



26 Washington Street

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY CROSS

15 September 2019

10:00 am - Solemn Eucharist with Holy Baptism

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 - *Voluntary in G*

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 473 - *Crucifier*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant There is One Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

People One God and Father of all.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal S202*)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory. (45:21-25)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Words: *Psalm 98: 1-4*

Music: Anglican Chant, George A. Macfarren (1813-1887)

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

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (2:5-11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE: HYMN 160 - *Cross of Jesus*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the

darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.” (12:31-36a)
Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. *People Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

HYMN 441 (verse 1) *Rathbun*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The People sit.

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented

The candidates are presented by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents I present Joanna Marion,
Vivienne Antoinette,
Violet Rosemary,
Kinsley Marie,
to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer **I do.**

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer **I do.**

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer **I do.**

The congregation stands.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in
Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with this child, who is being committed to Christ and renew our own
baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Open their heart's to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 441 (verses 2-3) Rathbun

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the candidate, saying:

Joanna Marion,
Vivienne Antoinette,
Violet Rosemary,
Kinsley Marie,

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then the Celebrant places his right hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism, and saying

Joanna Marion,
Vivienne Antoinette,
Violet Rosemary,
Kinsley Marie,
you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant now presents a baptismal candle, lighted from the Paschal Candle, saying
Receive the Light of Christ, then when the Bridegroom comes, you may go forth with all the saints to meet him; and see that you keep the grace of your baptism.

The Celebrant, Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People *We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***

HYMN 441 (verses 4-5) Rathbun

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM - *Crux Fidelis*

Faithful cross, above all other,
One and only noble tree:
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be.
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,
Sweetest weight is hung on thee!

Words: Pange Lingua
Music: John IV of Portugal (1604-1656)

AT THE OFFERTORY: HYMN 313 - *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

Prayer Book, page 340

PROPER PREFACE OF HOLY WEEK

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

AGNUS DEI - *Mass for Four Voices*

William Byrd (1543-1623)

MOTET - *O Crux Ave*

O Crux ave, spes unica,
hoc passionis tempore.
Auge piis iustitiam
reisque dona veniam.
O Crux ave, spes unica,
hoc passionis tempore.

*Hail, O cross, our only hope,
Abide with us in this passion-tide.
Implant grace
and pardon the guilty.
Hail, O cross, our only hope,
Abide with us in this passion-tide.*

Words: Gradual for Psalm Sunday
Music: Rihards Dubra (b. 1949)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, page 339

THE BLESSING

Prayer Book, page 339

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Deacon
People

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

HYMN 598 - *Mit freuden zart*

ORGAN - *Postlude in C*

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 Catherine Berheide
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Laurie Brnenestuhl
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson Mark Claverie
<i>Lectors</i>	Robert Bullock	Mary Shartle Catherine Berheide
<i>Ushers</i>		Tom Moeller Beth Moeller Mark Claverie Diane Robinson
<i>Hospitality</i>		

NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Lucretia Vang and May Richardson by Dean Vang.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Pray for the .Church of Tanzania
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Order of the Holy Cross
<i>Our Parish</i>	Christian Education Ministry

Receiving the SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM today are Joanna Marion Amodio, daughter of Kimberly & Charles Amodio; Vivienne Antoinette Brown, daughter of Jennifer and Michael Brown; Violet Rosemary Colonell, daughter of Robyn & Andrew Colonell and Kinsley Marie VanCleaf, daughter of Kaylee & Brandon VanCleaf.

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 this morning. Once again we will gather on the lower level of the First Baptist Church.

The VESTRY meets on Wednesday, 7p.m., at 96 Ballston Avenue.

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.

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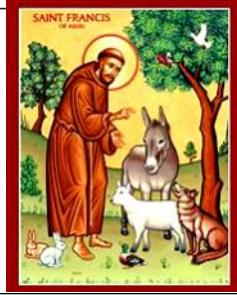
**CHORAL EVENSONG for
THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH**

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

A reception will follow in the narthex.

THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS

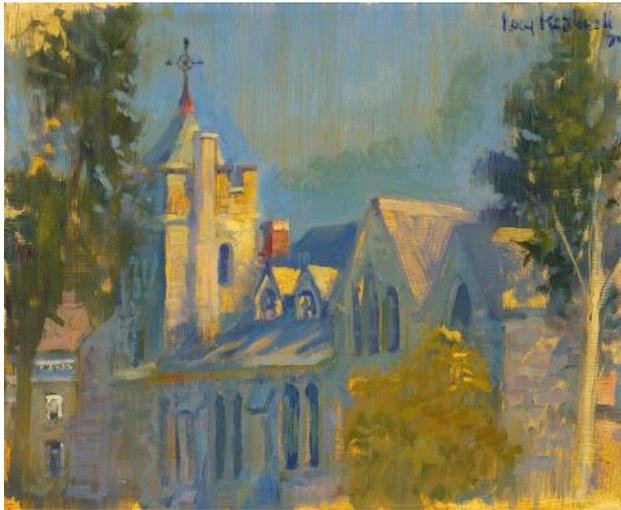
*Saturday, October 5
11:00 a.m.
Bethesda Churchyard
Invite your friends!*



THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA
September 16 - 22

Monday <i>Ninian</i>		
Tuesday <i>Hildegard</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Ember Day</i>	12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i> Meeting of the Vestry, <i>Parish Office</i>
Thursday <i>Theodore of Tarsus</i>	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Home of the Good Shepherd, <i>Memory Care, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga
Friday <i>Ember Day</i>		
Saturday <i>SAINT MATTHEW</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FIFTEENTH 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 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 VESTRY

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