



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

28 July 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

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 8 - *Bunessan*

OPENING ACCLAMATION:

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*)

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; 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 Genesis*

The Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." (18:20-32)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Confitebor tibi, sung by all*



- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole / heart; *
before the gods I will sing your / praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your / Name, *
because of your love and / faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your / Name *
and your word above all / things.
- 4 When I called, you / answered me; *
you increased my strength with - / in me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O / Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your / mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the / Lord, *
that great is the glory of the / Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the / lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from a - / far.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me / safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall / save me.

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9 The Lord will make good his purpose / for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your / hands.

Words: *Psalm 138*

Music: Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)

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

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. (2:6-15)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE, HYMN 296 - *Engelberg*

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.*

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'" And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (11:1-13)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

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Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us call upon God our Savior in fervent prayer.

Assisting Priest That the all-powerful God will be the Church's power for good: We pray especially for the ministers 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.

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the all-reconciling God will be the reconciliation of states and peoples,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the all-saving God will be the salvation of the sick and the poor, the hungry and the homeless,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the all-knowing God will guide the Vestry in identifying suitable candidates to serve as Bethesda's next Rector.

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the all-protecting God will be the protection of all who defend us, especially police officers and firefighters,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the all-strong God will be the strength of this parish community,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the all-merciful God will be the mercy of those who have died,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Generous God, as Jesus taught us, we knock on the door of your mercy, and seek your good gifts for body, soul, and spirit. Give us what you have inspired us to ask of you in faith, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***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

HYMN 657 - *Hyfrydol*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II* *Prayer Book, page 340*

PROPER PREFACE OF THE LORD'S DAY, *Of God the Son*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

OUR FATHER *Prayer Book, page 334*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: AGNUS DEI (*Hymnal S158*), *sung by all*

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.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Prayer Book, page 339*

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 432 - *Laudate Dominum*

ORGAN - *Sampogna*

Francesco Guerini (1710-1780)

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.

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 Darren Miller
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Steven Rucker
<i>Lectors</i>	Lynne Priestley	Betsy Cummins Ed Peticolas
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Remington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth Moeller Tom Moeller
<i>Ushers</i>		Craig Walton Karen Walton Mark Anspach Kathleen Anspach
<i>Hospitality</i>		Betsy Cummins

NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Eda M. Read by Bill Read.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion Scottish Episcopal Church
Diocese of Albany St. Paul's Church Sidney
Our Parish Homes of the Good Shepherd

Please join us for REFRESHMENTS on the Terrace, immediately following the ten o'clock liturgy.

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 is gratefully appreciated.

LECTORS are needed for summer Eucharists, August 4 - September 8. A sign up list awaits your signature on the Narthex Lectern.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for August 11, 18 & 25, either as a memorial or thank offering. Please telephone the Parish Office at 518-584-5980.

ANNUAL PARISH GARDEN PARTY

Monday, July 29, 6 pm - 8 pm

at

The Saratoga Golf & Polo Club

Reservation: \$125 per person

The Vestry has designated the profit from this year's annual fund raiser to be used for the REPAIR & RESTORATION OF HISTORIC BRASS FURNISHINGS in the church, which will include the Trask Eagle Lectern with Lantern, four High Altar Candlesticks, and the High Altar Communion Rail.

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

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.

Deacon Landon Moore will be ordained to the SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS on the Feast of Saint Bartholomew, August 24, at 11 a.m. If you would be interested in a reservation on a chartered bus to Brooklyn, please sign the designated list in the Narthex.

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

July 29 - August 4

Monday <i>Feria</i>		
Tuesday <i>William Wilberforce</i>		
Wednesday <i>Ignatius of Loyola</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Joseph of Arimathea</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>Feria</i>		
Saturday <i>Feria</i>		
Sunday <i>THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</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 Terrace</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*
Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*
Mr. Farrell Goehring, *Organist/Director of Music*
Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*
Mr. Robert E. Bullock, *Verger*

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