



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

7 January 2018

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 - am Solemn 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: *The Kings of Tharsis*

Eugene Lindusky (1924-2005)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 109 - *The First Nowell*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*)

Prayer Book, page 324

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. (1:1-5)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL—*Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Words: *Psalm 29*

Music: Anglican Chant, George Elvey (1816-1893)

THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them. (19:1-7)

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 120 - *Solemnis haec festivitas*

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.

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." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

(1:4-11)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. ***People Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

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Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant In the most sacred name of Jesus, who was anointed priest, prophet, and king at his baptism, let us pray for our needs and the needs of all people.

Deacon For all those who believe in Christ the Lord through baptism in water and the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Hear our prayer.

For those who are preparing for Christian initiation in our parish and in our (arch) diocese, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Hear our prayer.

For those who are crushed by military conflicts and civil strife throughout the world, let us pray to the world.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Hear our prayer.

For those who suffer from mental or physical illness and for those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Hear our prayer.

For us who listen to God's beloved Son in his holy Word and receive him in his holy Sacrament.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Hear our prayer.

For those who have died believing that Jesus is the Christ, their Savior.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord God, let us draw water joyfully from the springs of your mercy in answer to these prayers. Renew within us the abundant power for good that is your baptismal gift to us and to all who place their hope in your 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Deacon 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 - *There Shall a Star*

There shall a Star from Jacob come forth, And a Sceptre from Israel rise up, And dash in pieces princes and nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation!
Thy Word, O LORD, radiance darting,
Truth imparting, gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

Words: *Numbers 24: 17, Psalm 2: 9*

Music: Felix Menselsohn (1809-1847)

HYMN 135 - *Salzburg*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

Prayer Book, page 333

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 (<i>Hymnal S114</i>)	<i>Prayer Book, page 334</i>
OUR FATHER	<i>Prayer Book, page 334</i>
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM	<i>Prayer Book, page 337</i>
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS	<i>Prayer Book, page 337</i>
MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION	

AGNUS DEI *from Miss Aeternum Christi Munera* Giovanni Palestrina (1525- 1594)

MOTET - Bethlehem Down

When he is King we will give him the Kings' gifts, Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown, "Beautiful robes," said the young girl to Joseph, Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold, Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When he is King they will clothe him in grave-sheets, Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown, He that lies now in the white arms of Mary, Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here he has peace and a short while for dreaming, Close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold, Mary for love, and for lullaby music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Words: Bruce Blunt
Music: Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Prayer Book, page 339*

THE BLESSING *Prayer Book, page 339*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 616 - *Es flog ein kliens Waldvögelein*

ORGAN: *We Have Seen His Star*

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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>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock Sean Byrnes	Darren Miller Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		John Van der Veer
<i>Altar Guild</i>		
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach
		Steve Rucker
<i>Lectors</i>	Robert Bullock	Anne Van Acker
		Robert Bullock
<i>Ushers</i>		Kathleen Anspach
		Mark Anspach
		Karen Walton
		Craig Walton

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.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	For those being baptized today
<i>Our Parish</i>	Lay Eucharist Visitors

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 VESTRY of the Parish will meet at Skidmore College on Wednesday evening at 6:30.

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.

Bethesda Episcopal Church is a participant of PAYPAL! You can make your gift to Bethesda by going to [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com) and choosing bethesdaepiscopalchurch@gmail.com as the payee.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING with VESTRY ELECTIONS will take place on Tuesday, January 30, at 7:30p.m. in the Church Nave.

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.

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.

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVING are available for the following Sunday's: January 21 & January 28; and on February 4.

**THE VESTRY REPORTS:
CONGREGATION MEETINGS REGARDING THE RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS**

Sunday, January 21, 2018, 9:00 am, in the Church Nave
Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 7:00 pm, in the Church Nave
Sunday, January 28, 2018, 11:30 am, in the Church Nave

Please make every effort to attend one of these offerings.

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

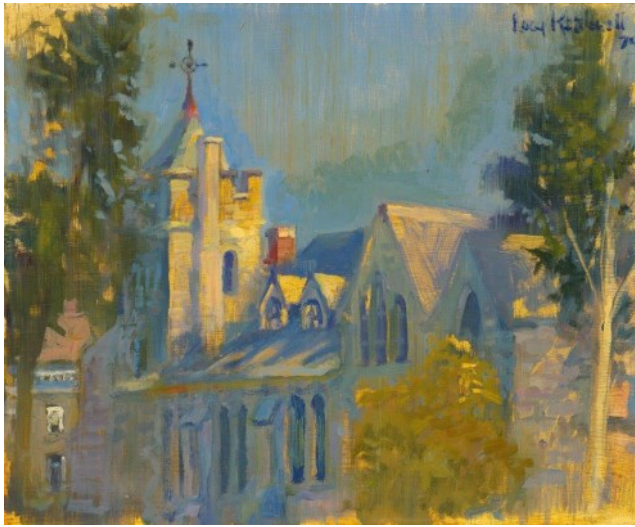
John Van der Veer, Treasurer

Please recommend below Bethesda communicants to serve on the Vestry.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

January 8-14

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>William Laud</i>	12:10 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transcept Altar</i> Vestry Meeting, <i>Skidmore College</i>
Thursday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Memory Care Facility, Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Prayer Shawl Ministry, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>Aelared</i>		
Saturday <i>Hilary</i>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Sunday <i>THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</i>	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>Transcept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Sung Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i>



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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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