



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY 27 May 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 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Robert Buckley Furlee (b. 1950)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 370 [v. 1-5] - *St. Patrick's Breastplate*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

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

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" (6:1-8)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Words: *Psalm 29*

Music: George Elvey (1816-1893)

THE SECOND LESSON - A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. (8:12-17)

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

SEQUENCE: 370 [v. 6-7] - St. Patrick's Breastplate

The people stand and 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.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not

perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (3:1-17)

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 Our needs are great, but God's love for us is far greater. Let us offer these petitions to the God who has made us a holy people.

Deacon That God will be glorified in efforts for unity in this local Church and in the universal Church,

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

That God will be glorified in 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.

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord have mercy.

That God will be glorified in work for peace and justice among nations and peoples,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord have mercy.

That God will be glorified in the healing of all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord have mercy.

That God will be glorified in our embrace of God's loving-kindness,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord have mercy.

That God will be glorified in our Vestry's search for a new Rector,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord have mercy.

That God will be glorified in the gift of everlasting life to all who have died,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Father, your Holy Spirit gives us confidence in your unending love for us, so we cry out to you in these prayers. Answer them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we have life in the land of your glory, 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

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM - *I Saw the Lord*

I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.
And one cried to another, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

And the post of the door moved at the voice of him that cried
and the house was filled with smoke.
O Trinity! O Unity! Be present as we worship Thee,
And with the songs that angels sing unite the hymns of praise we bring.
The whole earth is full of His glory.
Amen.

Words: *Isaiah 6: 1*
Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)

HYMN 401 – *Leoni*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF TRINITY SUNDAY

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

OUR FATHER

Prayer Book, page 336

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 Service in the Phrygian Mode*

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

MOTET - *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear
and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought.

For the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Christ our God,
cometh forth to be our oblation,
and to be given for Food to the Faithful.

Before Him come the choirs of angels
with every principality and power;

the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim,
who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn:
Alleluia!

Words: Liturgy of St. James
Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE PASCHAL BLESSING

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; 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 362 - *Nicaea*

ORGAN - *Father, Son and Holy Ghost*

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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.

Pleas join us for REFRESHMENTS in the Narthex, immediately following the ten o'clock liturgy. CHURCH SCHOOL will resume next Sunday.

ASSISTING AT OUR LITURGIES TODAY

| | <u>8:00am</u> | <u>10:00am</u> |
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| <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 Catherine Berheide |
| <i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i> | | John Van der Veer |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | | Gail Remington Christine Miller |
| <i>Bell Ringers</i> | | Beth Moeller Thomas Moeller |
| <i>Lectors</i> | Sean Byrnes | Ed Peticolas Catherine Berheide |
| <i>Ushers</i> | | Mark Anspach John Van der Veer Fred Scheidt Richard Wissler Christopher Lyons |
| <i>Hospitality Host</i> | | Jennifer and Alex Brown |

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Korea

Diocese of Albany

In thanksgiving for the Holy Trinity

Our Parish

Seminaries of the Episcopal Church

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.

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.

The Vestry this week unanimously agreed to apply to the City of Saratoga Springs for an amendment to the parish's SPECIAL USE PERMIT to allow for housing and/or overnight accommodation in the New Parish House. This use was not requested when we received our original approval in 2015. In the weeks since our housing initiative regarding Code Blue was communicated, we have learned of additional housing needs in the community that Bethesda could help to meet. Numerous groups and advocates have voiced support for Bethesda's direction, including those working with race course backstretch workers, victims of domestic violence, homeless military veterans and others. Receiving approval for this amendment from the city will allow our discussions with these groups to move forward in a businesslike manner.

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

PRE-ORDERS FOR A HISTORY OF BETHESDA EPISCOPAL CHURCH: Worship and Healing in Saratoga Springs, New York. Be sure to order soon to reserve your copy of this beautiful, limited edition book. If you submit your order by May 31st, 2018, you will pay a discounted price of \$50 per copy. After this date, the retail price will be \$64.80 per copy. Order forms can be found in the back of the church. You may also order a copy on the church web site.

PARISH WORK DAY JUNE 16: Mark your calendar! Your help is needed. No special skills required. We plan to focus on cleaning/removal of allergens from the basement, clean up of the back courtyard as well some painting and general cleaning in the nave. Perhaps there is some other maintenance project that you have been itching to work on? Bring your suggestions. Consider bringing cleaning, yardwork equipment, buckets for hauling debris from the basement and yourself. Also looking for some folks willing to help feed the hungry workers.

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.

Have you joined SMILE.AMAZON.COM? Mark Griffin has and he has generated \$9.02 in donations from Amazon to Bethesda. His purchases and that of other members of the congregation resulted in Amazon sending Bethesda over \$76 since February, 2018. If you haven't joined yet, please do so that the contribution we get from Amazon smile increases. When you are ready to make a purchase use this web address: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/14-1364477> or see Mark for how to sign up

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING LATE SURVEYS

As of the May 15 deadline, 101 parishioners had responded to the rector search survey, either online (84) or on paper (18). We thank all of you who have already completed the survey and invite those of you who have not yet done so to complete it as soon as possible. Even though the deadline has passed, your responses will still count because I have not yet written the full report. I only gave a preliminary report to the vestry at our meeting on May 16.

To give just a sense of those preliminary results, 30 percent of the survey respondents attend the 8 am service on Sundays, 65 percent attend the 10 am one, 3 percent switch back and forth between the two, 7 percent attend the 6:30 pm Tuesday evening service, 9 percent the Wednesday noon one, and 3 percent a weekday service at the Home of the Good Shepherd. You will notice that those numbers add up to more than 100 percent, which means that some of us go to more than one service during a week.

Sixty-one percent prefer the service they attend because the time is convenient, 54 percent choose it because of the music, 14 percent because the service is shorter, and 8 percent because their children are in Sunday School. Nineteen percent listed other reasons ranging from fellowship to tradition to time conflicts.

I will continue to work on analyzing the survey data and report on the results to you as they become available. Please contact me if you have any questions about the survey or any other aspect of the search for a new rector.

God be with you,

Catherine W. Berheide
Junior Warden
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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
May 28—June 3

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| Monday <i>Feria</i> | | Memorial Day, The Parish Office is closed. |
| Tuesday <i>Feria</i> | 6:30 p.m. | Evening Prayer, <i>High Altar</i> |
| Wednesday <i>Feria</i> | 12:10 p.m. | Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transept Altar</i> |
| Thursday <i>THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIR- GIN MARY</i> | 9:30 a.m. 10:00 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>Justin</i> | 3:00 p.m. | |
| Saturday <i>The Martyrs of Lyons</i> | 3:00 p.m. | |
| Sunday <i>THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI</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, Church School, The Nave</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

Churchwardens

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