



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

30 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 - *A Babe is Born in Bethlehem*

Dietrich Buxehude (1637-1707)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 107 – *In dulci Jubilo*

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

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - *Hymnal S202, sung by all*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. (3:23-25;4:4-7)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 88 – *England's Lane*

The people turn to face the Book of Gospels

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. (1:1-18)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Mr. Landon Moore

THE NICENE CREED

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THE RAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant The Word of God, who was made flesh in Jesus Christ, is the source of grace and truth for us and for all people. Let us pray that God's gifts in Christ will change darkness into light for all the world.

Assisting Priest That God's wisdom may dwell in those who serve the community of believers, 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.

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

That God's justice may dwell in those who are entrusted with public office, especially Donald,
our President,
Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.

That God's light may dwell in those who are overshadowed by suffering and despair,
Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.

That God's presence may dwell in the members of the Vestry as they seek to identify Bethesda's next Rector,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That God's favor may dwell in us who are gathered here,
Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.

That God's glory may dwell in those who have been called in death to an eternal inheritance,
together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and all the saints.
Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. ***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

HYMN 82 - *Divinum mysterium*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF THE INCARNATION

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT - *Hymnal S114, sung by all*

OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM

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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

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; 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 105 - *God Rest You Merry*

ORGAN - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Alec Wyton (1922-2007)

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.**

There will be NO COFFEE HOUR this morning after 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 Landon Moore	Darren Miller Landon Moore
<i>Lay Eucharist Visitor</i>		Mark Griffin
<i>Lectors</i>	Thomas Remington	Steven Rucker Darren Miller
<i>Altar Guild</i>		Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>	Gail Remington	Roxanne Baker Richard Wissler
<i>Ushers</i>		Craig Walton Karen Walton Mark Anspach Kathleen Anspach

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion Kyushu (Japan)
Diocese of Albany The Presiding Bishop
Our Parish In Thanksgiving for the Incarnation

During the month of December, the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Ray Priestley by Lynne Priestley.

WE WELCOME as our preacher this morning LANDON MOORE, our candidate for Holy Orders.

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2019 are available at the rear of the nave. If you see ones belonging to nearby friends or neighbors, please consider delivering them as an act of kindness. Thank you. If you would like offering envelopes please contact the church office.

OPERA SARATOGA is looking for hosts to house their young artists next summer. Become a part of the Opera Saratoga family and learn more about the behind-the-scenes life of an opera singer. For more inquiries, email info@operasaratoga.org, or call 518-584-6018 More information at <https://www.operasaratoga.org/become-a-housing-host/>

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

December 31– January 6

Monday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>THE HOLY NAME</i>		<i>The Parish Office is closed today.</i>
Wednesday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>		
Friday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</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*.

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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