



## Washington Street near Broadway

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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, ROGATION SUNDAY**

**26 May 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** - *Christ the Blessed*

*Horst Gehann (1928-2007)*

### **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**HYMN 292** - *Kingsfold*

**EASTER ACCLAMATION:**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*Hymnal S202*)

*Prayer Book, page 324*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, who has prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Acts of the Apostles*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. (16:9-15)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL - *Deus misereatur*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Words: *Psalm 67*

Music: Anglican Chant, George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

### THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the Revelation to John*

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, pro-

ducing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. (21:10, 22-22:5)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

***People Thanks be to God.***

## SEQUENCE HYMN 291 - *Wir pflugen*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

***People Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe." (14:23-29)

*Assisting Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

## THE SERMON

Dean Vang

## THE NICENE CREED

***Prayer Book, page 327***

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* Let us bring our prayers before the Father of Jesus Christ and our Father.

*Assisting Priest* That the members of the Church, especially 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 receive the power of God in living the Christian faith.

Let us pray to the Lord,

***Lord hear our prayer.***

That world leaders will receive the guidance of God in promoting peace and justice.

Let us pray to the Lord,

***Lord hear our prayer.***

That parents will receive the blessing of God in caring for their families.

Let us pray to the Lord,

***Lord hear our prayer.***

That those soon to graduate will receive the goodness of God in discovering new tasks and friends.

Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord hear our prayer.***

That the Vestry and its members will seek to identify Bethesda's next Rector prayerfully and with godly discernment,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord hear our prayer.***

That those suffering from sickness, will receive the peace of God in healing for body, mind, and spirit.  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, that they will receive the happiness of God in living forever, together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* We praise you, our God, in this assembly of your people, for your Holy Spirit unites us to you and to your risen Son. Answer the prayers we offer you this day, for we make them in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord 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 - *Sicut Cervus*

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontas a quarum:  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*As a heart longs for the flowering streams:  
so longs my soul for thee, O God.*

Words: *Psalm 42:1*

Music: Giovanni Palestrina (1525-1594)

### HYMN 682 – *St. Fulbert*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II***

***Prayer Book, page 340***

### 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

***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 & Blood of Christ.*

**AGNUS DEI - *The Office of Holy Communion***

C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

### MOTET - *O Sacrum Convivium*

O sacrum convivium,  
In quo Christus sumitur,  
Recolitur memoria passionis eius;  
Mens impletur gratia,  
Et futurae gloriae, nobis pignus datur.  
Alleluia.

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

Words: Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Prayer Book, page 339*

### 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 387** – *Magdalen College*

**ORGAN** - *Prelude and Fugue in F*

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.

## ASSISTING AT OUR LITURGIES TODAY

	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock	Robert Bullock
		David Wilder
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		David Wilder
<i>Lectors</i>	Bryce Dittrich	Scott Perrin
		Kim Caughron
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth Moeller
		Tom Moeller
		Calvin Manny
<i>Ushers</i>		Richard Wissler

Christopher Lyons  
John Van der Veer  
Fred Scheidt

## NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Virginia & David Danforth Wilder, by Nancy & David Wilder.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for  
*Anglican Communion* Provinces throughout the world  
*Diocese of Albany* St. Luke's, Mechanicville  
*Our Parish* Prayer Shawl Ministry

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for Sundays, June 30, and all Sundays in August, either as a memorial or thank offering. Please telephone the Parish Office at 518-584-5980.

Please join us for REFRESHMENTS in the Narthex, immediately following the ten o'clock liturgy.

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.]

TREASURER'S UPDATE: Pledge & Plate receipts for this April (\$24,034) were \$1,684 above Budget. However, Pledge & Plate income for January through April 2019 (\$84,868) was \$4,172 below Budget. Easter Week (\$8,900).

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. Deacon Moore will also preach at both Eucharists in the morning.

A HISTORY OF BETHESDA EPISCOPAL CHURCH: WORSHIP AND HEALING IN SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, a beautiful hardcover book, traces the fascinating history of Bethesda and its significance to Saratoga Springs and New York from its founding in 1830 to the present. To order your own copy or a gift, go to <http://bethesdachurch.org/order-a-history-of-bethesda> or call 518-584-5980.

SAVE THE DATE! Backstretch Employee Service Team (BEST) helps all stable and horse-workers at the Race Course with health care, alcohol-substance recovery and other challenges. BEST is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in this mission this year, with a breakfast party, at the track, 8 to 10 a.m. Thursday July 18. The honoree for the affair is a longtime supporter of the backstretch and a track celebrity in his own right—name TBA. BEST is one of the key partners in Mercy House, so will be out neighbors here at Bethesda in the near future. Please spread the word and plan to support this important milestone for BEST. More details to follow. Mark your calendar today.

## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

*May 27 – June 2*

Monday <i>Rogation Day</i>		<i>The Parish Office is closed today.</i>
Tuesday <i>Rogation Day</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Rogation Day</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>ASCENSION DAY</i>	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Memory Care, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Friday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal, <i>The Nave</i>
Saturday <i>Justin</i>	10:00 a.m.	Holy Matrimony, <i>High Altar</i>
Sunday <i>THE SEVENTH 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, *Deacon*  
Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*  
Mr. Farrell Goehring, *Organist/Director of Music*  
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