



## Washington Street near Broadway

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**THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**24 June 2018**

**7:30 am - Morning Prayer**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 am - Solemn 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 - *I Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee***

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

**AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 359 – *Toulon***

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

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

*Prayer Book, page 324*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and thy Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

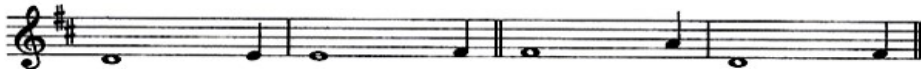
### THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Book of Isaiah*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. (40:1-11)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL - *Audiam quid loquatur, sung by all*



- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is / saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to / him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who / fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our / land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met to - / gether; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each / other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the / earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from / heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant pros - / perity, \*  
and our land will yield its / increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go be - / fore him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his / feet.

Words: *Psalm 85*

Music: Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)

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

On the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.” So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: “You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.’ Of this man’s posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.’” “My brothers, you descendants of Abraham’s family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.”

*(13:14b-26)*

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

## **SEQUENCE: HYMN 232– *Nyland***

*The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels.*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL *of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke***

**People      *Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, “No; he is to be called John.” They said to her, “None of your relatives has this name.” Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of

all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.” And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

(1:57-80)

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

## THE SERMON

Dean Vang

## THE NICENE CREED

*Prayer Book, page 327*

## THE BLESSING OF PURIFICATORS & LAVABO TOWELS *at 8 a.m.*

*Celebrant* Our help is in the name of the Lord.

***People***     ***Who made heaven and earth.***

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People***     ***And with thy spirit.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Hearken to our prayers, O Lord, and be pleased to bless these linens prepared for use in purifying the sacred chalice; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* John the Baptist was called from the first moment of his life to announce the coming of the light to the nations, the hope of the world. In the joy of this feast, let us make our prayers to God.

*Deacon* That the Church and her leaders, 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; may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the message of salvation to the ends of the earth,

Let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the leaders of nations may be instruments of truth and justice and lead their people in the way of peace,

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the poor and the suffering may take fresh heart in the promise of Christ's glory,

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

That we may come to that end to which our faith looks, the salvation of our souls,

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the Vestry of our Parish will identify prayerfully our next Rector, a priest who will guide us in the ways of holiness and righteousness,

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the Lamb of God may grant peace to the faithful departed, together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Baptist, and all the saints,

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant* Father of time and eternity, you search our hearts and discern our needs before we ask. Aided by Saint John the Baptist, in your mercy hear our prayers, through 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

*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**

**HYMN 272** - *The Truth From Above*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer II** *Prayer Book, page 340*

**PROPER PREFACE OF ADVENT**

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and in great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT** (*Hymnal S114*), *sung by all*

**OUR FATHER** *Prayer Book, page 336*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: AGNUS DEI** (*Hymnal S158*) *sung by all*

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS** *Prayer Book, page 337*

**MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *Prayer Book, page 339*

**THE BLESSING** *Prayer Book, page 339*

**DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**HYMN 625** - *Darwall's 148th*

**ORGAN** - *Now Thank We All Our God* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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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 on the Terrace, 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 David Wilder
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		David Wilder
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Remington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth Moeller Tom Moeller
<i>Lectors</i>	Mark Claverie	Denise Limoli David Wilder
<i>Ushers</i>		Mark Anspach Kathleen Anspach Craig Walton Karen Walton

## NOTICES

The FLOWERS at the HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in Thanksgiving for the priestly ministry of The Reverend Paul F. Evans by the Interim Rector, Churchwardens, and Vestry Members of Bethesda Church. Father observed his Golden Jubilee of Ordination on June 22.

THE ALTAR LINENS being blessed this morning are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Mary Eddy by many friends.

EUCCHARIST ELEMENTS are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of John and Emily Capano by Laurie Brenenstuhl.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

*Anglican Communion*

The Church of Nigeria

*Diocese of Albany*

Trinity Church, Potsdam

*Our Parish*

Building Committee

Thanks for all who helped with the BETHESDA CLEANUP DAY on Saturday, June 16: Daniel Berheide, Kate Berheide, Sharon Boyd, Vernon Hinkle, Mark Parobeck, Ed Peticolas, Tom Remington, Mary Shartle, John Van der Veer, Dean Vang, and especially to our two organizers, Mark Griffin and Steve Rucker. We focused on clearing out vegetation from the back of the church and cleaning out areas of the basement that had been used to store remnants from the past, some of which we took to a metal recycler but most of which went into the trash. Tom did a small repair or two, for example to a hinge on the sacristy door, while Daniel climbed a ladder to replace the bulbs and clean the light fixtures on the side entrance. Dean Vang concentrated on the sacristy and narthex. We wish to give special thanks to Helen Sciartelli and Lewis Bruce for providing a wonderful lunch for the workers. We plan to have another clean-up day in the fall. We hope you will be able to join us.

THANK OFFERING OPPORTUNITY: If you would like to make an offering of flowers or Eucharistic Elements, please contact the Parish Office by phone (584-5980) or email ([barbara@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:barbara@bethesdachurch.org)). Your gift is appreciated by all.

VOLUNTEER LECTORS FOR THE SUMMER: If you would like to read a Lesson at the Sunday Eucharist, please sign the designated lists in the Narthex. 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 is 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.

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## **THE RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE PARISH SURVEY**

TODAY AFTER THE 8 O’CLOCK SERVICE Please stay for the parish meeting after the 8 o’clock Eucharist at which I will report on the results of the parish survey. If you cannot make today’s meeting, I will hold another one on Tuesday (June 26) immediately following the 6:30 pm liturgy. The National Office for Transition Ministry’s Community Portfolio Information has been sent to the Diocesan Transition Minister, Elizabeth Strickland, for her review. As I indicated last week, after getting her feedback, we will make any necessary changes and then submit the portfolio. It will then be posted on the National Episcopal Church’s database so that clergy can access it and apply for the open rector’s position at Bethesda. I will let the parish know as soon as it is posted. If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming the next rector of Bethesda, you will be able to direct them to the Portfolio and they will be able to submit an application through the National Church’s website.

God be with you,

Catherine W. Berheide  
Junior Warden  
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**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**

*June 25 - July 1*

Monday <i>Feria</i>		
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Search Committee Report to Congregation, <i>The Nave</i>
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transept Altar</i> Building Committee, <i>Choir Room</i>
Thursday <i>Feria</i> <i>Irenaeus</i>	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd Memory</i> <i>Care, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>SAINT PETER &amp;</i> <i>SAINT PAUL</i>		
Saturday <i>Feria</i>		
Sunday <i>SIXTH SUNDAY</i> <i>AFTER PENTECOST</i>	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, <i>Transept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Sung Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments, <i>The Terrace</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 2019*

Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

### Vestry

*Class of 2018*

Pamela Houde

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Mayumi Kato, *Clerk*

*Class of 2019*

Field Horne

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Steven Rucker

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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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