



Washington Street near Broadway

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

11 February 2018

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 - Pastorale

Anonymous (1700s)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

INTROIT - Adoramus Te, Christe

Adoramus Te, Christe,
et benedicimus ti bi;
Quia per sanctam
Crucem tuam redemisti mundum;
Adoramus Te, Christe,
et benedicimus ti bi;
Adoramus Te, Christe!

*We adore thee, O Christ,
and we bless thee;
Since by the holy
Cross you have redeemed the world;
We adore thee, O Christ,
and we bless thee;
We adore thee, O Christ!*

Words: Traditional Good Friday Anthem
Music: Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

THE BLESSING OF THE BETHESDA CRUCIFIX ENCLOSURE

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People ***Who hath made heaven and earth.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we beseech thee to send thy blessing upon this enclosure which has been created to contain the Bethesda Crucifix for our adoration and intercession. We ask this through Christ Jesus, the Savior of the world. ***Amen.***

AT THE PROCESSION - HYMN 137 - Wareham

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same 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 Second Book of Kings.*

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you

see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. (2:1-12)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Deus deorum*

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

Words: *Psalm 50:1-6*

Music: Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801)

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

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (4:3-6)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 129 - *Mowsley*

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 took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (9:2-9)

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

THE SERMON

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Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us turn to the Lord in fervent prayer.

Deacon Give wisdom to the Church, to see the way of her mission and to give good counsel to all who seek. As she proclaims the Word made flesh, let his light shine through her ministry to the whole world.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel, our Assisting Bishop; and Marshall and Paul, our Priests.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Give true light to the world where many walk in darkness, believing that their own efforts make them wise ... Let all know that they may be your children through faith and find peace.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Inspire and direct all in our community who reach and guide others . Fill them with wisdom and understanding and use them in your service to reconcile those who are estranged and to

make the dark places bright.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Restore those who are tormented by guilt and have not sought mercy through the Cross ...

Lighten their darkness, calm their fears, and make their lives whole again.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Keep the Vestry attentive to the voice of the Beloved as it seeks to identify and elect our next Rector, a priest whom God already knows.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We rejoice with those who have passed through darkness into a greater light ... Confirm and strengthen our own trust in the Word made flesh, that we may at last share in their joy, together with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer

Celebrant Saving God, we ask you to answer these prayers, so that we will faithfully proclaim your Gospel and eagerly do your will. 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

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Deacon 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 - *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shade of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day's return, till Thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Frederick Candlyn (1892-1964)

HYMN 383– *St. Elizabeth*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF THE EPIPHANY

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

AGNUS DEI from *Missa ad Sanitatem*

Farrell Goehring (b.1957)

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world,
 have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up-
 - on us. O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace, grant us thy peace,
 grant us thy peace, grant us thy peace.

MOTET - *Oratio Patris Condens: Jesus That Dost in Mary Dwell*

Jesu that dost in Mary dwell, Be in thy servant's heart as well,
 In the spirit of thy holiness, In the fulness of thy force and stress,
 In the very ways that thy life goes, And virtues that thy pattern shows,
 In the sharing of thy mysteries, And every power in us that is
 Against thy power put under feet In the Holy Ghost the Paraclete
 To the glory of the Father. Amen.

Words: Gerard Manley Hopkins
 Music: Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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EPIPHANY BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN - *Dulce Carmen*

Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that can - not die;
Al - le - lu - ia thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
Al - le - lu - ia we de - serve not Here to chant for ev - er - more;
There - fore in our hymns we pray thee, Grant us, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty,

Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them Ev - er dear to choir on high;
Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, All thy child - ren sing with thee;
Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions Make us for a while give o'er;
At the last to keep thine Eas - ter In our home be - yond the sky;

In the house of God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
But by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
For the ho - ly time is com - ing Bid - ding us our sins de - plore.
There to thee for ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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	David Wilder
	Sean Byrnes	Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		David Wilder
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Gail Remington
		Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson
		Mark Claverie
<i>Lectors</i>	Sean Byrnes	Mark Claverie
		David Wilder
<i>Ushers</i>		Richard Wissler
		Christopher Lyons
		John Van der Veer
		Fred Scheidt
<i>Hospitality Host</i>		Betsy Cummins

NOTICES

During the month of January the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Michael Penfold in loving memory of Fredrick John Penfold, Jr. and Marcia Penfold.

The FLOWERS at the High Altar are given to the Glory of Almighty God by Sherryl Moore in loving memory of M. Tyrone Bullard and Florence Sharp.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Canada
Diocese of Albany For tithing to be an apostolic goal for every disciple
Our Parish Preparation for a Holy Lent

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.

MORE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS ARE NEEDED: Due to winter schedules and more residents at Wesley, Woodlawn Commons, and the Home of the Good Shepherd [Saratoga], additional parishioners are needed to continue this vital Bethesda outreach in our community. If you would like to explore this ministry further, please contact either Dean Vang or David Wilder, LEV Coordinator, [518-587-2595] at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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 1:00 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.

Bethesda Episcopal Church is a participant of PAYPAL! You can make your gift to Bethesda by going to paypal.com and choosing bethesdaepiscopalchurch@gmail.com as the payee.

THE FIRST DAY OF LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY
February 14

6:30 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 P.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST
7:00 P.M. - SUNG EUCHARIST

Ashes will be imposed at all Liturgies.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
February 12 - 18

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Absalom Jones</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>THE FIRST DAY OF LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	6:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Sung Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> <i>Ashes will be imposed at all liturgies.</i>
Thursday <i>Lenten 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>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</i>	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, <i>Transcept Altar</i> The Great Litany & Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> The Great Litany & Sung Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i>

HOLY CONFIRMATION: Those seeking Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church are invited to an orientation on Sunday, March 4, immediately following the 10 a.m. Eucharist. Minimum age: 13.



THE PARISH VESTRY

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