



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

31 December 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: *An Infant Son*

Eugene Lindusky (1924-2005)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 102 - *Irby*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*)

Prayer Book, page 324

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. (61:10-62:3)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Adoremus Dominum*

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
 he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
 who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Words: *Psalm 147:13-21*

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

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. (3:23-25; 4:4-7)

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People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 88 - *England's Lane*

The people turn to face the Book of Gospels

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. (1:1-18)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Assisting Priest

Grant that your Church, blessed with the knowledge of the Word made flesh, may faithfully proclaim the good news of redemption which be brought. As we are called to your service, guide and enable us to fulfill the tasks which are your will for us. We pray especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, the Eccumenical Patriach; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel, our Assisting Bishop; and Marshall and Paul, our Priests

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

Have pity on all in the world who still do not know and receive the faith of Christ. Through his power, make light the dark places, so that all peoples and nations may be gathered into one.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

Bless us, our families and friends, with the grace and peace of Christ. Make our homes fit for those who are called to be your children, adopted in him.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

Have mercy on those who deny you because they trust their own strength and have not opened their hearts to your grace. Come to those who are not at peace with themselves and comfort them with the peace of your presence.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who, born again by grace in this world, have passed through the new birth to eternal life. Hold them in the peace that was prepared for them from the beginning.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

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.

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

HYMN 82 - *Divinum mysterium*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

Prayer Book, page 333

PROPER PREFACE OF THE INCARNATION

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (*Hymnal S114*)

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OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 107 - *In dulci jubilo*

ORGAN: *When Herod Was King*

Eugene Lindusky (1924-2005)

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.

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>		Sherryl Moore Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Roxanne Baker Richard Wissler
<i>Lectors</i>	Mark Claverie	John Van der Veer
<i>Ushers</i>		Lynda Redman Richard Wissler Chris Lyons John Van der Veer Fred Scheidt

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion Zululand - (Southern Africa)
Diocese of Albany Thanksgivings for the blessings of 2017
Our Parish In Thanksgiving for the Incarnation

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

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.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE We are taking donations of winter coats, hats, gloves, scarfs, sweaters, etc. for the cold winter ahead. The youth group will be donating these items to a local shelter for those in need. The box is located in the vestibule if you would like to contribute. Your donations are greatly 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*. *The Parish Office will be closed on January 1.*

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 VESTRY REPORTS:
CONGREGATION MEETINGS REGARDING THE RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS**

Sunday, January 21, 2018, 9:00 am, in the Church Nave
Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 7:00 pm, in the Church Nave
Sunday, January 28, 2018, 11:30 am, in the Church Nave

Please make every effort to attend one of these offerings.

EPIPHANY POT LUCK SUPPER
Saturday, January 6, 4:30 pm, at
The First Baptist Church on Washington Street

A sign-up list is posted in the narthex of the church.
Please indicate what you will bring and how many
will be attending. Rides are available for those
who require it.

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

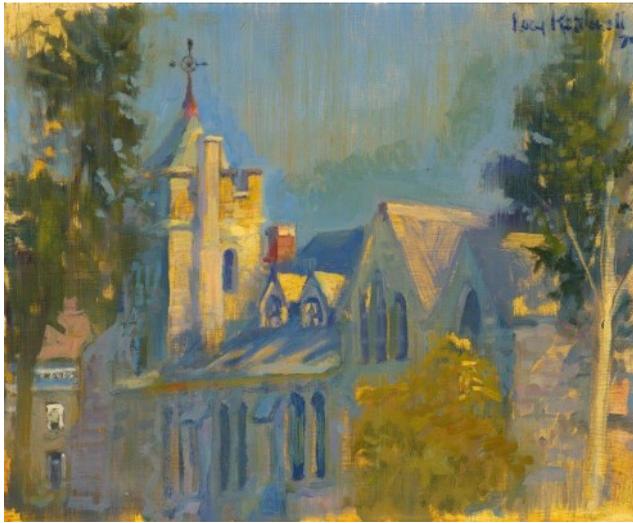
John Van der Veer, Treasurer

Please recommend below Bethesda communicants to serve on the Vestry.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

January 1-7

Monday <i>THE HOLY NAME</i>		<i>The Parish Office is closed today.</i>
Tuesday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transcept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i>
Thursday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Memory Care Facility, Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>THE EPIPHANY</i>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> <i>Potluck Supper, First Baptist Church</i>
Sunday <i>THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</i>	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>Transcept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Solemn Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i>



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John Van der Veer, *Treasurer*

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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