



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY CROSS

17 September 2017

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - Solemn 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 - *Contemplation*

Frederick Freeman (1883-1926)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 598 - *Mit Freuden zart*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory. (45:21-25)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Words: *Psalm 98: 1-4*

Music: George Macfarren (1813-1887)

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

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (2:5-11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE: HYMN 160- *Cross of Jesus*

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

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light." (12:31-36a)

Deacon 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 The Lord Jesus humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even to death on a cross. In the power of his resurrection from the dead, let us pray that all people will be raised up to new life in Christ the Lord.

Deacon Christ crucified became like us in our weakness; through his Cross, may the church become like him in his saving power, 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.

For this, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ crucified became like the poor and the oppressed in their need; through his Cross, may they become like him in his triumph over injustice.

For this, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ crucified became like us in our sorrows; through his Cross, may all who suffer become like him in his lasting joy.

For this, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ crucified became like us in our human lowliness; through his Cross, may we become like him in his divine glory.

For this, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord God, answer our prayers in your great mercy, so that the mystery of our redemption in the Cross of Christ may transform us and the world you love. We ask this through our crucified yet risen Savior, Jesus Christ, who is Lord 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

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

ANTHEM - *Crux Fidelis*

Faithful Cross! Above all other, One and only noble Tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be:
Sweetest wood, sweetest iron! Sweetest weight is hung on thee!

Words: Hymn for Good Friday

Music: John IV, King of Portugal (1604-1656)

AT THE OFFERTORY: HYMN 483 - *St. Magnus*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF HOLY WEEK

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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

OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI *Missa Sanctae Crucis*

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

MOTET - *Christus Factus Est*

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum, et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a name which is above every name.

Words: Gradual for Psalm Sunday

Music: Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 473 - *Crucifer*

ORGAN - *We All Believe in One True 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	Darren Miller Robert Bullock Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Gail Remington
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Mayumi Kato Emily Pick
<i>Lectors</i>	Lynne Priestly	Betsy Cummins Darren Miller
<i>Ushers</i>		Doug Huston Chris Lyons Fred Scheidt John Van der Veer

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion Church of Sodor & Man - (York, England)
Diocese of Albany House of Bishops Meeting
Our Parish The Vestry

CHURCH SCHOOL immediately follows the 10:00 a.m. liturgy near the Baptistry.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION preparation begins on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Please meet in the Narthex of the church.

THE VESTRY meets on Wednesday, at 7:00p.m., at the home of Pam Houde.

THANK OFFERING OPPORTUNITY: Altar flowers are needed for the month of October. If you would like to make an offering of flowers, 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

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.

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 office will be closed, however, on Friday, September 22.*

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

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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.

Dean Vang has appointed Sean Byrnes as SACRISTAN of Bethesda. A sacristan is a member of the clergy or laity who assures that necessary items for worship are always available and repairs sanctuary furnishings when necessary. Sean is also a member of our Altar Guild, an important connection for a Sacristan.

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.

CHORAL EVENSONG
Sung by the Schola Cantorum of Bethesda Church
on Sunday, October 1 at 3:00p.m.,
being the Feast of the Dedication of the Church
A Reception will follow the service
All are welcome.

RESPONDING TO HURRICANES



Credit NOAA

It has been a devastating hurricane season. While Hurricane Harvey battered communities in Texas and Louisiana, Hurricane Irma has caused destruction across the U.S. and the Caribbean.

Episcopal Relief & Development invites you to join us in prayer and support for communities affected by these terrible storms.

In partnership with the Episcopal dioceses of Texas and West Texas, we continue to respond to urgent needs in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

Katie Mears, Director of the US Disaster Program, traveled to Texas to collaborate with church partners to assess damage and needs, check on current relief work and map out a strategy for impacted areas in both dioceses.

Episcopal Relief & Development is also in touch with Church partners affected by Hurricane Irma, to best support responses.

"We have been in regular contact with our partners in the affected areas," said Abigail Nelson, Episcopal Relief & Development's Senior Vice President of Programs. "Even as we face enormous communication challenges in some areas, we know our church partners have a deep presence in their communities which allows them to quickly and effectively respond and care for people. We are supporting them in this critical work."

Your contribution to the Hurricane Relief Fund helps Episcopal Relief & Development support Church and other local partners as they provide critical emergency assistance for those affected by Hurricane Irma and future storms.

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

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

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

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

September 18 - 25

Monday <i>Edward Bouverie Pusey</i>	
Tuesday <i>Theodore of Tarsus</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Ember Day</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i> 2:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the</i> <i>Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> 4:00 p.m. - First Holy Communion Prepara- tion <i>Narthex.</i> 7:00 p.m. - Vestry Meeting, <i>Home of Pam</i> <i>Houde</i>
Thursday <i>SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE</i>	9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good</i> <i>Shepherd, Saratoga</i> 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist <i>Memory Care</i> <i>Facility, Home of the Good</i> <i>Shepherd, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>Ember Day</i>	
Saturday <i>Ember Day</i>	
Sunday <i>SIXTEENTH 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 VESTRY

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