

Washington Street near Broadway

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	8April 2018
7:30 am - Morning Prayer	
8:00 am - Holy Eucharist	10:00 am - Solemn Eucharist

Please switch off all cellular telephones, Blackberries, 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 - Prelude

Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 206 – O Filii et Filiae

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Prayer Book, page 324





Words: Traditional Music: Missa ad Sanitatem, Farrell Goehring, 2018

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 Acts of the Apostles

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. (4:32-35)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - Ecce, quam bonum!

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
 It is like the dew of Hermon *

that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore

Words: *Psalm 133* Music: Robert Prescott Stewart (1825-1894)

THE SECOND LESSON - A Reading from the First Letter of John

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in

Celebrant All of God's infinite goodness is ours in Jesus Christ, now and always. Let us

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us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

(1:1-2:2)

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

SEQUENCE: HYMN 205 – Gelobt sei Gott

The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to JohnPeopleGlory be to thee, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. (20:19-31)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

pray to know God's everlasting love in the risen Lord.

Dean Vang

THE SERMON

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Deacon That all Christians, especially those initiated and received into the Church at Easter, find abundant life in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That those who preach the risen Christ in word and deed, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel and David, our Assisting Bishops; and Marshall and Paul, our Priests, receive strength in Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the peoples of the earth find abundant life in Jesus Christ, the peace of God, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That those who are weakened by illness and injury, find abundant life in Jesus Christ, the healing of God, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That all oppressed by fear and sorrow find abundant life in Jesus Christ, the compassion of God let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That our faith community find abundant life in Jesus Christ, the strength of God, and especially our Vestry, as it seeks to identify and elect our next Rector. let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That those who have died, find abundant and everlasting life in Jesus Christ, the mercy of God, together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant Your mercy endures for ever, O God, and extends wider than our needs. Receive these prayers and answer them for the sake of Jesus, your beloved Son, whose triumph over death is wonderful in our eyes, both now and for ever. *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

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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM - The Day Draws on with Golden Light

The day draws on with golden light, Glad songs go echoing through the height, The broad earth lifts an answering cheer, The deep makes moan with wailing fear.

For lo, he comes, the mighty King. To take from death his powers and sting, To trample down his gloomy reign, And break the weary prisoners chain. Maker of maker of all, to thee we pray, Fulfill in us thy joy today. When death assails, grant, Lord, that we May share thy Paschal victory. Amen.

Words: Translated from the Latin hymn of the 4th or 5th Century by T.A. Lacey Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

HYMN 193 – Puer nobis

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer II Prayer Book, page 340

PROPER PREFACE OF EASTER

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.



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

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OUR FATHER

Prayer Book, page 334

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 Missa ad Sanitatem

MOTET - Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

Jesu, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far, Thy face to see, And in thy presence rest.

> Words: St. Bernard, Translated by E. Caswall Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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PASCHAL BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

DeaconGo in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

HYMN 200 - Guadeamus pariter

ORGAN - Andantino

Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

Farrell Goehring

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>
Celebrant	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
Assisting Priest		Father Evans
Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]	Sean Byrnes	Robert Bullock
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Lay Eucharistic Visitor		David Wilder
Altar Guild		Mary Withington
		Anne Van Acker
Bell Ringers		Diane Robinson
-		Mark Claverie
Lectors	Sean Byrnes	Mary Shartle
		Robert Bullock
Ushers		Mark Claverie
		Diane Robinson
		Tom Moeller
		David Harper
Hospitality Host		Diane Robinson
		Mark Claverie

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray forAnglican CommunionThe Church of the Province of the Indian OceanDiocese of AlbanyIn Thanksgiving for The ResurrectionOur ParishThe Clergy of Saratoga Springs Congregations

HOLY CONFIRMATION: Those seeking Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church are urged to speak with Dean Vang at your earliest convenience.

Bethesda's proposal to SHELTERS OF SARATOGA (SOS) will be the topic for a "question and answer" session immediately after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday April 22. Bethesda has asked for an opportunity to explore with SOS the feasibility of including in the New Parish House SOS's Code Blue and other programs of service to the less fortunate in our community. Information about our initiative is available at the back of the church and on the parish web site.

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.

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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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA April 9– April 15

Monday Easter Weekday		
Tuesday William Law	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, High Altar
Wednesday George Augustus Selwyn	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing, Transcept Altar
Thursday Easter Weekday	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 P.M.	Holy Eucharist, Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Holy Eucharist, Home of the Good Shepherd Memory Care, Saratoga Prayer Shawl Ministry, Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga
Friday Easter Weekday		
Saturday Easter Weekday		
Sunday <i>THE THIRD SUNDAY</i> <i>OF EASTER</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> Sung Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i>



THE PARISH VESTRY

Churchwardens

Class of 2018 Darren Miller, Senior Churchwarden Class of 2017 Catherine Berheide, Junior Churchwarden

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