



Washington Street near Broadway

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

13 January 2019

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: *Meditation*

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 616 - *Es flog ein kleins*

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*)

Prayer Book, page 324

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth -- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made" (43:1-7)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Words: *Psalm 29*

Music: Anglican Chant, George Elvey (1816-1893)

THE SECOND LESSON - A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (8:14-17)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 120 - Solemnis haec festivitas

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.

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." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (3:15-17, 21-22)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, page 327

THE BLESSING OF AMICES (8 a.m.)

Celebrant You shall make holy garments for Aaron, for glory and for beauty.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness:

People ***Let your people sing with joy.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you revealed your Son clothed in majesty and glory: Accept and bless these amices for the use of the Clergy and Lay Eucharistic Ministers of this parish, that being clothed with humility as they minister to you, they may show forth his eternal splendor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE BLESSING OF EUCHARISTIC LINENS (8 a.m.)

Celebrant Solomon beautified the sanctuary,
and multiplied the vessels of the temple.

O the majesty and magnificence of God's presence!

People ***O the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son has sanctified and transfigured the use of material things: Accept and bless these linens which we offer, and grant that they may reveal your love, benefit your Church, and bestow grace and joy to those who use them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism. With him is the well of life, and in his light shall we see light. And so we pray:

Deacon Lord, as we are all united in baptism, we ask you to help us break down the barriers that keep us apart. As all things are made new in your Son, renew your Church, we pray, that we may gather new strength for the mission that you have charged us with of spreading the Good News.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Lord, as your Holy Spirit moved upon the face of the waters, you brought light into the world. Look now, we pray, on the hidden corners of our world and lighten the darkness of ignorance and error, that the world may be truly free. Breathe your wisdom and compassion into the souls of those who have authority over others, that they may exercise it wisely.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Pour forth, O Lord, your love upon this land and its people as we try to follow the example of your Son, in whom you were well-pleased. Daily renew in us the desire to serve you and our neighbor, and help us to overcome all pettiness in our dealings with each other.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Lord, look with pity we pray on those whose lives are bruised, whose hopes are quenched. Help them to feel the reality of your wonderful promise that you will be a constant presence to us through fire and flood, and that we shall not be overwhelmed since you are with us always, even unto the end of the world.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

We commend to your love those who, washed in the water of baptism, were close to you in this life and are now one with you in the life eternal. May they rest in your love and the life of the Holy Spirit, together with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Baptist, and all the Saints.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through the same Jesus 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

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 PEACE

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM - *The Baptism of Christ*

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane!

When Jesus Christ baptized was,
The Holy Ghost descended with His grace.
The Father voice was heard in the place:

Refrain: Hic est Filius meus; ipsum intende!"

There were three Persons and one God.
The Son baptized with one accord.
The Father said this blessed word: *Refrain*

Now Jesu as Thou art both God and Man
And were baptized in from Jordan,
At our last end, we pray Thee, say then: *Refrain*

Words: Medieval Text
Music: Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

HYMN 135 - Salzburg

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II* *Prayer Book, page 333*

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 Mass for Four Voices - Wiliam Byrd (1538-1623)*

MOTET - *O Magnum Mysterium*

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
iacentem in praesepio!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Iesum Christum.
Alleluia!

*O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
the Lord, Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!*

Words: *Isaiah 1:3, Luke 1: 42,43*
Tomas Victoria (1548-1611)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Prayer Book, page 339*

THE BLESSING *Prayer Book, page 339*

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 448 - *Deus tuorum militum*

ORGAN - *Postlude*

Charles Ore (b. 1936)

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.

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	Robert Bullock David Wilder
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Virginia McMorris
<i>Lectors</i>	Michael Penfold	Betsy Cummins David Wilder
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Remington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson Mark Claverie
<i>Ushers</i>		Richard Wissler Christopher Lyons John Van Der Veer
<i>Hospitality</i>		Fred Scheidt Betsy Cummins

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Anglican Church of Australia
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	St. Peter's, Albany
<i>Our Parish</i>	The Vestry

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.

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 20. 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.

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.

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The BATTENKILL CHORALE presents Children of the Holocaust, Immigrants of Hope featuring Anneliesa, with English texts translated from Anne Frank's diary. January 19 & 20, at 3p.m. in the Zankel Music Center at Skidmore College. To purchase tickets, call (518) 692-7458 or email battenkilltickets@gmail.com

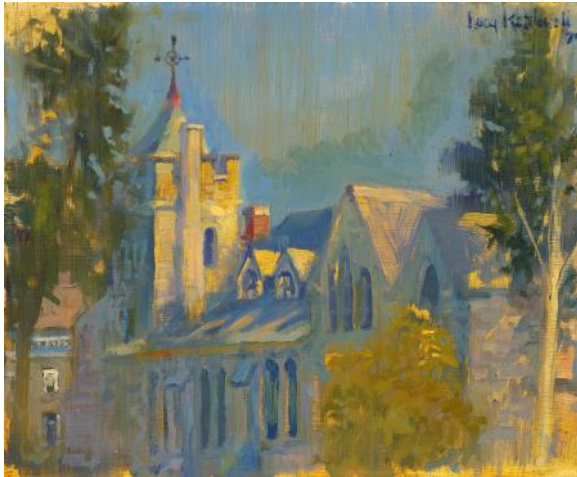
OPERA SARATOGA is looking for hosts to house their young artists next summer. Become a part of the Opera Saratoga family and learn more about the behind-the-scenes life of an opera singer. For more inquiries, email info@operasaratoga.org, or call 518-584-6018 More information at <https://www.operasaratoga.org/become-a-housing-host/>

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

January 14 – 20

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER</i>	10:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i> Vestry Meeting, <i>Skidmore College</i>
Thursday <i>Antony</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>		Week of Prayer for Christian unity begins.
Saturday <i>Wolfstan</i>		
Sunday <i>THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</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 VESTRY

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