

Bethesda



TOWARD A THIRD CENTURY

SARATOGA  SPRINGS

Washington Street near Broadway

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Laetare)

11 March 2018

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - Solemn Eucharist

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 - *O Welt, sieh hier dem Leben*

Ernst Pepping (1901-1981)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 686 - *Nettleton*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

KYRIE ELEISON *from Missa ad Sanitatem*



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy.

Words: Traditional

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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 Numbers*

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live. (21:4-9)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Words: *Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*

Music: Ray Francis Brown (1897-1964)

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

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. (2:1-10)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

TRACT: HYMN 301— *Rendez a Dieu*

The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God." (3:14-21)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON *Words to Jesus on the Cross*

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Great and everlasting is God's love for us. Let us earnestly ask the Father to show us the wealth of divine love as we present our needs.

Deacon For the unity of all who believe in the name of God's only Son, and for the faith of those preparing for Baptism in the church,

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord hear our prayer.

For the elect of the church, especially for 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,

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord hear our prayer.

For peace throughout the whole world, and for the well-being of the human family,

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord hear our prayer.

For an end to every threat against human life, and for the elimination of hunger and disease,

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord hear our prayer.

For the recovery of the sick and the relief of the poor,

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord hear our prayer.

For the Vestry as it seeks to identify and elect Bethesda's next Rector,

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord hear our prayer.

For the consolation of the dying, and eternal life for those who have died,

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant God rich in mercy, we ask you to answer us in our need, and fill us with your saving grace. Let our prayers be a source of new life for us and for the world you love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the one in whom we find your kindness, 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, *the People kneeling*

Deacon 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 - *As Moses Lifted Up the Serpent*

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
For God so lov'd the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me.

Words: *John 3:14-15*

Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

HYMN 623 – *O quanta qualia*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer I*

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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 for us 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.

The musical score is written on three staves in 2/4 time with a key signature of two flats. It includes dynamic markings such as *f*, *cresc.*, *rall.*, *ff*, *mp*, and *f*.

Words: Traditional

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

OUR FATHER

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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.

The musical score is written on six staves in 2/2 time with a key signature of two flats. It includes dynamic markings such as *mp*, *mf*, *ritard.*, and *p*.

Words: Traditional

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

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS, *said by all*

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MOTET - *Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray*

Jesu, grant me this,
ever in thy heart to stay;
let me evermore abide
hidden in thy wounded side.

I pray, If the world or Satan lay
tempting snares about my way,
I am safe when I abide
in thy heart and wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still,
tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
naught I fear when I abide
in thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me;
Jesu, cast me not from thee:
dying let me still abide
in thy heart and wounded side.

Words: Unknown Author
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant

Look down in mercy, O Lord, upon thy people who kneel before thee; and grant that those whom thou hast nourished by the Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

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

HYMN 620—*Land of Rest*

ORGAN - *Erhalt uns, Herr bei deinem Wort*

Ernst Pepping (1901-1981)

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	Robert Bullock Darren Miller
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Mark Griffin
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Gail Remington Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson Mark Claverie
<i>Lectors</i>	Michael Penfold	Kim Coughron Darren Miller
<i>Ushers</i>		Craig Walton Karen Walton Mark Anspach
<i>Hospitality Host</i>		Kathleen Anspach Kim Coughron Parker Clifford

NOTICES

During the month of March the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Jane Agee in loving memory of William Hugh Agee.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	The Church of England
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	A devout observance of Lent
<i>Our Parish</i>	All Mothers

HOLY CONFIRMATION: Those seeking Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church are urged to speak with Dean Vang at your earliest convenience.

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.

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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Make a difference and become a HOSPICE VOLUNTEER.

The Community Hospice of Saratoga and Washington Counties have openings in our next volunteer training class, which starts at the end of April. Come to one of the introductory information sessions and learn more about the gratifying, meaningful work our volunteers do.

Monday, April 2 at 11:00 a.m.
The Community Hospice of Saratoga
179 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs.

Monday April 2 at 1:30 p.m.
Place: Greenwich Public Library
148 Main Street, Greenwich, NY.

Call the volunteer office at 518-581-0800 to register.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
March 12 - March 18

Monday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <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>	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd Memory Care, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FIFTH 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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Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

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