



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT *Laetare* **31 March 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 - *Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart* Johann Alberti (1642-1710)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 686 - *Nettleton*

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year. (5:9-12)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Beati quorum*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Words: *Psalm 32*

Music: James Nares (1715-1783)

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

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of recon-

ciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (5:16-21)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

TRACT HYMN 699 - Aberystwyth

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.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'" (15:1-3, 11b-32)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON - Wilderness Experiences, Part IV

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, page 327

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Together let us seek the Lord as we offer our petitions and take refuge in the Lord's abundant mercy.

Deacon That the ministers 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 taste the Lord's goodness in their service to God's people,
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

That those to be presented for Holy Baptism at Easter, will taste the Lord's goodness in these final weeks of preparation,
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

That Donald, our President, the Congress, and the judiciary will taste the Lord's goodness in their efforts for peace and justice,
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

That the poor will taste the Lord's goodness in our generous works of charity,
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

That we who worship here will taste the Lord's goodness on our journey to a Holy Easter,
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

That those who have died will taste the Lord's goodness in the gift of everlasting joy,
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord God, your Son leads us on the way of reconciliation. Let our prayers draw us to him in this Eucharist, so that we may rejoice in him now, and live with him in your presence, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon 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
People

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM - *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)

HYMN 620 - *Land of Rest*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer I*

Prayer Book, page 333

PROPER PREFACE OF LENT

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by the Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

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 - Ave Verum

Ave, Ave verum corpus,
natum Ex Maria Virgine;
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
Vero fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body,
Born of the Virgin Mary;
Thou who truly suffered,
Sacrificed on the cross for mankind;
From whose pierced side
Flowed water with blood.
Be to us a foretaste
In the trial of death.*

Words: Pope Innocent VI (D. 1362)
Music: W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, page 339

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant Look down in mercy, O Lord, on thy people who kneel before thee; and grant that those whom thou hast nourished by the Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 448 - *Deus Tuorum Militum*

ORGAN - *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

Johann Walther (1684-1748)

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 Catherine Berhiede
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Mark Griffin
<i>Lectors</i>	Bryce Dittrich	Mark Claverie Catherine Berheide
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Roxanne Baker Richard Wissler
<i>Ushers</i>		Thomas Moeller David Harper Mark Claverie
<i>Hospitality</i>		Diane Robinson Diane Robinson Mark Claverie

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
Diocese of Albany Church of the Messiah, Glens Falls
Our Parish Vestry's Search for the Next 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 sign up list for the MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH is available in the Narthex. Please make your commitment now.

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.

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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE VESTRY?
 The Vestry anticipates having an opening. We are looking for someone who is able to join the Vestry beginning this spring. 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, you can write the name on a sheet of paper and put it in the collection plate. Or let Dean Vang or me know. The Vestry meets once a month, usually on the third Wednesday of the month, from 7-8:30. Vestry members are now term-limited to a maximum of two three-year terms. Thank you for your help with identifying a parishioner to serve the parish in this important role. Catherine White Berheide, *Junior Warden, Chair of the Nominating Committee*

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

April 1-7

Monday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Lenten Weekday</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>Lenten Weekday</i>	10:30a.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>		
Saturday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FIFTH</i> <i>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*.

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