



Washington Street near Broadway

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

3 September 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 - *Be Thou Content*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 8 - *Bunessan*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*)

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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 Jeremiah*

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless. (15:15-21)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Judica me, Domine*



- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with in - / tegrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not / faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and / try me; *
examine my heart and my / mind.
- 3 For your love is before my / eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with / you.
- 4 I have not sat with the / worthless, *
nor do I consort with the de - / ceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evil - / doers; *
I will not sit down with the / wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O / Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your / altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanks - / giving *
and recounting all your wonderful / deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you / dwell *
and the place where your glory a - / bides.

Words: *Psalm 85:8-13*

Music: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

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

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (12:9-21)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE: HYMN - 627 – Nun danket all und bringet Ehr

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." (16:21-28)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us call on the Lord's name and offer fervent prayer for ourselves and for all people.

For the ministers of all Christian churches, that the Lord will uphold them as they give their lives for the Gospel of Christ, especially their leaders: 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.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For public officials of this community, state, and nation, that the Lord will uphold them as they work to protect our environment,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the hungry, and the homeless, that the Lord will uphold them by our assistance to them,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick and the elderly, that the Lord will uphold them by our care for them,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us see your power and glory in answer to these prayers.

Make us pleasing in your sight, so that your will may be done in us and through us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the 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

Celebrant 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 for-

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>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock Sean Byrnes	Darren Miller Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Mark Griffin
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Anne Van Acker Mary Withington
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach Steve Rucker
<i>Lectors</i>	Carolyn Hatch	Sharon Boyd Ed Peticolas
<i>Ushers</i>		Kathleen Anspach Mark Anspach Karen Walton Craig Walton

NOTICES

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

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion San Diego and San Joaquin
Diocese of Albany To bring Christ into our daily work
Our Parish The unemployed

THANK OFFERING OPPORTUNITY: If you would like to make an offering of flowers or Eucharistic Elements, please contact the Parish Office by phone (518-584-5980) or email (barbara@bethesdachurch.org). Your gift is appreciated by all.

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

IS YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE: The ministers of Bethesda do not take vacation during the summer. It is important that we honor our commitments in a timely manner. Thank you.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, being LABOR DAY .

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 in 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*. *The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4.*

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

You are most cordially invited to attend the BLESSING & DEDICATION of the Alzheimer's Facility at THE HOME OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, 390 Church Street in Saratoga Springs, on Sunday, September 10, at two o'clock in the afternoon. A reception will follow.

Our SHAWL MINISTRY will return from summer break on September 14th. Please join us at the Home of the Good Shepherd, 400 Church Street, at 1:00 p.m. for fellowship with our Shawl Ministry Ladies, as well as some residents from Home of the Good Shepherd. Please call Suzanne Bishop at 518-587-3822 or Sherry Moore at 518-583-1215 for information.

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The Board of Directors
of the
Home of the Good Shepherd,
390 Church Street,
Saratoga Springs, New York,
cordially invite you to the
Blessings of the Memory Care Facility
on
Sunday, September 10, 2017
at
2:00 pm

A reception will immediately follow.

You are invited to a free preview screening of WMHT's new documentary, *The Wounds We Feel At Home*, which features powerful stories of healing from local residents, including Bethesda Church member JEAN MARIE CROCKER, who were affected by the Vietnam War.

Panel discussion and a light reception are to follow.

Tuesday, September 12 | 6-8pm

WMHT Studios

Global View, Troy, NY

Staff from Soldier's Heart will be in attendance to offer support for those who may need it.

After the screening and panel discussion, you are invited to share your Vietnam War era experience as part of a digital storytelling project around

THE VIETNAM WAR: a film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick.

RSVP at wmht.org/WoundsWeFeelAtHome or rsvp@wmht.org | 518-880-3400

The Churchwardens and Members of the
Vestry
of
Bethesda Episcopal Church
in
Saratoga Springs
welcome you to an
**Open House and Blessing of
The New Rectory,**
19 Saw Mill Court in the
Town of Wilton
on
Saturday, September 30, 2017,
from
2:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

RESPONDING TO HURRICANE HARVEY



Photo by Ssg. Tim Pruitt

Episcopal Relief & Development invites you to join us in prayer and support for communities affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Episcopal Relief & Development is working with dioceses in the hurricane's path to best support responses and address needs as more information becomes available. Local churches and partners are assessing damage, confirming the safety of members and others in their communities and using available facilities and resources to respond to immediate concerns.

Your contribution to the Hurricane Harvey Response Fund helps Episcopal Relief & Development support Church and other local partners as they provide critical emergency assistance.

To help care for those affected by this crisis, please fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check or credit card information. You can also contribute online at episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response.

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are healing a hurting world.

A word from the Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Long ago the prophet Malachi taught that we are all children of God by virtue of our creation by the same God. "Have we not all one father? Has not one God created us?" he asked (2:10). Jesus taught the same thing when he told a story about a Good Samaritan. We are indeed all the children of God. And if we are all God's children, then we are all brothers and sisters.

As you know, our brothers and sisters in Texas now need our help. Our support of Episcopal Relief and Development is a tangible, practical, effective and reliable way to do that, not just in the short term, but for the long haul. Thank you for whatever you can do for together we are the human family of God.

Enclosed is my gift to the Hurricane Harvey Fund to assist those who are in need.

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

September 4 - 10

Monday <i>Labor Day</i>	<i>The Parish Office is closed.</i>
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i> 2:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> 7:00 p. m. - Vestry Meeting <i>Chancel</i>
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist <i>Memory Care Facility, Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
Saturday <i>Constance & her Companions</i>	
Sunday <i>FOURTEENTH 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> 2:00 p.m. - Dedication & Blessing of Memory Care Facility, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i>



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