



26 Washington Street

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY CROSS
7:30 am - Morning Prayer

15 September 2018
8:00 am - Holy 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 - Voluntary in G

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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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 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.

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*

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.

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)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant The Lord Jesus humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even to death on a cross. In the power of his resurrection from the dead, let us pray that all people will be raised up to new life in Christ the Lord.

Christ crucified became like us in our weakness; through his Cross, may the Church become like him in his saving power. We pray that 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; will hear God's voice and proclaim the Gospel with power.

For this, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ crucified became like the poor and the oppressed in their need; through his Cross, may they become like him in his triumph over injustice.

For this, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ crucified became like us in our sorrows; through his Cross, may all who suffer become like him in his lasting joy.

For this, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ crucified became like us in our human lowliness; through his Cross, may we become like him in his divine glory.

For this, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ crucified became like the dead in their emptiness; through his Cross, may those who have died, become like him in his fullness of life, together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.

For this, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord God, answer our prayers in your great mercy, so that the mystery of our redemption in the Cross of Christ may transform us and the world you love. We ask this through our crucified yet risen Savior, 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 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

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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
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<i>Lectors</i>	Robert Bullock	Mary Shartle Catherine Berheide
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<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 is 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.

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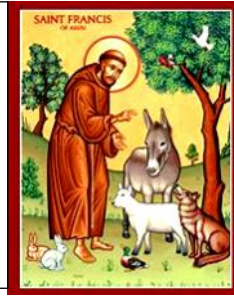
**CHORAL EVENSONG for
THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH**

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>	10:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Home of the Good Shepherd, <i>Wilton</i> 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, <i>Saratoga</i>
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*.



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