



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 September 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 - Prelude

L. J. A. Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 561 – Morning Light

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy*

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children. (4:1-2, 6-9)

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

GRADUAL - *Domine, quis habitabit?*, sung by all



- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your taber - / nacle? *
who may abide upon your holy / hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is / right, *
who speaks the truth from his / heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his / friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his / neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is re - / jected, *
but he honors those who fear the / Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no / wrong *
and does not take back his / word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of / gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the / innocent.

✦ *2nd half*

- 7 Whoever does these / things *
shall never be over - / thrown.

Words: *Psalm 15*

Music: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the Letter of James*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. (1:17-27)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE: 656 – *Franconia*

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

(7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Father Scott

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us call upon the Lord, who is close to us in every need.

Assisting Priest That the clergy, 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 the Lord's goodness will empower the members of the Church for generous service,

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That the Lord's guidance will direct our public servants along the paths of justice and peace,

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That the Lord's salvation will deliver the people of this and every country from poverty, starvation, and homelessness,

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 the Lord's compassion will comfort the sick, the elderly, and the dying,

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That the Lord's mercy will embrace the lives of those who have died,

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant Father of lights, from whom every good gift comes, answer our prayers in your great love. Grant us whatever will help us to live in your presence, and show us how to possess your promised land, for ever and 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 436 – *Truro*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

Prayer Book, page 340

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 grave, 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 719 - Materna

ORGAN - Theme from Concerto in D minor

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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>	Father Scott	Father Scott
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock Sean Byrnes	David Wilder Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Laurie Brenenstuhel
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach Steven Rucker
<i>Lectors</i>	Lynne Priestley	Scott Perrin Bryce Dittrich
<i>Ushers</i>		Craig Walton Karen Walton Mark Anspach Kathleen Anspach
<i>Hospitality</i>		Diane Robinson Mark Claverie

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

Anglican Communion

Diocese of Albany

Our Parish

The Church of South America

All students beginning a new term at school

God's Blessing upon our daily work

TODAY WE WELCOME as Celebrant and Preacher The Reverend John Scott, Albany Hospital Chaplain.

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of deceased members of the Altar Guild.

EUCCHARIST ELEMENTS are needed for the month of September. ALTAR Flowers are needed for the following Sundays: September 16, 23 and 30.

Due to clergy vacation schedules and Bishop's Meeting, there will be NO WEDNESDAY EUCCHARIST this week.

Hosts are needed for REFRESHMENTS on the following Sundays: September 09-16-23-30. A sign-up list awaits your signature in the narthex. Your assistance with Bethesda's hospitality is very much appreciated.

Mark your calendars for a Historic Event! All parishioners and the general public are invited to help BETHESDA CELEBRATE the publication of our parish history, from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday September 21 in the church. This momentous milestone will be observed with a gathering of authors, a brief discussion of how the book was assembled, and a toast to all concerned. Copies of *A History of Bethesda Episcopal Church: Worship and Healing in Saratoga Springs, New York* will be available for purchase. Bring your friends!

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: September 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
September 3 - 9

Monday <i>Feria</i>		<i>The Parish Office is closed today.</i>
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	6:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>		
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	10:00 a.m.	Bishop's Meeting with Diocesan Clergy, <i>Spiritual Life Center</i>
Friday <i>Feria</i>		
Saturday <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
Sunday <i>THE SIXTEENTH 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 Narthex</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*.

Those wishing to participate in FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION and HOLY CONFIRMATION CLASSES need to register on Sunday, September 16, immediately following the 10 am Eucharist. Please meet with Father Vang.

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