



26 Washington Street

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1 December 2019

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - The Great Litany & Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - The Great Litany & 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 - *An Advent Prayer*

Louise E. Stairs (1892-1941)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: THE GREAT LITANY

Hymnal, S-67

William Byrd (1540-1623)

KYRIE ELEISON

at 10:00 a.m. - from Mass for Four Voices

Prayer Book, page 324

William Byrd (1543-1623)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost., one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! (2:1-5)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Laetatus sum*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Words: *Psalms* 122

Music: Ivor Algernon Atkins (1869-1953)

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

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not

in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (13:11-14)

Lector The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE: HYMN 462 - York

The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." (24:36-44)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord. **People Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

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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

ANTHEM - *People look East.*

People look East.
The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength to nourish,
That in course the flow'r may flourish.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch.
When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels,
Announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the Word, the Lord is coming.
People look East and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon
Music: Barry Ferguson (b.1942)

HYMN 73 - *St. Stephen*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer I*

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PROPER PREFACE OF ADVENT

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT - *Hymnal S114*

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OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: AGNUS DEI - *Hymnal S158*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MOTET *E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sin
Who loved us all, and shed his blood That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord The Lord almighty God
Who was and is, and is to come Sing holy, holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein Rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming, Is coming soon For Christ is coming soon.

E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come And night shall be no more,
They need no light, no lamp, nor sun For Christ will be their All!

Words: *Revelation 1:4b,4:8b,22:20b,5a*
Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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ADVENT BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,
and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 53 - *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

ORGAN - *Advent of Peace*

Robert J. Hughes (1916-1999)

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 Steven Rucker
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		David Wilder
<i>Lectors</i>	Lynne Priestley	Katie Hooper Steven Rucker
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach Steve Rucker
<i>Ushers</i>		Craig Walton Karen Walton Mark Anspach Kathleen Anspach

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Mission Agencies & their work throughout the Anglican Communion
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Advent Outreach Ministries
<i>Our Parish</i>	A devout Advent observance

We invite those who wish to share a MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY [beverages and snacks] after the ten o'clock liturgy to sign-up on the designated list, at the narthex lectern. Your assistance with Bethesda's hospitality is very much appreciated.

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.

A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

The Second Sunday of Advent

8 December 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

sung by the Schola Cantorum

*This liturgy will also serve as a memorial to Liz Hood,
a Schola member and communicant of Bethesda Church.*

A reception will follow this service in the narthex.

All are welcome.

HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS: Bethesda is collecting donated gift cards (e.g., Visa, Target, Walmart, etc.) on Sunday, Dec. 8 and 15, for those in need in our community to help make their Christmas more joyful. Bethesda will collect donated gift cards for clients of Transitional Services Association (TSA). Your donated gift cards will be distributed to local homeless families so they can purchase presents to celebrate the Christmas holiday. "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand." (Mother Teresa).

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE: Transitional Services Association (TSA), one of Bethesda's and Mercy House's key housing partners, is selling Christmas trees at its main office at 127 Union Street (behind Saratoga National Bank, South Broadway). Supporting TSA is a wonderful way to support people with disabilities whom they serve and affirm our long term partnership with TSA. Look for a flyer at the back of the church, or visit TSA, 127 Union Street.

The RACE TRACK CHAPLAINCY is planning for this year's Christmas Party of local workers of the horse industry and their families. We want to make sure that each child receives an item of clothing, something to play with, a knick-knack of some sort, and that each family and single adult receives a gift card to a local store. Please help us! Monetary contributions may be made to the Race Track Chaplaincy of America - Saratoga Branch c/o The Reverend Alberto Matos. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

NAMETAG printing is ongoing. This is a way to get to know our fellow parishioners. If you do not have a nametag but would like one, please speak to Pam Houde. We would like to thank Pam for all of her efforts in getting these to those who want them, and also Gordon Boyd for sponsoring this effort. Remember to place your nametag in the basket in the back of the church as you leave.

Those who PLEDGE using a CREDIT CARD: Please advise your credit card company of the change of address for Bethesda's Parish Office: 96 Ballston Road, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866. Using our former Washington Street address will cause delay in your transfer of funds.

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

December 2– 8

Monday <i>Advent Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Advent Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>John of Damascus</i>	10:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i> Vienna Boys Choir Concert, <i>The Church</i>
Thursday <i>Clement of Alexandria</i>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, <i>Transept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Friday <i>Nicholas</i>		
Saturday <i>Ambrose</i>	10:00 a.m.	Requiem Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Sunday THE SECOND SUNDAY OF AD- VENT	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 STAFF

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Interim Rector*
The Reverend Paul F. Evans, *Assisting Priest*
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