



Washington Street near Broadway

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

27 January 2019

10:00 - am Pontifical Eucharist with Holy Confirmation

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 - *Adagio in E Major*

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 475 - *Tysk*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Celebrant *One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;*

People ***One God and Father of all.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah.*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." (8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Words: *Psalm 19:1-14*

Music: Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

THE SECOND LESSON - A Reading First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. (12:12-31a)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 550 - Restoration

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.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (4:14-21)

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

THE SERMON

Bishop Love

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFIRMATION

HYMN 348 - *O quanta qualia*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented

Presenters *I present this person for Confirmation.*
I present this person to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates *I do.*

Bishop

Do you renew your commitment of Jesus Christ?

Candidates *I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.*

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying,

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: *We will*

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

Bishop

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Bishop

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.***

Bishop

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People ***I will, with God's help.***
Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People ***I will, with God's help.***

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Deacon leads the following petitions

Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
Deacon Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

FOR CONFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hands upon her and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Madeline Patricia. with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. *Amen.*

FOR RECEPTION

Laura Teresa, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM - *The Beautitudes*

How blessed are the poor in spirit ,
For their is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
They shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart.
They shall see God.
Blessed are those who seek peace,
They shall be called the sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Words: *Matthew 5: 3-10*

Music: Larry Ellis (1934-1978)

HYMN 516 - *Down Ampney*

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*) *Prayer Book, page 334*

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 Missa Secunda* Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

MOTET - *Eternal Light*

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts, Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support, Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words: Alcuin (735-804)

Music: Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Prayer Book, page 339*

PONTIFICAL BLESSING *Prayer Book, page 523*

Bishop Our Help is in the Name of the Lord;

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 525 – Aurelia

ORGAN - Sortie for a Joyous Occasion Conrad Susa (1935-2013)

WORSHIPING THIS MORNING

A SPECIAL WELCOME do we extend to The Right Reverend William H. Love, the Bishop of Albany, our Celebrant and Preacher at both Eucharists today.

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.

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>	Bishop Love	Bishop Love
<i>Assisting Priest</i>	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock	Landon Moore Robert Bullock
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<i>Ushers</i>		Mark Claverie Diane Robinson Tom Moeller
<i>Hospitality</i>		Fred Scheidt Pamela Houde Sara Manny

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
Diocese of Albany Men's Ministries across the Diocese
Our Parish Homes of the Good Shepherd

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.

The FLOWERS at the HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Ray Priestley by Lynne Priestley.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for the month of February. If you would like to make a memorial or thank offering of Altar Flowers, please call the church office.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2019 are available at the rear of the nave. 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.

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.

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is scheduled by Parish By-Laws to take place on Tuesday, January 29, at 7 p.m. It will be preceded by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 6:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Bishop of Albany will ordain LANDON MOORE to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, February 23, at 11am.

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 officers of MERCY HOUSE of Saratoga, Inc. have been elected: Gordon Boyd, President; Mary Withington, Vice President; Mary Sanders Shartle, Secretary; and Mark Claverie, Treasurer. 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.

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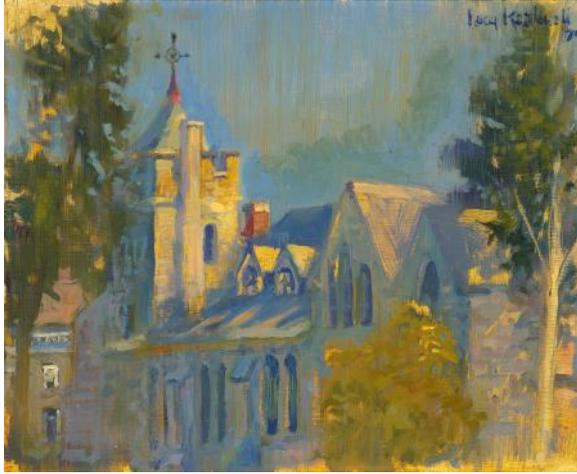
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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

January 28-February 3

Monday <i>Thomas Aquinas</i>		
Tuesday <i>Vincent</i>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday <i>CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Epiphany 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>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Timothy & Titus</i>		
Sunday <i>CANDLEMAS</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*



THE PARISH VESTRY

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