



Washington Street near Broadway

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11 August 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 - *Keep Us, Lord, At Thy Word*

Ernst Pepping (1901-1981)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 401 - *Leoni*

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*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; 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 word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. (15:1-6)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Beata gens, sung by all*



- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the / Lord! *
 happy the people he has chosen to be his / own!
- 13 The Lord looks down from / heaven, *
 and beholds all the people in the / world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his / gaze *
 on all who dwell on the / earth.
- 15 He fashions all the / hearts of them *
 and understands all their / works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty / army; *
 a strong man is not delivered by his great / strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for de - / liverance; *
 for all its strength it cannot / save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who / fear him, *
 on those who wait upon his / love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from / death, *
 and to feed them in time of / famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the / Lord; *
 he is our help and our / shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in / him, *
 for in his holy Name we put our / trust.

★ *2nd half*

- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be up - / on us, *
 as we have put our trust in / you.

Words: *Psalm 33:12-22*

Music: Robert Kennedy (b. 1945)

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

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. (11:1-3, 8-16)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE: HYMN 545 - St. Fulbert

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 said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

(12:32-40)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

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Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant As the people the Lord has blessed in Christ Jesus, let us ask God's blessing on us and on our world in these prayers.

Assisting Priest That the Lord's kindness will be upon the members of the Church, especially her ministers: 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, and be their source of faith,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's kindness will be upon all peoples of the earth and be their deliverance from every danger,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's kindness will be upon those weakened by mental and physical suffering, and be their comfort in distress,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's kindness will be upon the Vestry as the search process continues to identify Bethesda's next Rector continues,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's kindness will be upon us who worship here and be our help in every need,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's kindness will be upon all who have died, and be their peace for ever,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Increase our faith, ever-faithful God, so that with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may embrace your kindness in our lives and share it with others according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ***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 645 - St. Columba

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

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THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 436 - Truro

ORGAN - *Shall I Not Sing to My God*

Ernst Pepping (1901-1981)

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

	8:00 am	10:00am
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	David Wilder	David Wilder
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Laurie Brenenstuhl
<i>Lectors</i>	Gordon Boyd	Susan Peterson
		Steven Rucker
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson
		Mark Claverie
<i>Ushers</i>		Richard Wissler
		John Van der Veer
		Fred Scheidt
<i>Hospitality</i>		Kathleen & Mark Anspach

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion The United Church of South India
Diocese of Albany For the Healing Ministry within the Diocese
Our Parish Community of Saint Mary

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.

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.

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.



Episcopal Diocese of Albany

Disciples Making Disciples

God willing,

*The Right Reverend William H. Love,
Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany,
will Ordain to the Sacred Order of Priests in
Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church*

The Reverend Landon McCord Moore III

*On the Twenty-fourth Day of August,
Being the Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle,
in the Year of our Lord
Two Thousand Nineteen
at eleven o'clock in the morning at*

*The Church of Saint Mark
1417 Union St.
Brooklyn, New York 11213*

Your prayers and presence are requested.

*Celebrant: The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano,
Eighth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island*

*Preacher: The Very Reverend Doctor Andrew McGowan
Dean and President of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*

Reception immediately following at the St. Mark's Day School 1346 President St., Brooklyn.

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.

Where: Price Chopper parking lot, Ballston Avenue, across from Parish Office, 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 the Parish Office, before Wednesday, August 21, 518-584-5980.

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

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

August 12 –18

Monday <i>Feria</i>		
Tuesday <i>Jeremy Taylor</i>		
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN</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 SOLEMNITY OF MARY</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> Solemn 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*.

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.

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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