



## Washington Street near Broadway

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**17 June 2018**

**7:30 am - Morning Prayer**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 am - Sung Eucharist**

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*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** - *Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire*

Darwin Wolford (b. 1936)

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

**AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 391** – *Winchester New*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*Hymnal S202*), *sung by all*

*Prayer Book, page 324*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

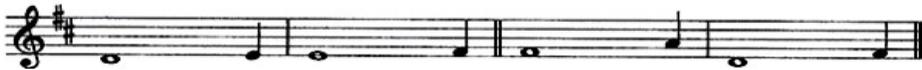
### THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it. (17:22-24)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL - *Bonum et confiteri*



- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the / Lord, \*
- and to sing praises to your Name, O Most / High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the / morning \*
- and of your faithfulness in the night / season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the / lyre, \*
- and to the melody of the / harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O / Lord; \*
- and I shout for joy because of the works of your / hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a / palm tree, \*
- and shall spread abroad like a cedar of / Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the / Lord \*
- shall flourish in the courts of our / God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old / age; \*
- they shall be green and / succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the / Lord is, \*
- my Rock, in whom there is no / fault.

Words: *Psalm 92: 1-4, 11-14*

Music: Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)

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

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home

or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (5:6-10, 14-17)

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

## **SEQUENCE: HYMN 488 – Slane**

*The people stand and 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, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples. (4:26-34)

*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* Let us ask to know the Lord's kindness and faithfulness in these prayers.

*Assisting Priest* For all who minister to the members of the Church, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel, our Assisting Bishop; and Marshall and Paul, our Priests.

Lord, hear us,  
***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For the welfare of the holy church of God and for the well-being of the human family,  
Lord, hear us,  
***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For the recovery of the sick and for the deliverance of the oppressed,  
Lord, hear us,  
***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For seasonable weather, sufficient rainfall, and bountiful harvests,  
Lord, hear us,  
***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For the Vestry, engaged in discernment to identify Bethesda's next Rector,  
Lord, hear us,  
***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For the consolation of the dying and for the eternal happiness of those who have died,  
Lord, hear us,  
***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Celebrant* Rock of our strength, we give you thanks for your many gifts to us, but we seek your kindness in all our needs. Hear and answer the prayers we present to you this day, for we make them in the Name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and 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**

*Assisting Priest* 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**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**HYMN 296 - Engelberg**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer II**

***Prayer Book, page 340***

**PROPER PREFACE OF LORD'S DAY *Of God the Son***

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the gave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (*Hymnal S114*), sung by all**

**OUR FATHER**

***Prayer Book, page 336***

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: AGNUS DEI (*Hymnal S158*) sung by all**

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

***Prayer Book, page 337***

**MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## **THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***Prayer Book, page 339***

**THE BLESSING**

***Prayer Book, page 339***

**DISMISSAL**

*Assisting Priest*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

*People*                  ***Thanks be to God.***

**HYMN 594 - Cwn Rhondda**

**ORGAN - Fugue on St. Anne"**

**J.S. Bach (1685-1750)**

## 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>	Sean Byrnes Robert Bullock	Robert Bullock Sean Byrnes
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Mark Griffin
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Mary Withington Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Mayumi Kato Emily Pick
<i>Lectors</i>	Michael Penfold	Katie Hooper Mary Shartle
<i>Ushers</i>		Richard Wissler Christopher Lyons John Van der Veer Fred Scheidt

## NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Lester Nimsker, John Nimsker, Walter Sunderland, John Sunderland, and Ed Warren by Rhoda Nimsker.

The FLOWERS at THE HIGH ALTAR are in gratitude to Bethesda from the Limoli family; Michael, Denise, Chris, Francesca and Lois.

