



Washington Street near Broadway

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT : Gaudete

16 December 2018

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 - am Solemn 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 - *Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 67 - *Psalm 42*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book page 323

KYRIE ELEISON *Missa O Magnum Mysterium*

Tomas Victoria (1548-1611)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord. (3:14-20)

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*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (4:4-7)

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 68 – *Llangloffan*

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.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. (3:7-18)

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 My brothers and sisters, let us confidently present our needs to God and ask God's promised salvation in these prayers.

Assisting Priest For leaders of Christian churches and communities 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; that the Lord's strength will renew them in their responsibilities.

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

For leaders of governments, that the Lord's courage will lead them along the ways of justice and peace

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

That citizens of this and every land will bless the Lord through their pursuit of justice and peace,

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

For the sick and injured, that the Lord's peace will stand guard over their lives,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Vestry's search for a new Rector, that the heart and mind of Christ will be evident in whomever is called to minister here.
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For babies about to be born, that the Lord's care will bring them to the fullness of their humanity,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For this congregation of God's people, that the Lord's presence will make us a source of spiritual joy for each other,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, that the Lord's salvation will fill them with everlasting joy, 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 God our Savior, let us draw water joyfully from the springs of your mercy. Let us see your greatness in answer to our prayers, for we make them in the name of your 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.

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
People*

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM - *Rejoice In the Lord Always*

Rejoice in the Lord always,
and again I say rejoice.
Let your moderation be known unto all men.
The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing;
but in every thing by prayer
and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words: *Philippians 4: 4-7*
Music: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

HYMN 54 - *Nun Kumm*

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 - *Canite Tuba*

Canite tuba in Sion,
quia prope est dies Domini.
Ecce venit ad salvandum nos:
erunt prava indirecta,
et aspera in vias planas:
veni Domine et noli tardare. Alleluia.

*Sound the trumpet in Sion,
for the day of the Lord is near.
See, he is coming to save us
winding paths will be made straight
and rough places smooth.
Come, Lord, and do not delay. Alleluia.*

Words: *Joel 2: 1; Isaiah 11: 4*

Music: Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599), 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 - *Wachet Auf*

Martha Sobajeb (b.1948)

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. meeting on January 3, 13, and 27.

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>	Robert Bullock Sean Byrnes	Sean Byrnes Catherine Berheide
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Laurie Brenenstuhl
<i>Lectors</i>	Bryce Dittrich	Mark Claverie Catherine Berheide
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Mayumi Kato
<i>Ushers</i>		Emily Pick Mark Claverie Diane Robinson Thomas Moeller
<i>Hospitality</i>		David Harper Kathleen & Mark Anspach

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Kivu - (Rwanda)
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Clergy spouses and families
<i>Our Parish</i>	The Vestry

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.

The annual CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be presented in the First Baptist Church after the coffee hour this morning.

The DECORATION OF THE CHURCH will take place immediately following the ten o'clock Mass on Sunday, December 23.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: As of December 11th we have 51 returned pledge cards. If you have not returned your pledge card for 2019, please do so at your earliest convenience. The Finance Committee is preparing next year's budget. Your offering is important to the ministry and mission of Bethesda Church.

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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

December 17– 23

Monday <i>Advent Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Advent Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Advent Ember Day</i>	10: 00 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 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> Parish Vestry, <i>Skidmore College</i>
Thursday <i>Advent Weekday</i>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 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>SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE</i> <i>Advent Ember Day</i>		
Saturday <i>Advent Ember Day</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FOURTH 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> Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i> Preparation of the church for Christmas

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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