



26 Washington Street

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

29 December 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 - *A Babe is Born in Bethlehem*

Dietrich Buxehude (1637-1707)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 102 - *Irby*

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

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. (61:10-

62:3) *Lector* The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Laudate Dominum*



- 13 Worship the LORD, O Je - / rusalem; *
praise your God, O / Zion;
14 For he has strengthened the bars of your / gates; *
he has blessed your children with - / in you.
15 He has established peace on your / borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest / wheat.
16 He sends out his command to the / earth, *
and his word runs very / swiftly.

★ *second half*

- 17 He gives snow like / wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like / ashes.
18 He scatters his hail like / bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his / cold?
19 He sends forth his word and / melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters / flow.
20 He declares his word to / Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to / Israel.
21 He has not done so to any other / nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Halle - / lujah!

Words: *Psalm 147:13-21*

Music: Simplified Anglican Chant ,Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)

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

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But

when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. (3:23-25;4:4-7)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 81 - *Es ist ein Ros*

The people 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.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. (1:1-18)

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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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Assisting Priest Grant that your Church, blessed with the knowledge of the Word made flesh, may faithfully proclaim the good news of redemption which be brought. As we are called to your service, guide and enable us to fulfill the tasks which are your will for us. We pray especially for 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.

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Have pity on all in the world who still do not know and receive the faith of Christ. Through his power, make light the dark places, so that all peoples and nations may be gathered into one.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

Bless us, our families and friends, with the grace and peace of Christ. Make our homes fit for those who are called to be your children, adopted in him.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

Have mercy on those who deny you because they trust their own strength and have not opened their hearts to your grace. Come to those who are not at peace with themselves and comfort them with the peace of your presence.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who, born again by grace in this world, have passed through the new birth to eternal life. Hold them in the peace that was prepared for them from the beginning.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. ***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

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

HYMN 88 - *England's Lane*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF THE INCARNATION

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

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 and Blood of Christ

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; 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 105 - *God Rest You Merry*

ORGAN - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Alec Wyton (1922-2007)

WORSHIPPING 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 Catherine Berheide
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Christopher Lyons
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	Anne Bullock Betsy Cummins
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Roxanne Baker Richard Wissler
<i>Ushers</i>		Mark Claverie Diane Robinson Tom Moeller David Harper

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Gahini (Rwanda)
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	The Cathedral of All Saints
<i>Our Parish</i>	In Thanksgiving for the Incarnation

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.

Please note: the PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Wednesday, January first, but will be open Thursday and Friday.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for January 12,19 & 26. If you would like to make a gift of flowers in memory or thanksgiving please call the church office at (518)584-5980.

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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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

December 30– January 5

Monday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>		
Wednesday <i>THE HOLY NAME</i>		<i>The Parish Office is closed today.</i>
Thursday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd Memory Care, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Christmas Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</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> 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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