



**Washington Street near Broadway**

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**25 February 2018**

**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, Blackberries, 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** - *Christ, Comforter of the World*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 401** - *Leoni*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

**KYRIE ELEISON** *from Communion Service in F*

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." (17:1-7, 15-16)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL - *Deus, Deus meus*

- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

Words: *Psalm 22: 22-30*

Music: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

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

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. (4:13-25)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**TRACT: HYMN 447** - *St. Magnus*

*The people stand and 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.

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and

sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (8:31-38)

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

**THE SERMON**

Father Scott

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Prayer Book, page 327*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant* My sisters and brothers, let us place before the God of salvation our own needs and the needs of all people.

*Assisting Priest* For the elect of the church, especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, the Eccumenical Patriarch; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel, our Assisting Bishop; and Marshall and Paul, our Priests; that they be ready to embrace new life in the waters of baptism,

Let us pray to the Lord;

***Lord hear our prayer.***

For the leaders of nations and governments, that they achieve peace and justice for their people, let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord hear our prayer.***

For all who stand firm in the face of tyranny and oppression, that they find strength in the saving power of Jesus Christ,

Let us pray to the Lord;

***Lord hear our prayer.***

For all who lack food, shelter, or employment, for all who are lonely, sick, or injured, that they receive God's assistance at our hands,

Let us pray to the Lord;

***Lord hear our prayer.***

For us, God's holy people assembled here, that we celebrate the Paschal Feast in the freedom of God's children,

Let us pray to the Lord;

***Lord hear our prayer.***

For members of our Vestry, that God will guide their minds and hearts in the selection of a new Rector, who will be a faithful pastor, caring for all parishioners and equipping us for our ministries,

Let us pray to the Lord;

***Lord hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, that they rejoice in their deliverance from death,

Let us pray to the Lord;

***Lord hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* Lord God, source of love and giver of blessings, we confidently ask you to give us those things that will strengthen us as your servants these Lenten days, through Jesus 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.

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**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 - *O Sacrum Convivium*

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur:  
Recolitur memoria, recolitur memoria passionis eius:  
Mens impletur gratia:  
Et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.  
Alleluia.

*O sacred feast, at which Christ is the meat:  
The memory of his passion is recalled:  
The mind is filled with grace:  
And a pledge of future glory is given to us.  
Alleluia.*

Words: Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)  
Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

## HYMN 598 - *Mit Freuden zart*

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

*Prayer Book, page 333*

### PROPER PREFACE OF LENT

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died and rose again.

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS, *sung by all*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts, heav - en and earth are full of thy  
glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most High. Bless - ed is he that  
com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words: Traditional  
Music: *from Missa ad Sanitatem*, Farrell Goehring, 2018

## OUR FATHER

Prayer Book, page 334

### AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: AGNUS DEI, *sung by all*

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that  
tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
- on us. O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace, grant us thy peace,  
grant us thy peace, grant us thy peace.

Words: Traditional

Music: *from Missa ad Sanitatem*, Farrell Goehring, 2018

### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS, *said by all*

Prayer Book, page 337

### MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### MOTET - *Venite Comedite*

Venite comedite panem meum et bibite vinum quod miscui vobis.  
*Come eat my bread and drink the wine I have commingled for you.*

Words: "Gradualia" Vol. II 1610

Music: William Byrd (1539-1603)

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Prayer Book, page 339*

#### PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Assisting Priest* Bow down before the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Grant, Almighty God, that thy people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in thy strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of thy loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### DISMISSAL

*Assisting Priest* Let us bless the Lord.

**People** ***Thanks be to God.***

**HYMN 448** – *Deus tuorum militum*

**ORGAN** - *We All Believe in One True God*

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>	Sean Byrnes Robert Bullock	Sean Byrnes Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Mark Griffin
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## NOTICES

During the month of February the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Michael Penfold in loving memory of Marcia Penfold and Frederick John Penfold, Jr.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

*Anglican Communion*

*Diocese of Albany*

*Our Parish*

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Christ & St. John's Church, Champlain

Homes of the Good Shepherd

TODAY we welcome as our celebrant and preacher The Rev'd John Scott, Episcopal Chaplain at Albany Medical Center, Albany Memorial Hospital, and Saint Peter's Hospital.

HOLY CONFIRMATION: Those seeking Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church are invited to an orientation on Sunday, March 4, immediately following the 10 a.m. Eucharist. Minimum age: 13.

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 Sean Byrnes, [518-587-2833] at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed. Please email Sara Manny [saramanny@gmail.com](mailto: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.

EMAIL NOTICES FOR BULLETIN: Please send all notices for the church bulletin to [office@bethesdachurch.org](mailto: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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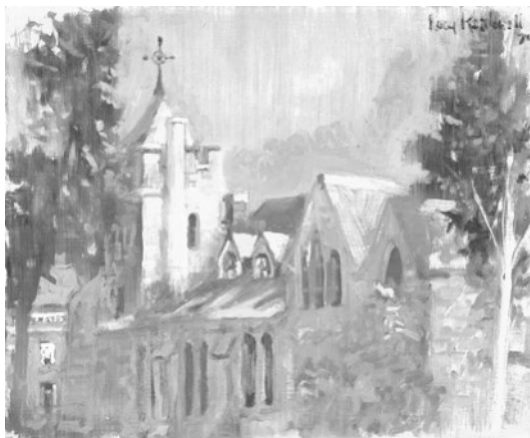
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The BLESSING of the newly constructed ENCLOSURE for our Bethesda Crucifix on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018 was conducted by Dean Vang. Its builder, John Olenik, an award winning Craftsman of the Saratoga area, was in attendance for the Blessing.



**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**  
***February 26 - March 4***

Monday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transcept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Friday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</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>



## THE PARISH VESTRY

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