



**Washington Street near Broadway**

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10 December 2017**

**7:30 am - Morning Prayer**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 - am Sung Eucharist**

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*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:** *A Messenger is Calling*

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

**THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**AT THE PROCESSION:** **HYMN 76** - *Winchester New*

**KYRIE ELEISON** *from Missa Secunda*

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 Isaiah*

“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.” A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. (40:1-11)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.      *People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL - *Benedixisti, Domine*

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Words: *Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13*

Music: John Joubert (b. 1927)

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

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. (3:8-15a)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.      *People Thanks be to God.*

## **SEQUENCE HYMN 67 - *Psalm 42***

*The people turn to face the Book of Gospels*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

*People Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (1:1-8)

*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* Let us pray that all people will see the Lord's salvation in answer to these prayers.

*Assisting Priest* That the glory of the Lord will be revealed in the Church's search for holiness, 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.***

That the glory of the Lord will be revealed in works of justice and peace throughout the world,

Let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the glory of the Lord will be revealed in comfort for the sick and injured,

Let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the glory to the Lord will be revealed in the Vestry's responsibility and endeavors to identify Bethesda's next Rector,

Let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the glory of the Lord will be revealed in our preparation for the day of God,

Let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the glory of the Lord will be revealed in eternal happiness for those who have died,

Let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* God our Shepherd, come into our lives with your power to help, save, and defend us, and let us see your loving-kindness in your Son, Jesus Christ, both now and for ever.

***Amen.***

*Assisting Priest 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.

*Assisting Priest and People*

**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** *A Spotless Rose*

A Spotless Rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root, of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit; its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter, and in the dark midnight. The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said, is from its sweet root springing in Mary purest Maid; for through our God's great love and might, the Blessed Babe she bare us in a cold, cold, winter's night.

Words: Paul Mealor

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

**HYMN 699** - *Aberystwyth*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**, *Eucharistic Prayer I*

*Prayer Book, page 333*

## PROPER PREFACE OF ADVENT

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT** (*Hymnal S114*), *sung by all*

**OUR FATHER**

*Prayer Book, page 334*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Prayer Book, page 337*

**AGNUS DEI** (*Hymnal S158, sung by all*)

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

*Prayer Book, page 337*

**MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**MOTET** *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Peace be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Chirst is coming, is coming soon!

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come;  
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
And night shall be no more;  
they need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
For Christ will be their all.

Words: *Revelation 22*, adapted by Ruth Manz  
Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

**THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Prayer Book, page 339*

**ADVENT BLESSING**

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**DISMISSAL**

*Assisting Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 65** - *Bereden väg för Herran*

**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 in the Narthex, 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<br>Sean Byrnes | David Wilder<br>Sean Byrnes                                      |
| <i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>     |                               | Virginia McMorris                                                |
| <i>Altar Guild</i>                 |                               | Pamela Houde<br>Anne VanAcker                                    |
| <i>Bell Ringers</i>                |                               | Diane Robinson<br>Mark Claverie                                  |
| <i>Lectors</i>                     | Michael Penfold               | Genna Henderson<br>Steve Rucker                                  |
| <i>Ushers</i>                      |                               | John Van der Veer<br>Fred Scheidt<br>Rick Wissler<br>Chris Lyons |
| <i>Hospitality Host</i>            |                               | Diane Robinson<br>Mark Claverie                                  |

## NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

|                           |                                             |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <i>Anglican Communion</i> | Diocese of Western North Carolina           |
| <i>Diocese of Albany</i>  | The Retired Clergy                          |
| <i>Our Parish</i>         | Berkeley Divinity School and Nashotah House |

THE VESTRY REPORTS: This morning our Senior Churchwarden, Darren Miller, will update the congregation with news of recent Vestry activity.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed for December. Please email Sara Manny [saramanny@gmail.com](mailto:saramanny@gmail.com), or call the church office at 518-584-5980.

