachurch.org). Your gift is appreciated by all.

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

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 today, immediately following the 10 am Eucharist.

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*.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY for August through October is available in the back of the Church.

You are most cordially invited to attend the BLESSING & DEDICATION of the Memory Care Facility at THE HOME OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, 390 Church Street in Saratoga Springs, today, at two o'clock this afternoon. A reception will follow.

Our SHAWL MINISTRY will return from summer break on September 14th. Please join us at the Home of the Good Shepherd, 400 Church Street, at 1:00 p.m. for fellowship with our Shawl Ministry Ladies, as well as some residents from Home of the Good Shepherd. Please call Suzanne Bishop at 518-587-3822 or Sherry Moore at 518-583-1215 for information.

IS YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE: It is important that we honor our commitments in a timely

manner. Our ministries continue, and so do expenses that support them. Thank you.

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The Board of Directors
of the
Home of the Good Shepherd,
390 Church Street,
Saratoga Springs, New York,
cordially invite you to the
Blessings of the Memory Care Facility
on
Sunday, September 10, 2017
at
2:00 pm

A reception will immediately follow.

You are invited to a free preview screening of WMHT's new documentary, *The Wounds We Feel At Home*, which features powerful stories of healing from local residents, including Bethesda Church member JEAN MARIE CROCKER, who were affected by the Vietnam War.

Panel discussion and a light reception are to follow.

Tuesday, September 12 | 6-8pm

WMHT Studios

Global View, Troy, NY

Staff from Soldier's Heart will be in attendance to offer support for those who may need it.

After the screening and panel discussion, you are invited to share your Vietnam War era experience as part of a digital storytelling project around

THE VIETNAM WAR: a film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick.

RSVP at wmht.org/WoundsWeFeelAtHome or rsvp@wmht.org | 518-880-3400

The Churchwardens and Members of the Vestry
of
Bethesda Episcopal Church
in
Saratoga Springs
welcome you to an
**Open House and Blessing of
The New Rectory,**
19 Saw Mill Court in the
Town of Wilton
on
Saturday, September 30, 2017,
from
2:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

Light Refreshments will be served.

RESPONDING TO HURRICANE HARVEY



Photo by Ssg. Tim Pruitt

Episcopal Relief & Development invites you to join us in prayer and support for communities affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Episcopal Relief & Development is working with dioceses in the hurricane's path to best support responses and address needs as more information becomes available. Local churches and partners are assessing damage, confirming the safety of members and others in their communities and using available facilities and resources to respond to immediate concerns.

Your contribution to the Hurricane Harvey Response Fund helps Episcopal Relief & Development support Church and other local partners as they provide critical emergency assistance.

To help care for those affected by this crisis, please fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check or credit card information. You can also contribute online at episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response.

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are healing a hurting world.

A word from the Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Long ago the prophet Malachi taught that we are all children of God by virtue of our creation by the same God. "Have we not all one father? Has not one God created us?" he asked (2:10). Jesus taught the same thing when he told a story about a Good Samaritan. We are indeed all the children of God. And if we are all God's children, then we are all brothers and sisters.

As you know, our brothers and sisters in Texas now need our help. Our support of Episcopal Relief and Development is a tangible, practical, effective and reliable way to do that, not just in the short term, but for the long haul. Thank you for whatever you can do for together we are the human family of God.

Enclosed is my gift to the Hurricane Harvey Fund to assist those who are in need.

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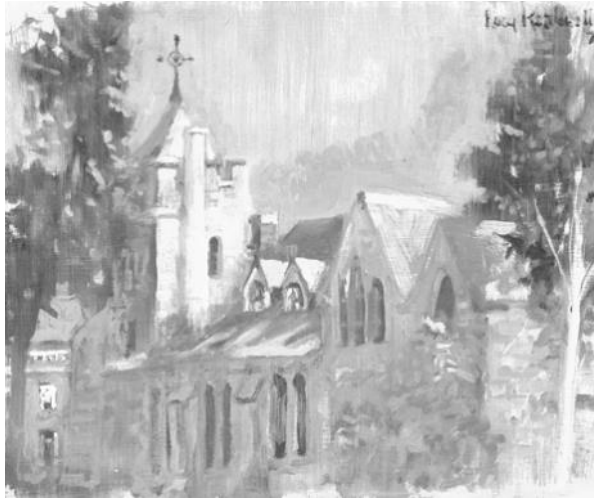
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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

September 11 - 17

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| Monday <i>Feria</i> | |
| Tuesday <i>John Henry Hobart</i> | 6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> |
| Wednesday <i>John Chrysostom</i> | 12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i> |
| Thursday <i>HOLY CROSS DAY</i> | 9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist <i>Memory Care Facility, Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> 1:00 p.m. - Shawl Ministry <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> |
| Friday <i>Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr</i> | |
| Saturday <i>Ninian, Bishop in Galloway</i> | |
| Sunday <i>SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY CROSS</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> |



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