



## Washington Street near Broadway

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**23 December 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 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 - Ave Maria**

(Arcadelt) Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

**AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 56 - *Veni, veni, Emmanuel***

### 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 - *Mass for Four Voices***

William Byrd (1539-1623)

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. (5:2-5a)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL - *Qui regis Israel*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Words: *Psalm 80:1-7*

Music: Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

### THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews*

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (10:5-10)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### SEQUENCE HYMN 267 – *St. George*

*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 those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." (1:39-45)

*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*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant* Our help in every need is from the Lord. In company with Christ, let us pray to the God who upholds our lives.

*Assisting Priest* That the Lord will give new life to the church as it prepares for the return of its Lord, 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.**

That the Lord will give new life to rulers of nations and their people,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the Lord will give new life 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 new life to victims of injustice and persecution,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the Lord will give new life to those who are crushed by poverty and illness,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the Lord will give us new life in every need,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the Lord will give new life to those who have died,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant** Rouse your power, Lord, in answer to our prayers. As we turn away from trust in ourselves, help us turn to trust in you, the source of new life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **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 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** - *There is no Rose*

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu. Alleluia. For in this rose contained was Heav'n and earth in little space. Resmiranda. There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu.

Words: .Anonymous

Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

**HYMN 60** - *Conditor alme siderum*

**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 S114*), *sung by all*

**OUR FATHER**

*Prayer Book, page 334*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Prayer Book, page 337*

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

**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** - *Alma Redemptois Mater*

Words: Hermann Contractus

Music: Giovanni Palestrina (1525-1594)

Alma Redemptóris Mater,  
quæ pèrvia cæli  
Porta manes, et stella maris,  
succurre cadènti,  
Súrgere qui curat pópulo:  
tu quæ genuísti,  
Natúra miránte,  
tuum sanctum Genitórem  
Virgo prius ac postérius,  
Gabriélis ab ore  
Sumens illud Ave,  
peccatórum miserére.

*Mother of Christ!  
Hear thou thy people's cry,  
Star of the deep,  
and portal of the sky!  
Mother of Him  
Who thee from nothing made,  
Sinking we strive  
and call to thee for aid;  
Oh, by that joy which  
Gabriel brought to thee,  
Thou Virgin first and last,  
let us thy mercy see.*

## **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 66** - *Stuttgart*

**ORGAN** - *Salve Regina*

Philip G. Kreckel (1886-1963)

## 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 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

	<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	Sean Byrnes
	Sean Byrnes	David Wilder
<i>Lectors</i>	Field Horne	Anne Bullock
		Lynda Redman
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth Moeller
		Thomas Moeller
<i>Ushers</i>		John Van der Veer
		Richard Wissler
		Fred Scheidt
		David Harper
<i>Hospitality</i>		Congregation

## NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

*Anglican Communion*

*Diocese of Albany*

*Our Parish*

Kubwa - ( Abuja, Nigeria)

Blessing on the Altar Guilds across the Diocese

Preparations for Christmas

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.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: immediately following the ten o'clock Mass. All are welcome to participate.

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.

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## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

*December 24 - 30*

Monday <i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	4:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. 10:30 p.m.	Family Eucharist <i>with the Blessing of the Creche</i> Music of the Nativity Solemn Eucharist <i>with The Great Procession</i>
Tuesday <i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist <i>with Hymns</i>
Wednesday <i>SAINT STEPHEN</i>	10: 00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST</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>HOLY INNOCENTS</i>		
Saturday <i>Thomas of Canterbury</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</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>

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, *Vergger*  
Mr. Sean P. Byrnes, *Sacristan*

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