



**26 Washington Street**

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**THE SOLEMNITY OF MICHAELMAS**

**29 September 2019**

**7:30 am - Morning Prayer**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 am - Solemn Eucharist**

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*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 - Fidelis**

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

**THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 282 – *Caelites plaudant***

**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*), sung by all**

*Prayer Book, page 324*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; 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*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." (28:10-17)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL - *Benedic, anima mea, sung by the choir.*

- 19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \*  
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- 20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, \*  
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,  
in all places of his dominion; \*  
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Words: *Psalm 103: 19-22*

Music: Kello Pye (1812-1901)

### THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the Book of Revelation*

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" (12: 7-12)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**SEQUENCE, HYMN 373 - Daniels Tune**

*The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*People Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." (1:47-51)

*Deacon* 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* Drawing near to the throne of the living God, and to countless angels in festal gathering, with Jesus as our Mediator in whose blood we are washed clean, let us offer these prayers.

*Deacon* God of visions and dreams, open our hearts to your heavenly glory. We rejoice that in Christ the victory already is. He with us in the struggles of life; keep us from succumbing to evil. Help us to see the holiness of the ground on which we all stand; that we are before the gate of heaven. We join our prayers with the host of heaven.

Bless the Lord all you his host,

*Praise his holy Name.*

God of awe and wonder, let your glory loose on your Church. Transform it in your love. Renew it in confidence in your power and your hold on your creation. Renew it in confidence in your power and your hold on your creation. Bless and guide William, our bishop, and all who exercise spiritual leadership. Increase in us a sense of awe and worship for your Name.

Bless the Lord all you his host,

*Praise his holy Name.*

God of messengers and heralds, open the hearts of all to your words of healing and peace. We pray for those who seek to interpret the world in the light of our Good News and who challenge with the prophetic voice. We pray for all who lead nations, especially Donald, our President; for local governments; for all who engage with the political struggle for justice and the common good.

Bless the Lord all you his host,

*Praise his holy Name.*

God our strength and stay in adversity, we pray for all embattled with personal conflicts or oppression of mind, body, or spirit. We pray for all whose vision of glory feels impeded. Help us to recognize your love in our frailty and send us on all for whom we pray your healing touch.

Bless the Lord all you his host,

***Praise his holy Name.***

God our protector at the hour of our death, we pray for those whose lives are drawing to a close, and for those who have died. Open to all the gate of heaven, that we may truly be inheritors of your salvation.

Bless the Lord all you his host

***Praise his holy Name.***

*Celebrant* Standing before the throne of righteousness, with Saint Michael and All Angels and the whole host of heaven, we commend these and all our prayers to your eternal goodness. ***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 expand 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**

### **ANTHEM - *Factum est silentium***

Factum est silentium in caelo,  
Dum committeret bellum draco  
Cum Michaele Archangelo.  
Audita est vox milia milium dicentium:  
Honor et potestas data est Deo nostro saecula.  
Alleluia.

*There was silence in heaven  
When the dragon fought  
with the Archangel Michael.  
The voice of a thousand was heard saying:  
in Honor and power be unto our God forever.  
Alleluia.*

Words: Matin Response for Michelmas  
Music: Girolama Baglioni (1575-1608)

**HYMN 324 - Picardy**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer II**

**Prayer Book, page 340**

**PROPER PREFACE OF TRINITY SUNDAY**

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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

**OUR FATHER**

**Prayer Book, page 336**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM**

**Prayer Book, page 337**

**PRAAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**Prayer Book, page 337**

**MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All who are baptized are invited to receive the Body & Blood of Christ.*

**AGNUS DEI - Service in F**

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

**MOTET - Gaudent in coelis**

Gaudent in coelis animae Sanctorum,  
qui Christi vestigia sunt secuti;  
et quia pro ejus amore sanguinem suum  
fuderunt, ideo cum Christo exsultant sine  
fine.

*The souls of the saints rejoice in heaven, they  
who have followed in the footsteps of Christ;  
and because they shed their blood for love of  
Him, They rejoice with Christ without end.*

Words: Antiphon for Feasts of Martyrs.  
Music: Richard Deering (1580-1630)

**THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Prayer Book, page 339**

**THE BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**HYMN 625 - Darwalls 148th**

**ORGAN - We All Believe in One God**

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 in the Narthex, immediately following the ten o'clock liturgy.

## ASSISTING AT OUR LITURGIES TODAY

	8:00am	10:00am
<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>		Laurie Brenstuhl
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Roxanne Baker Richard Wissler
<i>Lectors</i>	Mark Claverie	Sara Manny Darren Miller
<i>Ushers</i>		Mark Anspach Kathleen Anspach Craig Walton Karen Walton
<i>Hospitality</i>		

## NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Alfred Moses Sr., Barbara Moses, Alfred Moses Jr., Patricia & Edward Stiles, George Remington, Helen Remington, Charles Dehn and Jan Ago by Thomas and Gail Remington.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for  
*Anglican Communion*      The Episcopal Church  
*Diocese of Albany*      Beaver Cross Fall Edition Weekend  
*Our Parish*      Homes of the Good Shepherd

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.

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

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### **THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS**

*Saturday, October 5  
11:00 a.m.  
Bethesda Churchyard*

*Invite your friends!*



### **CHORAL EVENSONG for THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH**

Sunday, October 6, at 3 o'clock, sung by the  
Schola Cantorum of Bethesda Church.

*A reception will follow in the narthex.*

**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**  
**September 30 - October 6**

Monday <i>Jerome</i>		
Tuesday <i>Remigius</i>	6:30p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	10:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i> First Holy Communion Preparation, <i>The Church</i>
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	10:30 a.m.  11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Memory Care, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Wedding Rehearsal, <i>The Nave</i>
Friday <i>Francis of Assisi</i>	3:30 p.m.	Holy Matrimony, <i>High Altar</i>
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	11:00 a.m.	Blessing of Pets, <i>Church Yard</i>
Sunday <i>THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION</i>	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  3:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer, <i>Transept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Solemn Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i> Choral Evensong, <i>High Altar</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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