



**Washington Street near Broadway**

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**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**13 May 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 - Andante Tranquillo**

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**HYMN 450 - Coronation**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS , Hymnal S202, sung by all**

*Prayer Book, page 324*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. (1:15-17, 21-26)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL - *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Words: *Psalm 1*

Music: John Fenstermaker (b.1942)

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

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the

Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. (5:9-13)

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

**SEQUENCE: HYMN 483– St. Magnus**

*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 prayed for his disciples saying, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

(17:6-19)

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

**THE SERMON**

Dean Vang

**THE NICENE CREED**

***Prayer Book, page 327***

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant* Because God remains in us and we in God, let us confidently offer our prayers.

*Assisting Priest* That all who minister to the members of the Church, 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, will share the Lord's kindness in their generous service.

Lord, hear us:

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

That all peoples and nations will receive the Lord's kindness in lasting deliverance from war and injustice,

Lord, hear us,

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

That all who struggle with illness and addiction will know the Lord's kindness in renewed hope,

Lord, hear us,

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

That we who celebrate this Easter season will welcome the Lord's kindness in this holy Eucharist,

Lord, hear us,

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

That the Vestry will know the Lord's kindness as it seeks to identify Bethesda's next Rector.

Lord, hear us,

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

That those who have died will celebrate the Lord's kindness in everlasting life,

Lord, hear us,

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

*Celebrant* God of heaven and earth, make perfect in us the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, in answer to these prayers, for we trust in his power to protect and save us, 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

**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**



**AGNUS DEI** - *Missa Resurrectionis*

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

**MOTET** - *I Sat Down*

I sat down under His shadow with great delight,  
and His fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house,  
and His banner over me was love.

Words: *Song of Solomon 2:3-4*

Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

**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 544** - *Duke Street*

**ORGAN** - *Toccata*

Herbert Grieb (1898-1973)

## 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. 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 Sean Byrnes
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Mark Griffin
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Pamela Houde Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson Mark Claverie
<i>Lectors</i>	Thomas Remington	Sharon Boyd Steven Rucker
<i>Ushers</i>		Mark Anspach Kathleen Anspach Craig Walton Karen Walton
<i>Hospitality Host</i>		Laurie Brenenstuhl

## NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Rhoda Nimsker in loving memory of Bertha Sunderland, Mary Nimsker, Betty Bell, Marie Travis and Doris Hopp.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

*Anglican Communion*

Anglican Centre in Rome

*Diocese of Albany*

Blessed Virgin Mary and all Mothers on Mother's Day

*Our Parish*

The Vestry

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.

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.

PRE-ORDERS FOR A HISTORY OF BETHESDA EPISCOPAL CHURCH: Worship and Healing in Saratoga Springs, New York. Be sure to order soon to reserve your copy of this beautiful, limited edition book. If you submit your order by May 31st, 2018, you will pay a discounted price of \$50 per copy. After this date, the retail price will be \$64.80 per copy. Order forms can be found in the back of the church. You may also order a copy on the church web site.

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Have you joined SMILE.AMAZON.COM? Mark Griffin has and he has generated \$9.02 in donations from Amazon to Bethesda. His purchases and that of other members of the congregation resulted in Amazon sending Bethesda over \$63 since February, 2018. If you haven't joined yet, please do so that the contribution we get from Amazon smile increases. When you are ready to make a purchase use this web address: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/14-1364477> or see Mark for how to sign up

## **DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING THE RECTOR SEARCH SURVEY IS MAY 15**

As of May 1, 55 parishioners had responded to the rector search survey online and another 10 had sent in completed paper copies of the survey. We thank all of you who have already completed the survey and invite those of you who have not yet done so to complete it before the May 15 deadline. Please know that if you submit your survey after that date, it will still count, but I am giving my first report to the vestry at our meeting on May 16.

I indicated last week, every member of the parish who is 16 or over is welcomed to complete the survey.

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**  
*May 14– May 20*

Monday <i>Easter Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transcept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> Vestry Meeting, <i>Skidmore College</i>
Thursday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  1:00 p.m.  7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd Memory Care, Saratoga</i> Prayer Shawl Ministry, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Friday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	3:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal, <i>The Nave</i>
Saturday <i>Dunstan</i>	3:00 p.m.	Holy Matrimony
Sunday THE DAY OF PENTE- COST: WHITSUN- DAY	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, <i>Transcept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Solemn 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*.



## 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*

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Marcia MacDonald

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*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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