



26 Washington Street

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

17 November 2019

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - 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 - Contemplation

Frederick Freeman (1883-1926)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 7 - Ratisbon

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 (Hymnal S202), sung by all

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Malachi*

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. (4:1-2a)

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.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Words: *Psalm 98*

Music: William Crotch (1775-1847)

THE SECOND LESSON — *A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn

their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. (3:6-13)
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 Luke
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls." (25:5-19)

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

THE SERMON

Father Scott

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us present our prayers to the Lord, who has come to rule the earth in Jesus Christ

That the members of the church will receive renewed strength in God's love,
Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That all nations and peoples will find lasting peace in God's plan for this world,
Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the ill and infirm will enjoy abundant comfort in God's healing,
Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That all who worship here will place sure confidence in God's salvation,
Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the dying and those who have died, will know eternal joy in God's reign,
Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant All-holy God, let your sun of righteousness, our Lord Jesus Christ, rise in our hearts and brighten our days. Draw us to him in this Eucharist, so that we may welcome him now, and live with him in your presence, 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.

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 - *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy Name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the Name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve thee faithfully.

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

HYMN 371 - *Moscow*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF THE LORDS DAY, *of God the Father*

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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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 - *A New Commandment*

Yet awhile I am with you. Ye shall seek me; and as I said,
where I go, you cannot come; so I say unto you.

A new commandment I give unto you; that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

Words: *John 13:33-35*

Music: Richard Shephard (b. 1949) Farrell Goehring (b. 1957)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 569 - *Melita*

ORGAN - *Fantasia in G*

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

	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Father Scott	Father Scott
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock	Robert Bullock
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Mark Griffin
<i>Lectors</i>	Michael Penfold	Anne Bullock
		Sara Manny
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Manny Family
<i>Ushers</i>		Mark Claverie
		Diane Robinson
		Tom Moeller
		Beth Moeller
		Karen Walton
<i>Hospitality</i>		Nancy & David Wilder

NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Mary E. Parker & William J. Parker by Martha & George Parker.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain
Diocese of Albany Retired Clergy
Our Parish The Vestry

WE WELCOME as our Celebrant and Preacher this morning FATHER JOHN SCOTT, Albany Hospital Chaplain.

There will be no celebration of the HOLY EUCHARIST this Tuesday. It will resume on November 26.

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.

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.

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.

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
November 18 - 24

Monday <i>Feria</i>		
Tuesday <i>Elizabeth of Hunga-ry</i>		
Wednesday <i>Edmund of East Anglia</i>	12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i> Vestry Meeting, <i>96 Ballston Ave.</i>
Thursday <i>Samuel Seabury</i>	10:30 a.m. 11:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Memory Care, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>Feria</i>		
Saturday <i>Clement of Rome</i>		
Sunday THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	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, *Verger*

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