



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3 December 2017

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 - am The Great Litany & 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: *Now Watch For the Son of God*

Alan Ridout (1934-1996)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: THE GREAT LITANY

Hymnal, S-67

KYRIE ELEISON *from Mass for Four Voices*

William Byrd (1540-1623)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost., one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people. (64:1-9)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL — *Qui regis Israel*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Words: *Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18*
Music: Henry Walford Davies(1869-1941)

THE SECOND LESSON—*A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you -- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord (1:3-9)

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 462 - *York*

The people 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.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." (13:24-37)

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Assisting Priest Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

Assisting Priest and People

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM *Zion, At Thy Shining Gates*

Zion, at thy shining gates
Lo, the King of Glory waits,
Haste thy monarch's pomp to greet,
Strew thy palms before his feet.
Christ, for thee their triple light,
Faith and hope and love unite;
This the beacon we display
To proclaim thine advent day.
Come and give us peace within,
Loose us from the bands of sin,
Take away the galling weight
Laid on us by Satan's hate.
Give us grace thy yoke to wear,
Give us strength thy cross to bear,
Make us thine in deed and word,
Thine in heart and live, O Lord.
So, when thou shalt come again,
Judge of angels and of men.
We with all thy saints shall sing
Alleluias to our King.

Words: B.H. Kennedy

Music: George Guest (1924-2002)

HYMN 53 - *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

PROPER PREFACE OF ADVENT

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (*Hymnal 797*), *sung by all*

OUR FATHER

Prayer Book, page 334

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Prayer Book, page 337

AGNUS DEI (*Hymnal 712, sung by all*)

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Prayer Book, page 337

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MOTET *O Thou the Central Orb*

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
pure beam of the most high,
eternal light of this our bleak world,
where thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,
hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
as stars about thy throne, set in the height
of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of our sin,
our nature all shall feel eternal day,
in fellowship with thee,
transforming clay to souls erewhile unclean,
now pure within, now pure within. Amen.

Words: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)
Music: The Rev. H.R. Bramley

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, page 339

ADVENT BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 73 - *St Stephen*

ORGAN: *Postlude*

L.H. Southard (1827-1881)

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 in the Narthex, 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 Sean Byrnes
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Laurie Brenenstuhl
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Mary Withington Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach Steve Rucker
<i>Lectors</i>	Tom Remington	Jane Agee Emily Pick
<i>Ushers</i>		Tom Moeller Rick Wissler Diane Robinson Mark Claverie
<i>Hospitality Host</i>		Betsy Cummins

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion West Buganda - (Uganda)
Diocese of Albany Observance of a devout Advent
Our Parish All Children of our community

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed for December. Please email Sara Manny saramanny@gmail.com, or call the church office at 518-584-5980.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3

3:00 P.M. - A Service of Advent Lessons & Carols

You are cordially invited to attend an evening with our Seminarian, LANDON MOORE, on December 14th, at 7 p.m. Landon will be presenting a slideshow of pictures and videos of his first-year of seminary, including his travels. This is a great time to ask Landon any questions that you may have about his journey so far. Please sign up in the back of the narthex if you would like to attend. Small refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

The annual BETHESDA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be presented in the church after the 10:00 am service on December 17th. Rehearsal is on December 16th from 9:00 am – 11:30 am in the church. *Participants*: Please complete a sign-up form (available from church school teacher) and return by December 10th. *Volunteers*: We are looking for adults to help with costuming (fitting and organization) and for staging, supervising and coaching children. If you are interested, please contact Diane Robinson (584-1921 evenings) for more information.

Please join us as the Saratoga Performing Arts Center presents the ORCHESTRA OF ST. LUKE'S, performing Bach's beloved *Brandenburg Concertos* at Bethesda Episcopal Church on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM. General admission seats are \$20 and may be purchased online at spac.org or at the door. The program will feature Bach's six *Brandenburg Concertos*, which were composed as a gift to the Margrave of Brandenburg in 1721, and are still considered pinnacles of the Baroque repertoire.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: If you have any extra evergreen boughs, please bring them to church and place them in the Vestibule. We will be decorating for Christmas on Sunday, December 17th after the Christmas Pageant. Consider bringing old towels, clippers and a commercial broom/dustpan. We need your help since the project must be completed by 4:00 p.m.

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 NOTICES FOR BULLETIN: 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*.

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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2017 DECEMBER CONCERTS AT BETHESDA

Friday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.

SAINT LUKE'S ORCHESTRA

Friday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m.

DAKOTA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Sunday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.

SARATOGA YOUTH ORCHESTRA

ANNUAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Churchwardens

Class of 2018

Darren Miller, Senior Churchwarden

Class of 2017

Catherine Berheide, Junior Churchwarden, Eligible for re-election

Vestry Persons

Class of 2017

Jane Agee, Eligible for re-election

Gordon Boyd, Ineligible for re-election

Mark Griffin, Ineligible for re-election

Geneva Henderson, Clerk, Vacancy

Class of 2018

Mark Claverie, Vacancy

Pamela Houde

Mayumi Kato

Class of 2019

Field Horne

Sara Manny

Steven Rucker

John Van der Veer, Treasurer

Please recommend below Bethesda communicants to serve on the Vestry.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
December 4-10

Monday <i>John of Damascus</i>	
Tuesday <i>Clement of Alexandria</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> 7:00 p.m. - Adult Class, <i>Choir</i>
Wednesday <i>Nicholas of Myra</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</i> <i>Wilton</i>
Thursday <i>Ambrose of Milan</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> 7:00 p.m. - Evening with Landon Moore
Friday <i>Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7:00 p.m. - St Luke's Orchestra Concert
Saturday <i>Advent Weekday</i>	
Sunday <i>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</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> Church School Refreshments <i>The Narthex</i> 4:00 p.m. - Rehearsal: Saratoga Youth



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The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Interim Rector*

The Reverend Paul F. Evans, *Assisting Priest*

Mr. Landon M. Moore, *Postulant for Holy Orders*

Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*

Mr. Farrell Goehring, *Organist/Director of Music*

Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*

Mr. Robert E. Bullock, *Verger*

Mr. Sean Byrnes, *Sacristan*

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