



Washington Street near Broadway

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

25 August 2019

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - Sung 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 - *Prelude & Fugue in G*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 688 - *Ein feste Burg*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*), *sung by all*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. (58:9b-14)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Benedic, anima mea, sung by all.*



- 1 Bless the Lord, O my / soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy / Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my / soul, *
and forget not all his / benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your / sins *
and heals all your in - / firmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the / grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving / -kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good / things, *
and your youth is renewed like an / eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes / righteousness *
and judgment for all who are op - / pressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to / Moses *
and his works to the children of / Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and / mercy, *
slow to anger and of great / kindness.

Words: *Psalm 103:1- 8*

Music: Robert Kennedy (b. 1945)

THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews*

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken — that is, created things — so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire. (12:18-29)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE, HYMN 7 - *Ratisbon*

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 Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing. (13:10-17)

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant With trust in God as wide as our need, let us offer these petitions.

Assisting Priest For the community of believers in this and every place, and for those who witness to God's love for all peoples; 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.

For the children of God throughout the earth, especially those forced to live less than the life for which God made them,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor and the ill, in our midst and far away, and for those who care for their needs in humility,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For members of the Vestry, seeking a priest to become Bethesda's next Rector,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For us who know the kindness and fidelity of the Lord in our worship, and for those who have strayed from Christ's Church,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have been called to God's kingdom in death, and for those who mourn them,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant God of holiness, as you receive our prayers, welcome us to your table with all your holy ones. Let us share your feast of life and love, both now and for ever. ***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

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 623 - *O quanta qualia*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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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

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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

DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 522 - Austria

ORGAN - Postlude in Bb

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.

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
		David Wilder
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Christopher Lyons
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Remington	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth Moeller
		Tom Moeller
<i>Lectors</i>	Lynne Priestley	Scott Perrin
		Steven Rucker
<i>Ushers</i>		Tom Moeller
		Beth Moeller
		Mark Anspach
<i>Hospitality</i>		Kathleen Anspach
		Marcia MacDonald
		Laura Bradigan

NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Eleanor Gilliland Zinck by John Gilliland.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of South America
Diocese of Albany St. Paul's Church, West Middleburgh
Our Parish Homes of the Good Shepherd

EUCCHARIST ELEMENTS are needed for the month of September, either as a memorial or thank offering. Please contact the Parish Office at 518-584-5980 or office@bethesdachurch.org.

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

COFFEE HOUR help is needed. If you would like to be a part of this much enjoyed hospitality, please call the church office at 518-584-5980

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.

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.

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
August 26-September 1

Monday <i>Feria</i>		
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>		
Wednesday <i>Augustine</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Martyrdom of John the Baptist</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 TWELFTH 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* and 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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