



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

24 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 - *Our Father, Who Art in Heaven*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 362 - *Nicaea*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*)

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; 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 Jonah*

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?" (3:10-4:11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Exaltabo te, Deus*

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Words: *Psalm 145:1-8*

Music: William Marsh (1880-1971)

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

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. (1:21-30)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE: HYMN 380— *Old 100th*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.'

Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last." (20:1-16)

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

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us call on the Lord, who is near to us in every need.

Assisting Priest For catechists and teachers of the Christian faith, that they proclaim the Lord's greatness in their service of God's people, 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 the leaders of governments, that they reflect the Lord's greatness in their work for victims of injustice,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who suffer from sickness, that they know the Lord's greatness in words and deeds of compassion,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For us who worship here, that we imitate the Lord's greatness in our love for others,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, that they celebrate the Lord's greatness in the gift of salvation,

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Gracious God, give answer to our prayers in your great kindness. Teach us your ways of love, so that in all we do and say, we will glorify your holy name. 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

ANTHEM - *The Lord is my Shepherd*

The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I want nothing,
He shall feed me in green pastures,
And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul and bring me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Words: *Psalm 23: 1-3*

Music: Maurice Green (1695-1755)

AT THE OFFERTORY: HYMN 697 - *Song 67*

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 *Prayer Book, page 336*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM *Prayer Book, page 337*

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI - *Mass for Three Voices* William Byrd (1538-1612)

MOTET - *O Come Hither*

O Come hither and hearken all ye that fear God,
And I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.
God hath heard me and considered the voice of my prayer.

Words: *Psalm 66: 14 & 17*
Music: Maurice Greene (1695-1755)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Prayer Book, page 339*

THE BLESSING *Prayer Book, page 339*

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 388 - *Hanover*

ORGAN - *Postludium* 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>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Sean Byrnes	David Wilder Sean Byrnes
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Laurie Brenenstuhl
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Sherryl Moore Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth Moeller Tom Moeller
<i>Lectors</i>	Mark Claverie`	Sharon Boyd Lynda Redman
<i>Ushers</i>		Karen Walton Craig Walton Kathleen Anspach Mark Anspach

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

Anglican Communion Church in South East Florida
Diocese of Albany Beaver Cross Fall Edition Weekend
Our Parish Acolytes, Altar Guild, Choir, Bell Ringers,
Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors,
and Ushers & Greeters

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.

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*.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: Wednesday afternoons at 4:00p.m., in the Narthex of the Church.

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

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

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.

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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.

Light Refreshments will be served.

*To guarantee ample catering for the reception, please sign the designated
list in the narthex, indicating the number of persons who will be attending.
Thank you.*

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.

THE BLESSING OF PETS

in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi
on
Saturday, October 7,
at
11 am in the Churchyard

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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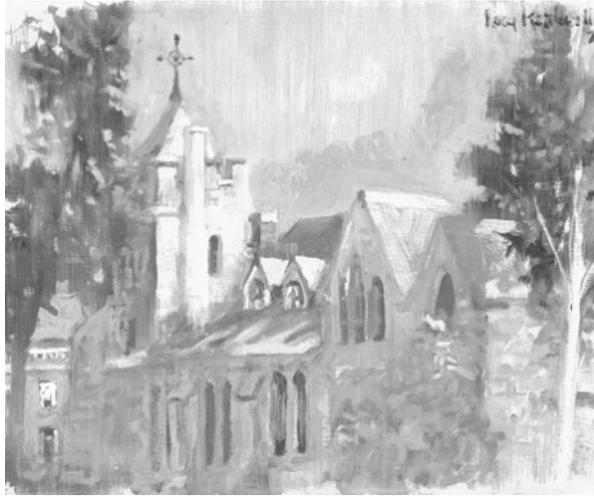
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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

September 25 - October 1

Monday <i>Sergius of Moscow</i>	
Tuesday <i>Lancelot Andrews</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Vincent de Paul</i>	12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Transcept Altar</i> 4:00 p.m. - First Holy Communion Preparation <i>Narthex.</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>SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS</i>	
Saturday <i>Jerome of Bethlehem</i>	2:00 p.m.- Open House and Blessing of the New Rectory, <i>19 Sawmill Court, Saratoga Springs</i>
Sunday <i>THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION</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. - Solemn Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments <i>The Courtyard</i> 3:00p.m. - Choral Evensong, <i>High Altar</i>



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