



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

28 January 2018

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: *Song of Praise*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 390 - *Lobe den Herren*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.*

Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ Then the Lord replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die.’” (18:15-20)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Confitebor tibi*

- 1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *

those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

Words: *Psalm 111*

Music: James Randall (1929-2014)

THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. (8:1-13)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 627 - *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*

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.

Jesus and his disciples went into Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching-- with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey

him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.
(1:21-28)

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 pray that our hearts will be free from evil and filled with God's goodness in answer to these prayers.

Assisting Priest That the grace of Christ will free the church from hypocrisy and disunity.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord hear our prayer.

That the heart of Christ will free Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel, our Assisting Bishop; and Marshall and Paul, our Priests, from arrogance and self-centeredness.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the peace of Christ will free all people from hatred and violence.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the mind of Christ will guide the Vestry as it seeks to identify and elect the next Rector of our parish.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the courage of Christ will free the sick and dying from their fears.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the power of Christ, will free us from the spirit of pride, anger, and apathy.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the dying and rising of Christ will free from their sins those who have died.
Let us pray to the Lord;
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord God, let your might remove from us all that lifts itself up against Jesus Christ, your Holy One, so that we may praise you with thanksgiving, both now and for 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.

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM - Ave Verum Corpus

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.

*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 clemens, O pie,
O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

*O kind Jesus, O good Jesus,
O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary*

Words: Pope Innocent VI
Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

HYMN 339 - *Schmücke dich*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF THE EPIPHANY

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (*Hymnal S114*)

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OUR FATHER

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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 Communion Service in G*

Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

MOTET - *Almighty and Everlasting God*

Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words: St. Bernard of Clairvaux
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 450 - Coronation

ORGAN: *Break Forth Into Joy*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 Sean Byrnes	Darren Miller Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		David Wilder
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Sherryl Moore Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Roxanne Baker Richard Wissler
<i>Lectors</i>	Tom Remington	Katie Hooper Steven Rucker

Ushers

Karen Walton
Craig Walton
Kathleen Anspach
Mark Anspach
Steven Rucker

Hospitality Host

NOTICES

During the month of January the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Lynne Priestley in loving memory of Ray Priestley.

The FLOWERS at the High Altar are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Lynne Priestley in loving memory of Ray Priestly.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Saint Paul's, Troy
<i>Our Parish</i>	Homes of the Good Shepherd

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed. Please email Sara Manny saramanny@gmail.com, or call the church office at 518-584-5980.

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.

The 10 o'clock congregation is invited to meet with the Vestry this morning to learn about the RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS. Your presence is important.

THE ANNUAL MEETING with VESTRY ELECTIONS will take place on Tuesday, January 30, at 7:00p.m. in the Church Nave. A celebration of the Holy Eucharist will precede the meeting at 6:30p.m.

MORE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS ARE NEEDED: Due to winter schedules and more residents at Wesley, Woodlawn Commons, and the Home of the Good Shepherd [Saratoga], additional parishioners are needed to continue this vital Bethesda outreach in our community. If you would like to explore this ministry further, please contact either Dean Vang or David Wilder, LEV Coordinator, [518-587-2595] at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

POT LUCK SUPPER: Saturday, February 10, at 5p.m. at the First Baptist Church, at the corner of Washington Street and Railroad Place. Please sign up in the Narthex. Transportation will be provided for those who need it.

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 1:00 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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SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Traditionally, for many years, the third Sunday of January has been observed in the Episcopal Church as Theological Education Sunday. On January 21 LANDON MOORE, our Postulant for Holy Orders, will return to Bethesda to preach at both Sunday Eucharists. In 2017 the Vestry introduced a special offering to assist Landon with tuition and book store expenses. The parish response was impressive. In less than three weeks time, we raised over \$6,000 to deposit in Landon's financial aid account at the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. It is now time for each of us to respond again to this important outreach of support. Offering envelope boxes for 2018 contain a special insert, in January, for Bethesda's Seminarian Scholarship Fund. Please be generous. Checks should be made payable to "Bethesda Church" and marked "Seminarian Scholarship" on the memo line. We would like to make this gift available no later than February 12. Supporting Landon in this way is a vital component of his preparation for ordain ministry in our church. Thank you.

CHORAL EVENSONG OF CANDLEMAS

Sunday, February 4, at 3 p.m.
sung by the Schola Cantorum of
Bethesda Church

A reception will follow the service.
Invite your friends.

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, Vacancy

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

Please recommend below Bethesda communicants to serve on the Vestry.

Thus far the following have been nominated to serve: Catherine Berheide (Churchwarden), and for Vestry: *Incumbents* Pamela Houde, Mayumi Kato

New Ann Bullock, Marcia MacDonald, Jamie Piraino, John Huppuch, Jr.

The adopted 2018 Parish Budget is available online and at the tables at the rear of the Nave.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
January 29-February 5

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Charles Stuart</i>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> The Annual Parish Meeting, <i>Church Nave</i>
Wednesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transcept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i>
Thursday <i>Brigid</i>	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Memory Care Facility, Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>PURIFICATION OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN</i>	7:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist, <i>Community of Saint Mary, Greenwich</i>
Saturday <i>Anskar</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</i>	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer, <i>Transcept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Sung Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i> Choral Evensong, <i>High Altar</i>



THE PARISH VESTRY

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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 P. Byrnes, *Sacristan*

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