



Washington Street near Broadway

THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN **18 August 2019**
7:30 am - Morning Prayer
8:00 am - Holy Eucharist **10:00 am - Solemn Eucharist**

Please switch off all cellular telephones, Blackberries, 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 - Prière à Notre-Dame

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 269 - Den des Vaters Sinn geboren

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Hymnal S202), sung by all

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who hast taken to thyself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of thy incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of thine eternal kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Book of Isaiah*

I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, my whole being shall exult my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. (61:10-11)

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

GRADUAL - *Benedicam Dominum*, sung by all



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all / times; *
his praise shall ever be in my / mouth.
 - 2 I will glory in the / Lord; *
let the humble hear and re - / joice.
 - 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the / Lord; *
let us exalt his Name to - / gether.
 - 4 I sought the Lord, and he / answered me *
and delivered me out of all my / terror.
 - 5 Look upon him and be / radiant, *
and let not your faces be a - / shamed.
 - 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord / heard me *
and saved me from all my / troubles.
 - 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who / fear him, *
and he will de - / liver them.
 - 8 Taste and see that the Lord is / good; *
happy are they who trust in / him!
- ✦ *2nd half*
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his / saints, *
for those who fear him lack / nothing

Words: *Psalm 34: 1-9*

Music: Robert Kennedy (b. 1945)

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

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. (4:4-7)

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

SEQUENCE: HYMN 438 - Woodlands

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.

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the mighty one has done great things for me. And holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shone strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." (1:46-55)

Deacon 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 In peace let us pray to the God of our salvation.

Deacon Holy God, you bring the mystery of your love to flower in the consent of Blessed Mary. As she bore your eternal Word made flesh, so may he always find a welcome in our hearts, that our lives may magnify you and we may rejoice in your salvation. We pray for the Church, that she may be a faithful midwife for the Gospel; for William, our bishop and all with whom we share the Name of Christ. Give us the same obedience to your will, that with courage and thankfulness we may echo Mary's prayer: 'Behold the servant of the Lord'.

God of our salvation

Let it be according to your word.

Sovereign Lord, you alone rule in our hearts and we delight in your service. Hear us as we pray for the mighty, all to whom we give responsibility of government, and the barons of industry. May all who occupy positions of power avoid the arrogance that seeks to overthrow or subvert your will. We pray for the lowly, all who are affected by the policies of others.

God of our salvation

Let it be according to your word.

God of charity, whose compassion sets our priorities on their heads, we pray for the hungry and homeless, for day care and night shelters; for all who are in debt and in the mercy of unscrupulous money lenders. We pray for all who are spiritually hungry. Give us bread which satisfies, the bread of eternal life.

God of our salvation

Let it be according to your word.

Lord, your grace fills us with more than we can desire and we become expectant with all you promise. We pray for all new parents. May our homes be places of love, security, and truth. We pray for all whose home life is troubled, all whose trust is abused; for parents under strain, those at the breaking point.

God of our salvation

Let it be according to your word.

Blessed Lord, you are with us in joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, hear us as we pray for all who are ill; for children's hospitals and hospices. We hold before you all for whom we have been asked to pray or carry in our hearts.

God of our salvation

Let it be according to your word.

God of purity and love, you abhor nothing that you have made and restore to your glory all that has been lost. We remember with thanksgiving those who have died. We pray for all who mourn; for all, like Blessed Mary, know the pain of losing a child. May we truly know that you are with us.

God of our salvation

Let it be according to your word.

Celebrant Rejoicing with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and all faithful people, we commit all our gracious prayers to your mercy. ***Amen.***

Celebrant and People

Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the door of mercy through which we pass day by day. Bless this parish and its leaders as we seek to become a compassionate community among our neighbors. May the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and the work of our hands enable Mercy House to be a home where those in need may live together in the bond of peace and love; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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 The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 278 - *Rustington*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF THE INCARNATION

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin and receive power to become thy children.

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

OUR FATHER

Prayer Book, page 336

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

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.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

May God give you grace to follow the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints in faith, and hope, and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

People

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 618 - *Lasst uns erfreuen*

ORGAN - *Magnificat*

Deitrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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.

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

ASSISTING AT OUR LITURGIES TODAY

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>
<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>		Virginia McMorris
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Ed Peticolas Calvin Manny
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	Corinne Shaffer
<i>Ushers</i>		Darren Miller Mark Anspach Kathleen Anspach Craig Walton Karen Walton
<i>Hospitality</i>		The Manny Family

NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Hunter & Betty Beckelhymer by Corinne Shaffer.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	The Church of Southern Africa
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	St. John in the Wilderness, Copake Falls
<i>Our Parish</i>	The Vestry

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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.

The VESTRY of the Parish meets this Wednesday at 7p.m., at 96 Ballston Avenue.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION Children [ages 7 and older] are eligible to prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Classes are customarily held on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-4:45. First Holy Communion Sunday is scheduled to take place on November 3 at the 10 am Liturgy. Registration will occur on Sunday, September 15, immediately following the Solemn Eucharist. Dean Vang will be present to answer any questions or concerns parents may have.

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.

NEW OFFICE ADDRESS: Bethesda Offices are now located at 96 Ballston Avenue, across from the Price Chopper. There is ample parking for staff and visitors.

A BETHESDA PARISH BUS to the ordination of Landon Moore has been arranged for August 24! Here are the important details:

When: 5:45 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Saturday August 24. Return by evening.

Departure from: Price Chopper parking lot, 50 Ballston Ave.

Parking: Price Chopper lot, Ballston Avenue. Please park as far away from the store as possible.

Cost: \$40 round trip. Please make check payable to Bethesda Episcopal Church, and RSVP to Parish Office, before Wednesday, August 21, 518-584-5980.

Capacity: Limit 40 passengers. There is still plenty of room.

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
August 19-25

Monday <i>Feria</i>		
Tuesday <i>Bernard</i>		
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	12:10 p.m. 7:00p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i> Vestry Meeting, <i>Parish Office</i>
Thursday <i>Feria</i>		
Friday <i>Feria</i>		
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	11:00a.m.	Ordination Liturgy, <i>Saint Mark's Church, Brooklyn</i>
Sunday <i>THE ELEVENTH 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, *Vergger*

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