



26 Washington Street

THANKSGIVING DAY
8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

28 November 2019
9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Hymns

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 - *The Peaceable Things*

Clay Christiansen (b. 1949)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 290 - *St. George's Windsor*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Prayer Book, page 324

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; 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 LESSON - *A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house. (26:1-11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Jubilate Deo*

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Words: Psalm 100

The people 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.

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did

you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (6:25-35)

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

THE SERMON

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Prayer book, page 327-328

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of thy creation, in earth and sky and sea,
We thank thee, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank thee, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank thee, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank thee, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank thee, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank thee, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank thee, Lord.

For the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, in all times and places,
We thank thee, Lord.

Above all, we give thee thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for 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

HYMN 291 -*Wir plugen*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer II

Prayer Book, page 340

PROPER PREFACE OF TRINITY SUNDAY

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

Prayer Book, page 334

OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM

Prayer Book, page 337

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

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 288 - Dix

ORGAN - Fanfare Toccata

Thomas Richner (1911-2008)

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1

7:30 A.M.—Morning Prayer

8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist

10:00 A.M. - Sung Eucharist with the Great Litany in Procession

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS FOR ADVENT

The Second Sunday of Advent, 6 December 2019

at three o'clock in the afternoon

A Reception in the narthex will follow.

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for
Anglican Communion Eastern Himalayas (North India)
Diocese of Albany That our thankfulness results in action
Our Parish Salvation Army

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.

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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.



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