



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9 December 2018

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 - am Sung Eucharist

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: *Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Anton Kniller (1700-1730)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 59 - *Merton*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen***

KYRIE ELEISON *Collegium Regale Mass*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 Baruch*

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him. (5:1-9)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Ecce, Deus*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Words: *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Music: Tone IV5

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

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. (1:3-11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 65 – *Bereden vüg for Herran*

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.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" (3:1-6)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord. **People Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant The Lord Jesus is always near to us, always coming into our hearts. As we await the revelation of Christ's glory at the end of the ages, let us ask God to hear and answer these petitions.

Assisting Priest That the Lord will give wisdom to those who promote the Gospel of Christ, 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, hear our prayer.

That the Lord will give comfort to those who live in mourning and misery,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord will give healing to those who are weakened by sin and sickness,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord will give renewed strength to us who are gathered here,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord will give wisdom to members of the Vestry as they seek to identify Bethesda's next Rector,

Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord will give everlasting glory to those who have died, together with the ever blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Baptist, and all the saints,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Ruler of all times and seasons, we ask you to fill these days of waiting with your saving love. Deepen our love for you and for each other. Bring us to glory with your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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

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 PEACE

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Words: *Isaiah 52:7*
Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)

HYMN 76 - Winchester New

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer I*

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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 S114*), *sung by all*

OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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AGNUS DEI (*Hymnal S158*) *sung by all*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

MOTET *People Look East*

People look East.
The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength to nourish,
That in course the flow'r may flourish.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch.
When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels,
Announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the Word, the Lord is coming.
People look East and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon
Music: Barry Ferguson (b.1942)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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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 71 - *Bristol*

ORGAN - *Partita for Advent*

James Woodman (b.1957)

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 9.

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

ASSISTING AT OUR LITURGIES TODAY

	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock Robert Bullock	Robert Bullock Sean Byrnes
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Laurie Brebenstuhl
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	John Van der Veer Kim Caughron
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Remington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson Mark Claverie
<i>Ushers</i>		Mark Anspach Kathleen Anspach Craig Walton Karen Walton
<i>Hospitality</i>		Church Members

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)
Diocese of Albany Desire to invite the unchurched this Advent
Our Parish Building Committee

During the month of December the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of John Arango by Eid and Joyce Sweis.

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.

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 Hosts are needed for refreshments for the month of January. 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.

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.

Bethesda welcomes as part of SARATOGA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER'S continued commitment to presenting programming that extends beyond the traditional summer months, SPAC is pleased to welcome the Orchestra of St. Luke's for their second annual performance of Bach's beloved Brandenburg Concertos on Saturday, December 15 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 General Admission seats and will call will be available at Bethesda Church starting at 6:30pm.

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

December 10-16

Monday <i>Advent Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Advent Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Advent Weekday</i>	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class, <i>Parish Office</i>
Thursday <i>Advent Weekday</i> <i>(Saint Lucy)</i>	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 1:00 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> Prayer Shawl Ministry, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd</i>
Friday <i>Advent Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Advent Weekday</i>	7:00 p. m.	Orchestra of St. Luke's
Sunday <i>THE THIRD SUNDAY</i> <i>IN ADVENT: Gaudete</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> Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i> Church School Christmas Pageant, <i>First Baptist Church</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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