



**Washington Street near Broadway**

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**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**9 September 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 - *You Servants of God***

David Cherwien (b. 1957)

**THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 1 – *Christe sanctorum***

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

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

*Prayer Book, page 324*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Isaiah*

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. (35:4-7a)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL - *Lauda, anima mea, sung by all*



#### 1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my / soul! \*

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my / being.

#### 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of / earth, \*

for there is no help in / them.

#### 3 When they breathe their last, they return to / earth, \*

and in that day their thoughts / perish.

#### 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their / help! \*

whose hope is in the Lord their / God;

#### 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is / in them; \*

who keeps his promise for / ever;

#### 6 Who gives justice to those who are op - / pressed, \*

and food to those who / hunger.

#### 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the / blind; \*

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed / down;

#### 8 The Lord loves the righteous;

the Lord cares for the / stranger; \*

he sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way of the / wicked.

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#### 9 The Lord shall reign for / ever, \*

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Halle - / lujah!

Words: *Psalm 146*

Music: Robert Knox Kennedy ( b. 1945)

## **THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the Letter of James***

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (2:1-10, 14-17)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **SEQUENCE: 493 – *Azmon***

*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 set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." (7:24-37)

*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 pray with confidence to God, whose faithfulness is seen in answer to our prayers.

*Assisting Priest* That leaders 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; will hear God's voice and proclaim the Gospel with power.

Lord, hear us,

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

That rulers of nations will hear God's voice and do God's will,

Lord, hear us,

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

That those who are suffering from illness and poverty will hear God's voice and receive God's compassion,

Lord, hear us,

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

That we will hear God's voice and welcome our share in God's kingdom

Lord, hear us,

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

That each member of the Vestry will hear God's voice and prayerfully persevere in seeking a new Rector,

Lord, hear us,

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

That those who have died will hear God's voice and celebrate God's salvation, together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints,

Lord, hear us,

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

*Celebrant* Liberating God, we ask you to answer our prayers. Let us grow more deeply open to you through Jesus Christ, 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

*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 637** – *Lyons*

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

**PROPER PREFACE OF THE LORD’S DAY** *Of God the Son*  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, 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 535** - *Paderborn*

**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 on the Terrace, 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>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock	Catherine Berheide
	Sean Byrnes	Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Laurie Brenenstuhl
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Remington	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson
		Mark Claverie
<i>Lectors</i>	Sean Byrnes	Ed Peticolas
		Sara Manny
<i>Ushers</i>		Craig Walton
		Karen Walton
		Mark Anspach
		Kathleen Anspach
<i>Hospitality</i>		Steven Recker

**NOTICES**

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for  
*Anglican Communion* Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan  
*Diocese of Albany* For the Primates of the Anglican Communion  
*Our Parish* Homes of the Good Shepherd

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). Your gift is appreciated by all.

EUCCHARIST ELEMENTS are needed for the month of September. ALTAR Flowers are needed for September 16, 23 and 30.

Those wishing to participate in FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION and HOLY CONFIRMATION CLASSES need to register on Sunday, September 16, immediately following the 10 am Eucharist. Please meet with Father Vang.

Hosts are needed for REFRESHMENTS on September 16, 23 and 30. A sign-up list awaits your signature in the narthex. Your assistance with Bethesda's hospitality is very much appreciated.

Mark your calendars for a Historic Event! All parishioners and the general public are invited to help BETHESDA CELEBRATE the publication of our parish history, from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday September 21 in the church. This momentous milestone will be observed with a gathering of authors, a brief discussion of how the book was assembled, and a toast to all concerned. Copies of *A History of Bethesda Episcopal Church: Worship and Healing in Saratoga Springs, New York* will be available for purchase. Bring your friends!

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Ordering on the Bethesda web site with a credit card or Paypal.

Ordering by contacting Barbara Latzko at the church office and giving her your credit card information. Please note that there are no books stored in the church office. All copies sold will need to be picked up on designated dates or mailed (\$12 per book).

This stunning book would make a wonderful Christmas gift for anyone who loves Bethesda or who is interested in the history of Saratoga Springs.

**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**  
*September 10 - 16*

Monday <i>Alexander Crummell</i>		
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Building Committee, <i>Choir Room</i>
Wednesday <i>John Henry Hobart</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Cyprian</i>	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.  7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd Memory</i> <i>Care, Saratoga</i> Stewardship Commission, <i>Choir Room</i>
Friday <i>HOLY CROSS DAY</i>		
Saturday <i>Cyprian</i>		
Sunday <i>THE SOLEMNITY OF</i> <i>THE HOLY CROSS</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*.

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