



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

26 August 2018

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - Sung 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 Stainless Lamb of God*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 688 – *Ein feste Burg*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

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

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. (6:10-20)

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

SEQUENCE: 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, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." (6:56-69)

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

THE SERMON

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us call upon the Lord, who has freed us from slavery to sin, and ask strength to follow the Lord with all our hearts.

Assisting Priest That the ordained leaders 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 serve the Lord with courage.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who hold public office will honor the Lord by their defense of human rights,

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That all married persons will glorify the Lord by their love for each other,

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That we who have come to Jesus in this Eucharist will bless the Lord in our words and deeds,

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That each member of the Vestry will persevere in prayer as the search for a new Rector continues,

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who have died, will praise the Lord in the glory of heaven, together with the ever blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant Lord God, our needs are great and our troubles are many, but your love for us is far greater. Rescue us from all our distress for the sake of him who redeemed our lives, our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us lasting joy in his words and food of eternal life, 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 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 509 – *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF THE LORD’S DAY *Of God the Son*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the gave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

OUR FATHER

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

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 522 - *Austira*

ORGAN - *O Stainless Lamb of 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 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>	Robert Bullock Sean Byrnes	Sean Byrnes Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		David Wilder
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth Moeller Tom Moeller
<i>Lectors</i>	Gordon Boyd	Sean Byrnes Robert Bullock
<i>Ushers</i>		Craig Walton Karen Walton Mark Anspach Kathleen Anspach
<i>Hospitality</i>		Marcia Mac Donald

NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in Thanksgiving by Michael Penfold, and in Celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Kathleen and Mark Anspach.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	The Church of Southern Africa
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Postulant and Candidate Retreat
<i>Our Parish</i>	Those beginning or returning to college, university or seminary

NEXT SUNDAY we will welcome as Celebrant and Preacher The Reverend John Scott, Albany Hospital Chaplain.

The SARATOGA IMMIGRATION COALITION - a network of civic groups, faith communities, and concerned individuals-invites Bethesda Episcopal Church to participate in and support the "All Are Welcome Here" Walk & Vigil on August 28, 6 pm-8pm in Saratoga Springs.

Those wishing to participate in FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION and HOLY CONFIRMATION CLASSES need to register on Sunday, September 9, immediately following the 10 am Eucharist. Please meet with Father Vang.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE AND FUN--Every Sunday, race track backstretch workers enjoy a catered buffet dinner under a tent, served by volunteers for Backstretch Employee Service Team (BEST). It is a great way to reflect God's love and blessings on all who help make our community what it is. About 700 men and women from the backstretch enjoy the festivities, and the servers enjoy them as well! If you would like to volunteer, from 5:30 p.m. to about 8:00 p.m. Sunday evening, please contact Gordon or Sharon Boyd, 518-441-8815, and they will give you the specifics.

Our beautiful book has arrived! Pre-paid orders for *A HISTORY OF BETHESDA EPISCOPAL CHURCH: WORSHIP AND HEALING IN SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK* will be distributed after each of the Sunday services on the following dates: August 26, September 2, 9, and 16. You may also purchase a copy on these dates *if you are paying with a check*. The cost of the book is \$64.80, including sales tax. Other options for purchasing a book include:

Ordering on the Bethesda web site with a credit card or Paypal.

Ordering by contacting Barbara Latzko at the church office and giving her your credit card information. Please note that there are no books stored in the church office. All copies sold will need to be picked up on designated dates or mailed (\$12 per book).

This stunning book would make a wonderful Christmas gift for anyone who loves Bethesda or who is interested in the history of Saratoga Springs.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
August 27 - September 2

Monday <i>Feria</i>		
Tuesday <i>Augustine</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Feria</i>		
Friday <i>Aiden</i>		
Saturday <i>David Oakerhater</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY 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*.

SHELTERS OF SARATOGA (SOS): Last Sunday Darren Miller, Senior Warden, and John Van der Veer, Treasurer, delivered generous donations from the congregation to SOS. They wish to share this with you: "Shelter participants were most appreciative and asked that their thanks be shared with all who donated. Several of the residence of the shelter helped unload the car. Each thanked us several times for the generous donations." Please also remember Bethesda's support of EOC. This is an ongoing outreach ministry which values our monthly contributions.

CAR RIDE NEEDED on three Fridays in August. A dialysis patient living in Porter Corners requires transportation to his appointment (near Home of the Good Shepherd), then home afterwards on August 31. Pick up at about 9:45 a.m. in Porter Corners. Return from Church Street clinic at 3:15 p.m. If you would like to help, please contact Gordon Boyd at 518-441-8815.