



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

17 March 2019

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - Sung 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 - *We All Believe in One True God*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 401 - *Leoni*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins,
People ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY, SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Prayer Book, page 323

KYRIE ELEISON - *Mass for Four Voices*

William Byrd (1538-1623)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates." (15:1-12, 17-18)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL — *Dominus, illuminatio*

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *

- I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
 have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
 Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
 cast me not away; *
 do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
 the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; *
 lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
 for false witnesses have risen up against me,
 and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed
 that I should see the goodness of the Lord *
 in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;
 be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
 wait patiently for the Lord.

Words: *Psalm 27*

Music: James Turlle (1802-1882)

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

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. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. (3:17-4:1)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 703 - *Song 22*

The people stand and 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.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the

next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (13:31-35)

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

THE SERMON - *Wilderness Experiences, Part II*

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Assisting Priest Keep your Church steadfast in faith, trusting in the Cross of Christ. 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 Bishop Retired; and Marshall and Paul, our Priests. May we always rest under your protection and be ready for your coming in glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Have mercy on the world where so many follow their selfish ways and seek false goals. Enlighten them and bring them to knowledge of the truth.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Grant us perfect trust in your promises for our families. Free us from anxiety for the future. In all our relationships grant us the fellowship that is in Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Have mercy on those who are persecuted for their witness to the truth. Give them courage and turn the hearts of those who treat them unjustly.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Receive the souls of the departed, changing their mortal bodies into the glorious bodies of resurrection. May they rest in peace and their souls rise in glory, together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,

that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Assisting Priest Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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 - *God So Loved the World*

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world might through him be saved.

Words *John 3: 16-17*
Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)

HYMN 152 - *A la venue de Noel*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer I*

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PROPER PREFACE OF LENT

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died and rose again.


SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT - *Hymnal S117*

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OUR FATHER

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AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: AGNUS DEI, *sung by all*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on

us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Words: Traditional
 Music: *Missa Verbum Caro*, James McGregor (b. 1930)

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS, said by all

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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:in
 recolitur memoria passionis eius:
 mens impletur gratia:
 et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.
 Alleluia.

*O sacred banquet!
 which Christ is received,
 the memory of his Passion is renewed,
 the mind is filled with grace,
 and a pledge of future glory to us is given.
 Alleluia.*

Words: Saint Thomas Aquinas.
 Music: Oliver Messiaen (1908-1992)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Assisting Priest Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant

Keep this thy family, O Lord, with thy never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of thy heavenly grace, they may be upheld by thy divine protection; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 598 - Mit Freuden zart

ORGAN - For Our Sins He Gave Himself

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>		Darren Miller
		Virginia McMorris
<i>Lectors</i>	Field Horne	Katie Hooper
		John Van der Veer
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<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Mayumi Kato
<i>Ushers</i>		John Van ver Veer
		Fred Scheidt
		Richard Wissler
		Christopher Lyons
<i>Hospitality</i>		Marcia MacDonald

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	The Church of England
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Diocese of Down and Dromore, Church of Ireland
<i>Our Parish</i>	The Vestry

During the month of March the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of William Hugh Agee by Jane Agee.

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 VESTRY meets on Wednesday evening, seven o'clock, at Skidmore College.

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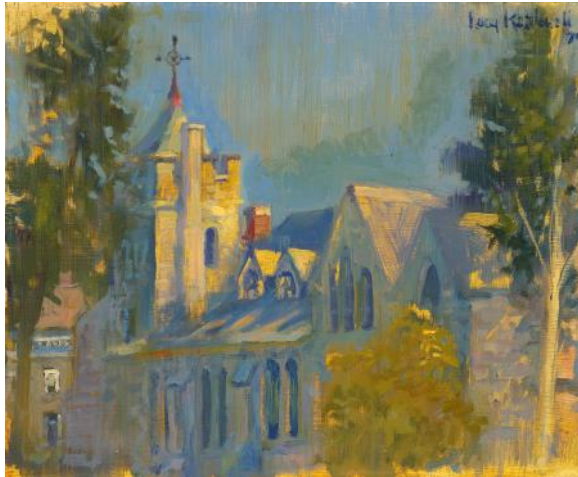
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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

March 18-24

Monday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>SAINT JOSEPH</i>	6:30 p.m. 10 :00 a. m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Home of the Good Shepherd, <i>Wilton</i>
Wednesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i> Meeting of the Vestry, <i>Skidmore College</i>
Thursday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	10:30a.m.. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Memory Care, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Prayer Shawl Ministry, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</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> Church School, <i>First Baptist Church</i>

Office Hours: The PARISH OFFICES are open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. *Monday through Wednesday*, 9 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. *Thursday*, and 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on *Friday*.



THE PARISH VESTRY

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