



Washington Street near Broadway

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12 May 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 - Prelude

Angelo Surbone (1892-1962)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 212 - Richmond

EASTER ACCLAMATION:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Hymnal S202)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; 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 Acts of the Apostles*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. (9:36-43)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL—*Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Words: *Psalm 23*

Music: Anglican Chant, John Goss (1800-1880)

THE SECOND LESSON — *A Reading from the Revelation to John*

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation

belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (7:9-17)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 663 - Crimond

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.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." (10:22-30)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us come before the Lord, our gladness, with these petitions.

Assisting Priest That those who shepherd the holy Church of God, Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel, our Bishop retired, and Marshall and Paul, our Priests, will find strength in God's Word.

The Lord is my Shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

That those who are discerning a church vocation will find joy in God's call.
The Lord is my Shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

That those who suffer from sickness and weakness will find courage in God's faithfulness.
The Lord is my Shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

That those who lack sufficient food or adequate medical care will find assistance in God's people.
The Lord is my Shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

That the Lord's heart will govern members of the Vestry as they seek to identify Bethesda's next Rector,
The Lord is my Shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

That those who have died, will find salvation in God's everlasting life.
The Lord is my Shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

Celebrant Lord God, we hunger and thirst for your loving-kindness. Care for us well in answer to these prayers, so that we may follow your Son to glory and live with him in your presence, for ever and ever. ***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.

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 - The Lord is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell, I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Words: *Psalm 23*

Music: Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

HYMN 645 – *St. Columba*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF EASTER

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (*Hymnal S114*), *sung by all*

OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM

Prayer Book, page 337

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

AGNUS DEI - *Missa Brevis*

Lennox Berkley (1903-1989)

MOTET - *Very Bread Good Shepherd*

Very Bread, good Shepherd, tend us, Jesu, of Thy love befriend us, Thou refresh us, Thou defend us, Thine eternal goodness, send us In the land of life to see. Who on earth such good bestoweth, Grant us with Thy saints, though lowest, Where the heavenly feast Thou showest, Fellow heirs and guests to be.

Words: *Song of Solomon*
Music: Stanley Marchant (1883-1949)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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PASCHAL BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 390 – *Lobe den Herren*

ORGAN - *Praise to the Lord*

Johann Walther (1496-1570)

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.

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	Darren Miller
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Mark Griffin
<i>Lectors</i>	Thomas Remington	Katie Hooper
		John Van der Veer
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson

Ushers

Mark Claverie
Thomas Remington
David Harper
Mark Claverie
Diane Robinson

Hospitality

NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Bertha Sunderland, Mary Nimsker, Betty Bell, Marie Travis, and Doris Hopp, by Rhoda Nimsker.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	The Church of Korea
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Blessed Virgin Mary and all Mothers on Mother's Day
<i>Our Parish</i>	The Vestry

THE REVEREND LANDON MOORE, III will graduate this Saturday at the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

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.

Do you know someone who is interested in SERVING ON THE VESTRY? 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. Catherine White Berheide, [Junior Warden, Chair of the Nominating Committee.]

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for Sunday, May 26, either as a memorial or thank offering. Please telephone the Parish Office at 518-584-5980.

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You are cordially invited to attend DEACON MOORE'S GRADUATION PARTY on June 2, following the 10 a.m. service. We will gather at 144 Crescent Street, Saratoga Springs, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided, but you are welcome to bring whatever you like.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

May 13- 19

Monday <i>Easter Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Easter 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> Church Vestry, <i>Skidmore College</i>
Thursday <i>Easter 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>Easter Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Easter Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</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>

The PARISH OFFICES are open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. *Monday, Tuesday & Thursday*, 9 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. *Wednesday*, 9 a.m. until 1 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, III, *Seminarian*
Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*
Mr. Farrell Goehring, *Organist/Director of Music*
Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*
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