EUCCHARIST ELEMENTS are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of John and Emily Capano by Laurie Brenenstuhl.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	All fathers on Father's Day
<i>Our Parish</i>	All High School and College Graduates

This morning we bid Godspeed to LOIS LIMOLI, an ever-faithful Bethesda communicant, whose immanent departure from Saratoga Springs will take her to be with her older son and his family in Ohio. She would delight to receive correspondence from her many acquaintances here. Please call the church office for her new address.

We congratulate the following parish GRADUATES and pray for God's continued blessing upon their future pursuits:

<i>High School</i>	Megan Brocket [ Saratoga High School, to attend Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York]
	Freya Birkas-Dent [Saratoga High School, to attend Hobart College, Geneva, New York]
	Tate Miller [Saratoga Springs High School, to attend SUNY, Buffalo]
<i>College</i>	Liana Stampalia [The University of New Haven Connecticut]
	Emma Bullock [The Fashion Institute of America, New York, New York]

Mark your calendars for our next POT-LUCK SUPPER on June 22 at 6:00p.m. in the hall of the First Baptist Church. This will indeed be a special occasion as we honor the 50th anniversary of Father Evans becoming a priest. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex today.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held from June 25 - June 29; 8:30 am -11:30 am Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. This fun and exciting week takes place on the first full week after the school year ends. at Christ Church reaches about 100 kids with our VBS program each summer. Contact Melissa Miller: [518-772-8598](tel:518-772-8598) [lissmill12@gmail.com](mailto:lissmill12@gmail.com) for registration .

THANK OFFERING OPPORTUNITY: If you would like to make an offering of flowers or Eucharistic Elements, please contact the Parish Office by phone (584-5980) or email ([barbara@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:barbara@bethesdachurch.org)). Your gift is appreciated by all.

VOLUNTEER LECTORS FOR THE SUMMER: If you would like to read a Lesson at the Sunday Eucharist, please sign the designated lists in the Narthex. Thank you.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed. Please email Sara Manny [saramanny@gmail.com](mailto: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 is gratefully appreciated.

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.

Due to a production delay with the printing of our book, *A History of Bethesda Episcopal Church: Worship and Healing in Saratoga Springs, New York*, the BOOK LAUNCH event on June 23<sup>rd</sup> has been postponed. We hope to have our book in hand by early July and will announce a new date for the event.

FYI: Our property to the west of the church is being used temporarily as a staging site for contracted work at Druthers' Restaurant on Broadway. At its conclusion, the area will be returned in a much improved condition.

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## THE RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE PARISH SURVEY

I will hold two meetings, one next Sunday (June 24, 2018) immediately following the 8 o'clock service and one a week from Tuesday (June 26) immediately following the 6:30 service, at which I will report the results of the parish survey. I will also answer any questions parishioners might have about the search process. Please make every effort to attend one of the following two meeting:

Sunday, June 24, 2018, 9:00 am, in the Church Nave  
Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 7:00 pm, in the Church Nave

Here is an update on our progress this past week: The Search Committee met for the fourth week in a row to complete work on the National Office for Transition Ministry's Community Portfolio Information on June 11. It is currently being reviewed by the Diocesan Transition Minister, Elizabeth Strickland. After getting her feedback, we will make any necessary changes and then submit the portfolio. As I have indicated, it will be posted on the national Episcopal Church's database so that clergy can access it and apply for the open rector's position at Bethesda. I will let the parish know as soon as it is posted.

God be with you,

Catherine W. Berheide, *Junior Warden*  
[cberheid@skidmore.edu](mailto:cberheid@skidmore.edu)



**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**  
*June 18—June 24*

Monday <i>Bernard Mizeki</i>		
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	12:10 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd Wilton</i> Vestry Meeting, <i>Skidmore College</i>
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd Memory Care, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>Alban</i>	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Supper, <i>First Baptist Church</i>
Saturday <i>Feria</i>		
Sunday <i>NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, <i>Transept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Solemn Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i>

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*.



## THE PARISH VESTRY

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Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

*Class of 2019*

Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

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