



**Washington Street near Broadway**

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**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**24 March 2019**

**7:30 am - Morning Prayer**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 am - 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** - *Our Father Who Art in Heaven*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 387** - *Magdalen College*

**LENTEN 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, pages 323-324***

**KYRIE ELEISON** - *Collegium Regale*

Herbert Howells (1842-1983)

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Exodus.*

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

(3:1-15)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL - *Deus, Deus meus*

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

Words: *Psalm 63:1-8*  
Music: J. Camidge II (1734-1803)

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

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. (10:1-13)

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

**TRACT: HYMN 537** - *Moscow*

*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.*

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" (13:1-9)

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

**THE SERMON** - *Wilderness Experiences, Part III*

Dean Vang

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Prayer Book, page 327*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant* In company with Christ, the source of our salvation, let us offer our fervent prayers to the God of mercy.

*Assisting Priest* That the leaders of the Church: 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, will listen to the voice of God's Son in their work for unity among Christians.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

That all Christians will bless the Lord through their generous self-sacrifice,

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

That those who are preparing for baptism and for reception into Christ's Church, will bless the Lord in faith and love,

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

That citizens of this and every land will bless the Lord through their pursuit of justice and peace,

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

That our parish community will bless the Lord through our Lenten prayer, fasting, and works of charity,

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

That those who have died will bless the Lord for the divine gift of eternal life,

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* Merciful and gracious God, we ask you to receive our prayers and answer them according to your loving-kindness. Grant that our death and burial with Christ in baptism may produce an abundant harvest for eternity. We ask this through 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 - *Like as the Hart*

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,  
so longeth my soul after thee,  
O God My soul is a-thirst for God  
yea, even for the living God  
When shall I come to appear  
before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night,  
while they daily say unto me  
Where, where is now thy God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night.

Words *Psalm 42:1-3*

Music: Herbert Howells (1842-1983)

## HYMN 411 – *St. Thomas*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer I*

*Prayer Book, page 333*

## 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*

*Prayer Book, page 334*

## OUR FATHER

*Prayer Book, page 334*

## 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.

*ritard.* ^

Words: Traditional

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

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS, *said by all***

*Prayer Book, page 337*

**MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All who are baptized are invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*

**MOTET - *Sicut Cervus***

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*As a hart longs for the flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for thee, O God.*

Words: *Psalm 42:1*

Music: Giovanni Palestrina (1525-1594)

**THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Prayer Book, page 339*

**PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

*Assisting Priest* Bow down before the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Look mercifully on this thy family, O Almighty God, that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**DISMISSAL**

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

**HYMN 344 - *Sicilian Mariners***

**ORGAN - *Fugue in D Minor***

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>	Darren Miller	
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Steven Rucker
<i>Lectors</i>	Michael Penfold	Scott Perrin
		Kim Caughron
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth Moeller
		Thomas Moeller
<i>Ushers</i>		Craig Walton
		Karen Walton
		Mark Anspach
		Kathleen Anspach
<i>Hospitality</i>		Helen Sciartelli
		Lewis Bruce

## NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

*Anglican Communion*

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

*Diocese of Albany*

St. James' Church, Lake Delaware

*Our Parish*

The Vestry's search for a new Rector

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.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, MARCH 19, 2019. Saratoga Springs, New York stands with the people of Christchurch, New Zealand in the face of this horrific terror attack. We will always celebrate the diversity that some seek to destroy. "I want to reassure our Muslim and other religious communities in Saratoga Springs. I have been in touch with the Police. If you need anything please reach out we are a community and we are here to make everyone safe."

With a heavy heart.

Meg Kelly

Mayor

WHISPERING ANGELS OF SARATOGA SPRINGS will host its 2nd Annual Sleep Out on Saturday, April 6th to raise funding and increase awareness of at-risk and homeless LGBTQ people and youth in Saratoga and the capital region. This is a rising concern in our local area. Please consider donating to the cause, or volunteering to sleep out and find others to sponsor

you for this meaningful event! Please visit <https://whisperingangels.us/angels-2nd-sleep-out/> for more information.

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### THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

*March 25 - 31*

Monday <i>THE ANNUNCIATION</i>		
Tuesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Memory Care, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	1:00 p.m.	Endowment Committee, <i>First Baptist Church Office</i>
Saturday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT Laetare</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 Wednesday*, 9 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. *Thursday*, and 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on *Friday*.