



## Washington Street near Broadway

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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**17 February 2019**

**7:30 am - Morning Prayer**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 - 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 - Prayer**

Rebecca Parkinson (b.1955)

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

**HYMN 376** – *Hymn to Joy*

#### THE GREETING

*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*

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Jeremiah*

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings. (17:5-10)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.      *People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL - *Beatus vir qui abiit*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Words: *Psalm 1*

Music: John Fenstermaker (b. 1942)

### THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. (15:12-20)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.      *People Thanks be to God.*

### SEQUENCE: HYMN 656 - *Franconia*

*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 came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

(6:17-26)

*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*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant* Let us place our trust in the Lord, who is eager to give us what we ask in these prayers.

*Assisting Priest* That the church will know God's blessing in preaching the Gospel of the risen Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

That the United Nations and international organizations will know God's blessing in their efforts for peace and justice.

Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

That wives and husbands will know God's blessing in their mutual love.

Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

That the sick will know God's blessing in restored health and wholeness.

Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

That those who lack food, shelter, and clothing will know God's blessing in our abundant generosity.

Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

That members of the Vestry will know God's wisdom in seeking to identify Bethesda's next Rector.

Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord, hear our Prayer.***

That those who have died, will know God's blessing in eternal life.

Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord, hear our Prayer.***

*Celebrant*

Lord, we ask you to answer these prayers. As you turn your heart to us in blessing, turn our hearts to you in hope and love. 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 pronounces 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** - *Sing Joyfully*

Sing joyfully to God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob!

Take the song, bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol.

Blow the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and at our feast day.

For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

Words: *Psalm 81*

Music: William Byrd (1538-1623)

**HYMN 194 – St. Albinus**

**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 Communion Service in G* Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

**MOTET - *I Sat Down***

I sat down under His shadow with great delight,  
and His fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house,  
and His banner over me was love.

Words: *Song of Solomon 2:3-4*  
Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

**THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *Prayer Book, page 339*

**THE BLESSING** *Prayer Book, page 339*

**DISMISSAL**

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

**HYMN 535 - *Padernorn***

**ORGAN - *Our Father Who Art in Heaven*** J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## 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

	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	Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		David Wilder
<i>Lectors</i>	Tom Remington	Scott Perrin
		Lynda Redman
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Remington	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Mayumi Kato
		Emily Pick
<i>Ushers</i>		Tom Moeller
		David Harper
		Mark Claverie
		Diane Robinson
<i>Hospitality</i>		Diane Robinson
		Mark Claverie

## NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

*Anglican Communion*

*Diocese of Albany*

*Our Parish*

Church of The Province of Central Africa

St. Mark's Church, Hoosick Falls

The Vestry

During the month of February the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Frederick John Penfold by Michael Penfold.

The FLOWERS at the HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Marcia and Frederick Penfold by Michael Penfold.

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.

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

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## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

*February 18 –24*

Monday <i>Martin Luther</i>		<i>The Parish Office will be closed today in honor of Presidents' Day.</i>
Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</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>Epiphany Weekday</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>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	11:00 a.m.	The Ordination of a Deacon & Solemn Pontifical Eucharist
Sunday <i>SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE</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> Holy 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, *Verger*