



Washington Street near Broadway

SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

24 February 2019

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 - 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 - Prelude

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 234 – Gonfalon

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

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - Hymnal S202

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, who into the place of Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve: Grant that thy Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'Let another take his position of overseer.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. (1:15-26)

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

GRADUAL - *Domine, quis habitabit?*

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
 who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
 and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
 shall never be overthrown.

Words: *Psalm 15*

Music: James Nare (1715-1783)

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

This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained. Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you

even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. (3:13-21)

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

SEQUENCE: HYMN 231 - King's Lynn

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.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name." (15:1,6-16)

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

THE SERMON

Deacon Moore

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon Lord God, you know our hearts better than we do ourselves, and in your gracious mercy chose Matthias to replace Judas as one of the twelve. We give thanks for the witness of those who traveled with your Son, who shared his ministry and knew the wonder of his resurrection. Inspire our hearts to proclaim your transforming love with thanksgiving and awe.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord, you call all to follow you and bless us with different gifts for the building up of your body, the Church. Hear us as we pray for , Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch; Michael, the Presiding Bishop;

William, our Diocesan; Daniel, our Assisting Bishop; and Marshall and Paul, our Priests., and all whom you call to oversee the ministry of your people.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those to whom the responsibility of leadership and government is given; those chosen by vote and those appointed. May we always remember that all authority owes its true allegiance to you. Guide and uphold Donald, our President, Mario, our Governor, and Meg, our Mayor, in the challenges and decisions that come before the.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all eaten away with jealousy and envy, and dissatisfied with where they are or feel they have been passed over for another. We pray for the embittered and angry; for any who cannot face their own guilt. We give thanks for all who cry for your healing touch. Restore your people to wholeness and the freedom that comes through trusting in you.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

As we recall Matthias replacing Judas, we pray for those who have taken their own lives through depression or because they cannot live with the knowledge of what they have done. We pray for all those who have died in faith and fear. Lord, your Son delved into the depths of Hades. Raise us with all the departed to new life in him.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant In company with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Matthias, and faithful witnesses throughout the ages, we offer our prayers before your gracious majesty. ***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 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 - *If Ye Love Me*
If ye love me, Keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another comforter,
That He may bide with you forever:
Ev'n the Spirit of truth.

Words: *John 14: 15-17*
Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

HYMN 529 – *McKee*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II* ***Prayer Book, page 340***

PROPER PREFACE OF THE APOSTLES

Through the great shepherd of thy flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of ages.

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.

MOTET - *O Sacrum Convivium*

O sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur;
recolitur memoria passionis ejus,
mens impletur gratia; et futurae gloriae
nobis pignus datur, alleluia.

*O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received;
the memory of his passion is renewed in us,
our souls are filled with grace, and the hope
of everlasting glory is given unto us, alleluia.*

Words: Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)
Music: Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)

AGNUS DEI *from Mass for Four Voices*

William Byrd (1538-1623)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 625 - *Darwall's 148th*

ORGAN - *We Christians*

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>Deacon</i>	Deacon Moore	Deacon Moore
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock	Catherine Berheide
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Virginia McMorris
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	Steven Rucker
		Catherine Berheide
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth Moeller
		Tom Moeller

Ushers

Rick Wissler
Christopher Lyons
John Van Der Veer
David Harper
Steven Rucker

Hospitality

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

Anglican Communion

Diocese of Albany

Our Parish

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Preparation for the Diocesan Convention (June 7-9)

In Thanksgiving for the Ordination of Landon Moore

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.

MANY< MANY THANKS to those who shared in yesterday's Ordination of Deacon Moore. Surely it was a splendid celebration in a very Bethesda way.

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.

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BETHESDA HISTORY THIS MONTH Bethesda's history as a welcoming parish for all races and people is especially in mind during Black History Month. The noted composer, arranger and singer Harry T. Burleigh, whose hymn "In Christ There is No East or West" is so well known, journeyed through Saratoga Springs and sang at Bethesda in the early 1890s. A brochure recounting his story is in the literature rack in the narthex.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

February 25—March 3

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>George Herbert</i>	10:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</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>David of Wales</i>		
Saturday <i>Chad</i>		
Sunday <i>LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE 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> Solemn Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i> Church School, <i>First Baptist Church</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*

The Reverend Landon M. Moore, *Deacon*

Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*

Mr. Farrell Goehring, *Organist/Director of Music*

Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*

Mr. Robert E. Bullock, *Vergar*