



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

23 July 2017

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - Sung Eucharist

Please switch off all cellular telephones, 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 - Reflections

Douglas Major (b. 1953)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 287– *Elbing*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

(44:6-8)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Inclina, Domine*



- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your / truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your / Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my / heart, *
and glorify your Name for ever - / more.
- 13 For great is your love toward / me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost / Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my / life; *
they have not set you before their / eyes.
- 15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of com - / passion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and / truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy up - / on me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your / handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be a - / shamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted / me.

Psalm 86:11-17

Music: Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)

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

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and

to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. (8:12-25)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE: HYMN 312 1st Tune - York

THE HOLY GOSPEL *of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!" (13:24-30,36-43)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Book, page 327

Celebrant In the power of the Spirit who helps us to pray rightly, let us call on our God who cares for us.

Assisting Priest That believers in Jesus Christ will know the Lord's kindness in living the Gospel, especially their leaders, Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Frances, 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, so that their oneness will show forth the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the human family will know the Lord's kindness in all that leads to peace and justice,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the poor, the sick, and the persecuted will know the Lord's kindness in their deliverance from suffering,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we who worship here will know the Lord's kindness in this Eucharist,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Wondrous are your deeds, O God, in every time and place. May your will be done in answer to our prayers, so that we may receive your kindness in what we need this day. We ask this 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

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

AT THE OFFERTORY: HYMN 589 - *O Quanta Qualia*

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 797*), *sung by all*

OUR FATHER *Prayer Book, page 336*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: AGNUS DEI (*Hymnal 712*) *sung by all*
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

*Assisting Priest
People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 286 - *Leoni*

ORGAN - *Praise and Thanksgiving*

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

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	David Wilder Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Sean Byrnes
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Mary Withington Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth Moeller Tom Moeller
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	Steve Ricker Mark Griffin
<i>Ushers</i>		Kathleen Anspach Mark Anspach Karen Walton Craig Walton
<i>Hospitality Host[s]</i>		Kim & Parker Clifford

NOTICES

During the month of July, the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Bill Read in loving memory of Eda M. Read. . The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Bill Read in loving memory of Eda M. Read.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Osun North East (Ibadan, Nigeria)
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	St. Mary's, Springfield Center
<i>Our Parish</i>	Acolytes, Altar Guild, Bell Ringers, Eucharist Ministers, Lay Eucharist Visitors, Lectors, Music Ministry & Ushers

SIGN UP FOR MINISTRY: During the summer season, known more commonly as Ordinary Time, we welcome members of the congregation and visitors to read at both the 8 am and 10 am Masses, one for the earlier liturgy, two for the latter. Sign-up lists can be found at the narthex lectern.

We also invite those who wish to share a MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY [cold beverages and snacks] after the ten o'clock liturgy to sign the designated list, also at the narthex lectern. Please email Sara Manny saramanny@gmail.com

INVITATIONS to Bethesda's Annual Gala at the Saratoga Golf and Polo Club on July 31 are available at the back of the church.

PLANNING AHEAD: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: Dean Vang will once again offer classes to prepare young children to receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. An orientation will be offered on Sunday, September 10, immediately following the 10 am Eucharist. Parents and children should plan to attend.

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.

NEW EMAIL: Please send all notices for the church bulletin to office@bethesdachurch.org

Office Hours: The PARISH OFFICES are open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., *Monday through Thursday*, and 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on *Friday*.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY for August through October is available in the back of the Church.

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). Your gift is appreciated by all.

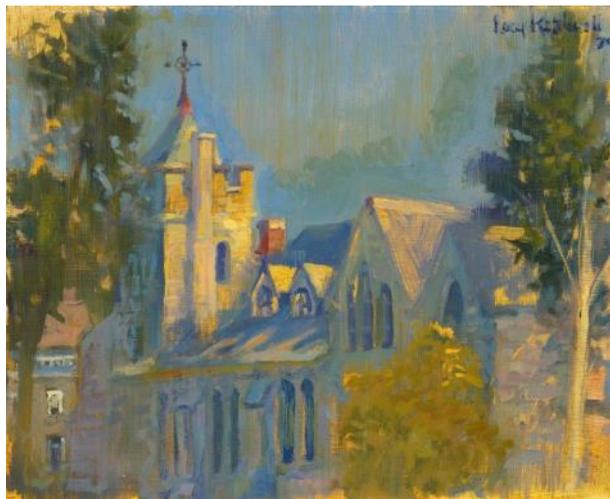
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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

July 24 - July 30

Monday	
Tuesday <i>SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE</i>	6:30 p. m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>William Reed Huntington</i>	
Friday <i>Feria</i>	
Saturday <i>Mary and Martha of Bethany</i>	
Sunday <i>THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i>	7:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer <i>Transcept Altar</i> 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> 10:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments <i>The Courtyard</i>



THE PARISH

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