

# Bethesda



TOWARD A THIRD CENTURY  
SARATOGA  SPRINGS

Washington Street near Broadway

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

29 April 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 - *Chant de Paix*

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 47- *Gott sei Dank*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Prayer Book, page 324*



*J=100*  
*Celebrant*  
Glo-ry be to God on high and on earth peace, good will to-wards men. We  
*mf*  
*all*  
praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great  
*f*  
glo - ry, O Lord God, heav-en-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - migh - ty. O Lord the on-ly be  
*mf*

- got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of  
 God, Son of the Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world: have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the  
 Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on-ly art ho - ly; thou on-ly art the  
 Lord, thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most  
 high in the glo-ry of God, of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

Words: Traditional

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

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. (8:26-40)

*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: 24-30*

Music: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

**THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the First Letter of John***

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (4:7-21)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**SEQUENCE: HYMN 457 - *St. James***

*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 his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who

abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." (15:1-8)

*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***

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* All our needs are known to God even before we ask. But let us voice our humble prayers as the Holy Spirit prompts us, confident that we will receive from God's hands whatever is right and good.

*Assisting Priest* That those who shepherd the Holy Church of God under persecution will find courage in the name of Jesus Christ,

Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

That the ministers of the Church will live in Christ by the fruit of their generous service, especially 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.

Lord, hear us:

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

That the leaders of nations, especially Donald, our President, will live in Christ by the fruit of justice and peace,

Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

That parents will live in Christ by the fruit of their loving care for their families,

Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

That those suffering from sickness or poverty will live in Christ by the fruit of their likeness to him,

Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

That the Vestry will live in Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, as the process to identify Bethesda's next Rector continues.

Lord, hear us:

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

That all who have died will live in Christ by the fruit of their everlasting union with him,

Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Celebrant* We praise you, O God, in this congregation of your people, for your strong bond of love unites us to your risen Son. Give us the help and consolation of the Holy Spirit, so that we may love in deed and in truth. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the 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.**

## CONFESSIO OF SIN

*Assisting Priest* 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 - *My Beloved Spake*

My beloved spake, and said unto me,  
Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.  
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
The time of the singing of birds is come,  
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land  
The figtree putteth forth her green figs,  
and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.  
Arise my love, my fair one and come away.

Words: *Song of Solomon 2: 10-13*  
Music: Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

### HYMN 304 – *Land of Rest*

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

*Prayer Book, page 340*

### PROPER PREFACE OF EASTER

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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



The musical score is written on three staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 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 score includes dynamic markings: *f* (forte) at the beginning, *cresc.* (crescendo) above the first staff, *rall.* (rallentando) below the first staff, *ff* (fortissimo) above the first staff, *f* (forte) above the first staff, and *mp* (mezzo-piano) above the second staff.

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

### OUR FATHER

*Prayer Book, page 334*

**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 Missa Secunda*

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

**MOTET** - *O Taste and See*

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,  
for those who fear him have no want.  
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: *Psalm 34:7-8*

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

**THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Prayer Book, page 339*

**PASCHAL BLESSING**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.  
*Amen.*

**DISMISSAL**

*Assisting Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

**HYMN 484**— *Wachet auf*

**ORGAN** - *Chorale in A Minor*

César Franck (1822-1890)

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## WORSHIPPING 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. A special welcome do we extend to FATHER JOHN SCOTT, Chaplain of the hospitals of Albany, as our Celebrant and Preacher today.

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. CHURCH SCHOOL also begins in the rear of the Nave.

## 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 Catherine Berheide
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Sean Byrnes
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Gail Remington Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Roxanne Baker Richard Wissler
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	Anne Van Acker Emily Pick
<i>Ushers</i>		Tom Moeller David Harper Mark Claverie Diane Robinson
<i>Hospitality Host</i>		Emily & Thomas Pick

## NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Mary Withington in loving memory of Diana Mobley and in honor of Finula Reynolds-Kautzman.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

*Anglican Communion*  
*Diocese of Albany*  
*Our Parish*

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East  
Hospital Chaplains  
Colleges and Schools of Saratoga Springs

## THE SEARCH FOR OUR NEXT RECTOR

The Rector Search Survey Is Live.

As I indicated last week, one of the first steps in the search for a new rector is to survey the parish. Every member of the parish who is 16 or over is welcomed to complete the survey. We prefer that everyone complete the survey online but have provided the option of doing so on paper for those who prefer to fill it out that way.

We sent the link to take the survey online out by email last Sunday (April 20). If we don't have your email address or if you have unsubscribed from Bethesda's email list, you will not have received the link to the survey. If you want to receive the online survey link, please contact the office and give Barbara Latzko, Bethesda's administrative assistant, your email address and ask to be sent the survey link via email. You can email her at [barbara@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:barbara@bethesdachurch.org) or call the church office (518) 584-5980.

If you prefer to answer the survey on paper, it will be enclosed with the parish newsletter, which is already in the mail. It is being sent by bulk mail so it may be awhile before it reaches your mailbox. If you don't receive it by May 8, please contact Barbara Latzko (see contact information above) and ask to her to send you one. I will bring printed copies to church, so you can get one from me too.

To return a printed copy of the survey, your best option is to bring it to church and put it in the offering plate (or hand it to me or an usher). Your second option is to put it in an envelope and mail it to Bethesda Episcopal Church at 43 Washington Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Finally, you can remove the survey from the newsletter, fold it in half so that the address on the last page is on the outside, tape it on the three open sides, put \$.70 worth of postage on the survey, and drop it in the mailbox.

We ask that you consider all the questions prayerfully. For your answers to have the greatest effect on writing the job description and parish profile, please submit your online or paper survey by May 15. As a member of the Bethesda family, we need to hear from you, so please take the time to respond as soon as you can.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the survey or any other aspect of the search for a new rector.

God be with you,

Catherine W. Berheide  
Junior Warden  
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**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**  
*April 30– May 6*

Monday <i>Easter Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>SAINT PHILIP &amp; SAINT JAMES</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Athanasius</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transcept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Easter 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>Monnica</i>		
Saturday <i>Easter Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ROGATION SUNDAY</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, Church School, The Nave</i>

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*.

Our next CHORAL EVENSONG will be offered on Sunday, June 3, The Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

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)

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. area.

## THE PARISH VESTRY

### Churchwardens

*Class of 2018*

Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

*Class of 2017*

Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

### Vestry

*Class of 2018*

Pamela Houde

John Huppuch

Mayumi Kato, *Clerk*

*Class of 2019*

Field Horne

Sara Manny

Steven Rucker

*Class of 2020*

Ann Bullock

Marcia MacDonald

Jami Piraino

*Assistant Treasurer, (2018)*

John Van der Veer, *Treasurer (2018)*

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

The Reverend Paul F. Evans, *Assisting Priest*

Mr. Landon M. Moore, *Candidate 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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