



26 Washington Street

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8 September 2019

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 - Meditation

Leon Böellmann (1862-1897)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 316 - *Canticum refectionis*

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." (30:15-20)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Beatus vir qui non abiit, sung by all*



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the / scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the / Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and / night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not / wither; *
everything they do shall / prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the / wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows a - / way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment /comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the / righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the / righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is / doomed.

Words: *Psalm 1*

Music: Robert Kennedy (b. 1945)

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

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and coworker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the

saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. (1-21)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE, HYMN 655 - Nyland

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 large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." (14:25-33)

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 Let us call upon the Lord, our refuge in every age, and offer fervent prayer for all in need.

Assisting Priest That the Lord's gracious care will sustain the Church in its witness to the Gospel; we pray especially for 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 the Lord's gracious care will protect the rulers of nations and their people,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's gracious care will deliver the poor and the oppressed from suffering,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's gracious care will refresh the hearts of Vestry members as they seek to identify

Bethesda's next Rector,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's gracious care will help us to know God's will and to do it,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's gracious care will become everlasting life and joy for those who have died,

Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord, your Holy Spirit guides us on the path of discipleship. By our prayers, renew the power of that Spirit in every heart, so that we may judge wisely the things of earth and love the things of heaven. 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 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

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 406 - *Assisi*

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 336

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 555 - *Lancashire*

ORGAN - *Postlude*

Leon Böellmann (1862-1897)

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
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Mark Griffin
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson
		Mark Claverie
<i>Lectors</i>	Lynne Priestley	Mark Claverie
		Robert Bullock
<i>Ushers</i>		Craig Walton
		Karen Walton
		Mark Anspach
		Kathleen Anspach
<i>Hospitality</i>		Sharon Boyd

NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Louis & Nina Huston by Douglas Huston.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
Diocese of Albany Christian Education offerings
Our Parish Schools & Colleges in our community

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

COFFEE HOUR helpers are 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.

CHURCH SCHOOL Registration and CLASSES begin next Sunday, the Solemnity of the Holy Cross. Once again we will gather on the lower level of the First Baptist Church.

MERCY HOUSE BOARD MEETING: September 9, 7 pm at 43 Washington St. The Agenda will include the election of Tom Remington to the Board, security/risk management, funding support and gift acceptance policy.

The TUESDAY EVENING EUCHARIST resumes at 6:30 at the High Altar.

TREASURER'S UPDATE: July Pledge & Plate was \$11,455.; August Pledge & Plate was \$34,748. The large amount in August was thanks to the receipt of three annual contributions.

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 9 -15

Monday <i>Constance & her Companions</i>	7:00p.m.	Mercy House Board Meeting, <i>43 Washington Street</i>
Tuesday <i>Alexander Crummell</i>	12:30 p.m. 6:30p.m.	Saratoga Clergy Meeting Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>John Henry Hobart</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>Cyrian</i>		
Saturday <i>Feria</i>		
Sunday <i>SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY CROSS</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 Narthex</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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