



**26 Washington Street**

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**THE TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**1 September 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 - *Aria de Chiesa***

Italian 17th Cent. Unknown composer

### **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 450 - *Coronation***

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book, page 323*

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

*Prayer Book, page 324*

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Ecclesiasticus*

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women. (10:12-18)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL - *Beatus vir, sung by all.*



- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the / Lord \*  
and have great delight in his com - / mandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the / land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be / blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their / house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for / ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the / upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of com - / passion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in / lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with / justice.
- 6 For they will never be / shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting re - / membrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil / rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the / Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not / shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their / enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the / poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with / honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine a - / way; \*  
the desires of the wicked will / perish.

Words: *Psalm 112*

Music: Robert Kennedy (b. 1945)

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

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (13:1-8,15-16)

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

## **SEQUENCE, HYMN 656 - *Franconia***

*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.*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." (14:1, 7-14)

*Celebrant* 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* How great is the mercy of the Lord! God's loving-kindness is everlasting! Let us pray for the church, the world, and for people everywhere.

*Assisting Priest* That God's goodness will provide more vocations for the Church's mission;

and we pray 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 God's goodness will provide abundant help for all who suffer in body or spirit,

Let us pray to the Lord,

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That God's goodness will provide sure hope for those who have lost their way,

Let us pray to the Lord,

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That God's goodness will provide patience as the Vestry continues to seek to find Bethesda's next Rector,

Let us pray to the Lord,

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That God's goodness will provide generous gifts for this family of worshipers,

Let us pray to the Lord,

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That God's goodness will provide an everlasting home for all who have died, together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,

Let us pray to the Lord,

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* Gracious God, let your infinite goodness be ours in answer to these prayers, for we make them in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and 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.**



## 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>		Steven Rucker
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach Steven Rucker
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	Scott Perrin
<i>Ushers</i>		Sharon Boyd John Van der Veer Fred Scheidt
<i>Hospitality</i>		Richard Wissler Christopher Lyons Steven Rucker

## NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Deceased Members of the Altar Guild

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Fall House of Bishops Meeting
<i>Our Parish</i>	All Workers

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

EUCHARIST 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](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org).

The PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

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 in 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**  
**September 2 - 8**

Monday <i>The Martyrs of New Guinea</i>		
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	6:30p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Paul Jones</i>	10:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Paul Jones</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 THIR-TEENTH 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, *Verger*

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