You are cordially invited to attend an evening with our Seminarian, LANDON MOORE on December 14th, at 7 p.m. Landon will be presenting a slideshow of pictures and videos of his first-year of seminary, including his travels. This is a great time to ask Landon any questions that you may have about his journey so far. Please sign up in the back of the narthex if you would like to attend. Small refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

The annual BETHESDA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be presented in the church after the 10:00 am service on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsal is on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 11:30 am in the church. *Participants*: Please complete a sign-up form (available from church school teacher) and return by December 10<sup>th</sup>. *Volunteers*: We are looking for adults to help with costuming (fitting and organization) and for staging, supervising and coaching children. If you are interested, please contact Diane Robinson (584-1921 evenings) for more information.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: If you have any extra evergreen boughs, please bring them to church and place them in the Vestibule. We will be decorating for Christmas on Sunday, December 17th after the Christmas Pageant. Consider bringing old towels, clippers and a commercial broom/dustpan. We need your help since the project must be completed by 4:00 p.m.

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.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE: We are taking donations of winter coats, hats, gloves, scarfs, sweaters, etc. for the cold winter ahead. The youth group will be donating these items to a local shelter for those in need. The box is located in the vestibule if you would like to contribute. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



EMAIL NOTICES FOR BULLETIN: 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*.

IS YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE: It is important that we honor our commitments in a timely manner. Our ministries continue, and so do the expenses that support them. Thank you.

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## **2017 DECEMBER CONCERTS AT BETHESDA**

Friday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m.

**DECODA CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**

Sunday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.

**SARATOGA YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

## ANNUAL ELECTION INFORMATION

### Churchwardens

#### *Class of 2018*

Darren Miller, Senior Churchwarden

#### *Class of 2017*

Catherine Berheide, Junior Churchwarden, Eligible for re-election

### Vestry Persons

#### *Class of 2017*

Jane Agee, Eligible for re-election

Gordon Boyd, Ineligible for re-election

Mark Griffin, Ineligible for re-election

Geneva Henderson, Clerk, Vacancy

#### *Class of 2018*

Mark Claverie, Vacancy

Pamela Houde

Mayumi Kato

#### *Class of 2019*

Field Horne

Sara Manny

Steven Rucker

John Van der Veer, Treasurer

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Please recommend below Bethesda communicants to serve on the Vestry.

**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**  
*December 11-17*

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| Monday<br><i>Advent Weekday</i>                      |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Tuesday<br><i>Advent Weekday</i>                     | 6:30 p.m.                                         | Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Wednesday<br><i>Lucy in Sicily</i>                   | 12:10 p.m.                                        | Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transcept Altar</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Thursday<br><i>John of the Cross</i>                 | 9:30 a.m.<br>10:15 a.m.<br>1:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i><br>Holy Eucharist, <i>Memory Care Facility, Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i><br>Prayer Shawl Ministry, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i><br>Landon Moore Presentation, <i>Nave</i> |
| Friday<br><i>Advent Weekday</i>                      | 6:30 p.m.                                         | Decoda Chamber Ensemble Concert                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Saturday<br><i>Advent Weekday</i>                    | 9:00 am                                           | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Sunday<br><i>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, GAUDETE</i> | 7:30 a.m.<br>8:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>4:00 p.m. | Morning Prayer, <i>Transcept Altar</i><br>Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i><br>Sung Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i><br>Christmas Pageant<br>Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i><br>Rehearsal: Saratoga Youth Orchestra, <i>Choir</i>                                |

## THE PARISH VESTRY

### Churchwardens

*Class of 2018*

Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

*Class of 2017*

Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

### Vestry

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Jane Agee

Gordon Boyd

Mark Griffin

Geneva Henderson, *Clerk*

*Class of 2018*

Mark Claverie

Pamela Houde

Mayumi Kato

*Class of 2019*

Field Horne

Sara Manny

Steven Rucker

John Van der Veer, *Treasurer*

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Interim Rector*

The Reverend Paul F. Evans, *Assisting Priest*

Mr. Landon M. Moore, *Postulant for Holy Orders*

Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*

Mr. Farrell Goehring, *Organist/Director of Music*

Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*

Mr. Robert E. Bullock, *Verger*

Mr. Sean Byrnes, *Sacristan*

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