



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

4 February 2018

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 - Prière à Notre-Dame

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 1 - *Christe sanctorum*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (40:21-31)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Laudate Dominum*

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those

Words: *Psalm 147 1-12, 21c*

Music: Frederick Ouseley

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

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. (9:16-23)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 493 - Azmon

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.

When Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the

message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. (1:29-39)

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 Calling upon our ever-gracious God, let us pray for our needs and the needs of people everywhere.

Assisting Priest That the saving power of God will strengthen the Church for words and deeds of service.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord hear our prayer.

That the saving power of God will be evident in 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, as they make the Lord Jesus known, worshipped, and adored among the people they serve.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the saving power of God will draw married couples to deeper love.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the saving power of God will enlighten the Vestry as it seeks prayerfully and diligently to identify and elect the next Rector of our parish.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the saving power of God will rescue the sick and the poor from their distress.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the saving power of God will remove from our lives whatever is harmful and give us whatever is helpful.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the saving power of God will bring those who have died, to the glory of the resurrection, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.

Let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, 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

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 - *Be Still My Soul*

Be still, my soul, for God is near; The Great High Priest is with thee now;
The Lord of Life Himself is here, Before whose face the angels bow.

To make thy heart His lowly throne Thy Saviour God in love draw nigh.
He gives Himself unto His own, For whom He once came down to die.

I come, O Lord, for Thou dost call to blend my pleading prayer with Thine:
To Thee I give myself, my all And feed on Thee, and make Thee mine. Amen.

Words: W.D. Maclagan

Music: Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

HYMN 567 - *St. Matthew*

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

Prayer Book, page 337

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Prayer Book, page 337

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI *from Mass for Four Voices*

Michael Lanci (b. 1984)

MOTET - *Eternal Light*

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts, Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support, Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words: Alcuin (735-804)

Music: Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

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 537 - Moscow

ORGAN - Rondo

Don McAfee (b.1935)

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	Catherine Berheide
	Sean Byrnes	Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Sean Byrnes
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Mary Withington
		Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach
		Steven Rucker

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Michael Penfold

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Ushers

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Thomas Moeller

Diane Robinson

Mark Claverie

Hospitality Host

NOTICES

During the month of February 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 Katharine Klimpke Richman in loving memory of Gwendolyn Grant Klimpke.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Burundi

Diocese of Albany

Jr and Sr SON shine Weekend

Our Parish

Newly elected members of the Vestry.

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.

POT LUCK SUPPER: Saturday, February 10, at 5p.m. at the First Baptist Church, at the corner of Washington Street and Railroad Place. Please sign up in the Narthex. Transportation will be provided for those who need it.

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.

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CHORAL EVENSONG OF CANDLEMAS

Sunday, February 4, at 3 p.m.
sung by the Schola Cantorum of
Bethesda Church

A reception will follow the service.
Invite your friends.

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.

SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Traditionally, for many years, the third Sunday of January has been observed in the Episcopal Church as Theological Education Sunday. On January 21 LANDON MOORE, our Postulant for Holy Orders, returned to Bethesda to preach at both Sunday Eucharists. In 2017 the Vestry introduced a special offering to assist Landon with tuition and book store expenses. The parish response was impressive. In less than three weeks time, we raised over \$6,000 to deposit in Landon's financial aid account at the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. It is now time for each of us to respond again to this important outreach of support. Offering envelope boxes for 2018 contain a special insert, in January, for Bethesda's Seminarian Scholarship Fund. Please be generous. Checks should be made payable to "Bethesda Church" and marked "Seminarian Scholarship" on the memo line. We would like to make this gift available no later than February 12. Supporting Landon in this way is a vital component of his preparation for ordain ministry in our church. Thank you. As of January 29 \$3,755 has been received.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
February 5-11

Monday <i>The Martyrs of Japan</i>		
Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transcept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Epiphany 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>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	5:00 p.m.	Pot Luck Supper, <i>First Baptist Church</i>
Sunday <i>THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</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>



THE PARISH VESTRY

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Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

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