



## Washington Street near Broadway

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**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**2 December 2018**

**7:30 am - Morning Prayer**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 am - The Great Litany & Sung Eucharist**

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*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** - Come, Savior of the Gentiles

J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

### **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**AT THE PROCESSION: THE GREAT LITANY**

*Hymnal, S-67*

**KYRIE ELEISON** *from Mass for Four Voices*

William Byrd (1540-1623)

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost., one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." (33:14-16)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL - *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
7. Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Words: *Psalm 25: 1-9*

Music: Henry Stonex (1823-1897)

### THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. (3:9-13)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN 73 - *St. Stephen*

*The people turn to face the Book of Gospels*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*  
**People Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." (21:25-36)

*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*

**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 Celebrant pronounces 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** O Thou the Central Orb  
O thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
pure beam of the most high,  
eternal light of this our bleak world,  
where thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,  
hope soars above.  
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.  
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,  
as stars about thy throne, set in the height  
of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight  
gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.  
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of our sin,  
our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
in fellowship with thee,  
transforming clay to souls erewhile unclean,  
now pure within, now pure within. Amen

Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley  
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

**HYMN 53** - *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**, *Eucharistic Prayer I*

*Prayer Book, page 333*

**PROPER PREFACE OF ADVENT**

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

**OUR FATHER**

*Prayer Book, page 334*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: AGNUS DEI** (*Hymnal 712*, *sung by all*)

*Prayer Book, page 337*

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

*Prayer Book, page 337*

**MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All who are baptized are invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ*

**MOTET** *E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sin  
Who loved us all, and shed his blood That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord The Lord almighty God  
Who was and is, and is to come Sing holy, holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming, Is coming soon For Christ is coming soon.

E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come And night shall be no more,  
They need no light, no lamp, nor sun For Christ will be their All!

Words: *Revelation 1:4b,4:8b,22:20b,5a*  
Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Prayer Book, page 339*

### ADVENT BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### DISMISSAL

*Assisting Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN 61 – *Wachet auf*

**ORGAN** - *Sleepers, Wake!*

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.

ALL CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES will take place on the lower level of the First Baptist Church, at the corner of Washington Street and Railroad Place. Please gather in the Narthex after receiving Holy Communion; a teacher will accompany the children. Classes will be meeting on December 2 and 9, with the Christmas Pageant on December 16.

Please join us for REFRESHMENTS in the Narthex, immediately following the ten o'clock liturgy.

## ASSISTING AT OUR LITURGIES TODAY

	8:00 am	10:00am
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Sean Byrnes Robert Bullock	Darren Miller Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Virginia McMorris
<i>Lectors</i>	John Huppuch	Sara Manny John Van der Veer
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach Steven Rucker
<i>Ushers</i>		Richard Wissler Christopher Lyons John Van der Veer
<i>Hospitality</i>		Fred Scheidt Katherine & Devon Howe

## NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for  
*Anglican Communion*      The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain  
*Diocese of Albany*        For the Observance of a Devout Advent  
*Our Parish*                 Our outreach to the Community

The Vestry's presentation regarding STEWARDSHIP will take place at both Eucharists today. We welcome as our speaker David Wilder.

The ADVENT WREATH is dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving for Bethesda Church, being the spiritual home for three generations of the Bullock Family.

HELP THE HOMELESS THIS CHRISTMAS: Today at 3 pm, during the Advent Lessons and Carols service, Bethesda will again collect donated gift cards and the following other items for Wellspring and Transitional Services Association (TSA) for distribution to local homeless families for the Christmas holiday: Gift certificates for local activities and restaurants, art supplies, CDs/DVDs, music players/headphones, winter hats, gloves, scarves for adults and children, sweatshirts and sweatpants, pajamas of all sizes, hygiene supplies, undergarments, and clothing of all sizes. "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." (Charles Dickens).

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS FOR ADVENT

The First Sunday of Advent, Today  
at three o'clock in the afternoon

*A Reception in the narthex will follow*

We invite those who wish to share a MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY [beverages and snacks] after the ten o'clock liturgy to sign the designated list, at the narthex lectern. Please email Sara Manny [saramanny@gmail.com](mailto:saramanny@gmail.com) Hosts are needed for refreshments for the month of October. A sign-up list awaits your signature in the narthex. Your assistance with Bethesda's hospitality is very much appreciated.

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.

A HISTORY OF BETHESDA EPISCOPAL CHURCH: WORSHIP AND HEALING IN SARATOGA SPRINGS, New York will be available for purchase for Christmas gifts after the 8am and 10am services today, and Dec. 9. If you want to send copies to someone who does not live in this area, you may use the order form on the Bethesda web site ([bethesdachurch.org](http://bethesdachurch.org)).

The annual CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be presented in the First Baptist Church after the 10:00 am service on December 16th. Rehearsal is on December 15th from 9:00 am – 11:30 am in the First Baptist Church. Participants: Please complete a sign-up form (available from church school teacher) and return by December 9th. Volunteers: We are looking for adults to help with costuming (fitting and organization) and for staging, supervising and coaching children. If you are interested, please speak to a church school teacher.

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**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**

*December 3-10*

Monday <i>Advent Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>John of Damascus</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Clement of Alexandria</i>	10: 00 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transept Altar</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Parish Office</i>
Thursday <i>Nicholas</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>Ambrose</i>		
Saturday <i>Conception of Mary</i>	8:00 a. m.	Altar Guild Workday
Sunday <i>THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</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> Sung Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Church School, <i>First Baptist Church</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 Staff**

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Interim Rector*  
The Reverend Paul F. Evans, *Assisting Priest*  
Mr. Landon M. Moore, *Candidate for Holy Orders*  
Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*  
Mr. Farrell Goehring, *Organist/Director of Music*  
Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*  
Mr. Robert E. Bullock, *Verger*  
Mr. Sean P. Byrnes, *Sacristan*

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