



## Washington Street near Broadway

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**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**6 January 2019**

**7:30 am - Morning Prayer**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 - am Solemn 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** - *We Three Kings*

Steven Scott (b. 1944)

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

**INTROIT** – *Noël Nouvelet, sung by the choir*  
Nowell, sing Nowell good people gathered here.  
Offer thanks, ye faithful, to the news give ear.  
Sing we nowell, a new King born today.  
Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Eastern sages seek him, in the darkness drear  
By a star illumined shining forth so clear,  
Guiding them to Bethlehem far away.  
Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Now doth our Savior Jesus Christ appear,  
Bringing salvation promised many a year  
By his redeeming blood this happy day.  
Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Words: French traditional carol. English by John Rutter  
Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

## THE GREETING

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

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

*Celebrant* Declare his glory among the nations,

*People* ***And his glory among the peoples.***

## AT THE PROCESSION

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* ***In the Name of Christ. Amen.***

## HYMN – *Adeste fidelis*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain:*            *O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God from God, Light from Light eternal,

Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;

Only-begotten, Son of the Father; *Refrain*

Lo, star-led chieftans, Magi, Christ adoring,

Offer him incense and gold and myrrh;

We to the Christ-child, our hearts oblations: *Refrain*

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786), circa 1743;

Music: *Adeste fideles* (18th century melody, probably John Francis Wade, 1711- 1786); harmony mainly by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## STATION AT THE CRECHE

*Celebrant* The kings of Tarshish and the isles shall pay tribute:

*People* ***The kings of Arabia and Saba shall offer gifts.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God the Son, highest and holiest, who didst humble thyself to share our birth and our death: Bring us with the shepherds and the wise men to kneel before thy lowly cradle, that we may come to sing with thine angels thy glorious praises in heaven; where thou livest and reignest, world without end. ***Amen.***

## HYMN 109 – *The First Nowell*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY** *at 8 a.m. only*

***Prayer Book page 323***

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

***Prayer Book, page 324***

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Isaiah*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.  
(60:1-6)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL - *Deus, judicium*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Words: *Psalm 72:1-7,10-14*

Music: Steven Elvey (1805-1869)

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

I Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- assume that you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

(3:1-12)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN 127** – *Stuttgart*

*The people turn to face the Book of Gospels*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*

***People Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and

myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. (2:1-12)

*Deacon* 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* Today the Wise Men knelt before our Savior. Let us also kneel to worship him with great joy, and to make our prayer to his heavenly Father. (*Please kneel.*)

*Deacon* Father, the Wise Men came from the east to worship your Son: grant to Christians everywhere a true spirit of adoration.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Father, your Son is the King of kings and Lord of lords: grant an abundance of peace to your world.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Father, the Holy Family shared the life of the people of Nazareth: protect in your mercy our families and neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Father, your Son was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor: show your love for the poor and powerless.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Father, the Wise Men presented to your Son gold, frankincense and myrrh: accept the gifts we bring, and the offering of our hearts at the beginning of this new year.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Father, you are the King of heaven, the hope of all who trust in you: give to all the faithful departed the wonders of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Wise Men, shepherds, and angels, and of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* God of all peoples, we bring before you the gold of your divine life, the incense of our prayer, and the myrrh of our humanity. Reveal to us the depths of your love in the heart of our searching world; open before us the sea of your riches; and show us the salvation 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

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Deacon 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 Shall A Star*

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a sceptre from Israel rise up and dash in pieces princes and nations. As bright the star of morning gleams, so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation! Thy word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation; Thine be praise and adoration!

Words: *Numbers 24:17, Psalm 2:9*  
Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

### HYMN 128 - *Three Kings of Orient*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II***

***Prayer Book, page 340***

**PROPER PREFACE OF THE EPIPHANY**

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**OUR FATHER**

***Prayer Book, page 334***

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM**

***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*

**AGNUS DEI - *from Mass of the Quiet Hour***

George Oldroyd (1887-1956)

**MOTET - *Bethlehem Down***

"When He is King we will give Him the Kings' gifts,  
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,  
Beautiful robes", said the young girl to Joseph,  
Fair With her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

When He is King they will clothe Him in gravesheets,  
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,  
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary,  
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full fo the starlight,  
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,  
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music,  
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,  
Close huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,  
Mary for love, and for lullaby music  
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Words: Bruce Blunt

Music: Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Prayer Book, page 339*

### THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 119 - *Dix*

ORGAN - *We Three Kings*

Alec Wyton (1922-2007)

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## 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 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	Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharist Visitor</i>		David Wilder

*Lectors*

Lynne Priestley

Anne Van Acker  
Robert Bullock

*Altar Guild  
Bell Ringers*

Kathleen Anspach  
Steven Rucker  
Tom Moeller  
David Harper  
Mark Claverie  
Diane Robinson

*Ushers*

## NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

*Anglican Communion*

Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

*Diocese of Albany*

That the unchurched find Christ in our congregations

*Our Parish*

Our Ministry & Mission

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

This morning our Senior Warden, Darren Miller, will UPDATE both congregations with regard to important Bethesda matters.

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. In our continued efforts to be fiscally wise, we ordered significantly less envelopes this year as fewer people are using them. **However, if you would like offering envelopes, please contact the church office (518)584-5980.** Please do not use envelopes from previous years. We are using a new contributions program and old envelopes are now obsolete. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for January 13, 20 and 27. If you would like to make a memorial or thank offering of Altar Flowers, please call the church office.

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 BISHOP OF ALBANY will make an official Visitation to Bethesda on Sunday, January 27. He will celebrate and preach at both Eucharists and administer the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation. He will also meet with the Vestry.

## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE VESTRY?

The vestry is once again soliciting names for a new member to join the vestry. To be a member of the vestry, the person must be a regular communicant of Bethesda. Do you have a suggestion of a person you think would make a good member of the vestry, including yourself? If so, please write their names below and put them in the collection plate. Or let Dean Vang or me know. We need one new vestry member for a three-year term. The vestry meets once a month, usually on the third Wednesday from 7-8:30. Vestry members are now term-limited to a maximum of two three-year terms. Thank you for your help with the important process of identifying parishioners to serve the parish in this important role.

*Catherine White Berheide, Junior Warden, Chair of the Nominating Committee*

The formation of MERCY HOUSE OF SARATOGA, Inc. is proceeding apace, with the nomination by the Vestry of the initial Board of Directors. At its December 19 meeting, the Vestry nominated to the Board: Gordon Boyd, Laura Bradigan, Mark Claverie, Mark Griffin, Doug Huston, Howard Nelson, Mary Sanders Shartle and Mary Withington. Membership in Bethesda is not a requirement for the Board. Mercy House will manage the housing units in Bethesda's new parish house, in partnership with Wellspring, Veterans and Community Housing Coalition, Transitional Services Association and Backstretch Employee Service Team. Questions may be directed to Gordon Boyd.

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](mailto: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

*January 7 - 13*

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>William Laud</i>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 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 Care, Saratoga</i> Prayer Shawl Ministry, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</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 Office is open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. *Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday*, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. *Wednesday*, and 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on *Friday*.



## THE PARISH VESTRY

### Churchwardens

*Class of 2018*

Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

*Class of 2019*

Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

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*Class of 2018*

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John Huppuch

Mayumi Kato, *Clerk*

*Class of 2019*

Field Horne

Sara Manny

Steven Rucker

*Class of 2020*

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*Assistant Treasurer, (2018)*

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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*

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