



26 Washington Street

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

12 January 2020

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - Solemn 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: *Once He Came in Blessing*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1701)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 611 - Troen

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Hymnal S202)

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. (42:1-9)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Words: *Psalm 29*

Music: George Elvey (1816-1893)

THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (10:34-43)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 120 - *Solemnis haec festivitas*

The people turn to face the Book of Gospels

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (1:4-11)

Deacon 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 Gathered as God's holy people, let us offer prayer for all in need, both in this community and throughout all the world.

Deacon That the church, born of water and the Spirit, may be filled with new power for good,
Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That people of every nation may be cleansed from hatred and violence,
Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit may be freed from every evil,
Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That we who form one people in Jesus Christ may be made more perfectly like him,
Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have died marked with the sign of faith, may be reborn to eternal life,
Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord, you empower those who have been baptized to announce the good news of salvation to people everywhere. Hear and answer our prayers to fulfill our baptismal mission, so that all may live as your children, brothers and sisters of 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

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Deacon and People
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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM - *The Baptism of Christ*

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane!

When Jesus Christ baptized was,

The Holy Ghost descended with His grace.

The Father voice was heard in the place:

Refrain: Hic est Filius meus; ipsum intende!"

There were three Persons and one God.
The Son baptized with one accord.
The Father said this blessed word: *Refrain*

Now Jesu as Thou art both God and Man
And were baptized in from Jordan,
At our last end, we pray Thee, say then: *Refrain*

Words: Medieval Text
Music: Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

HYMN 135 - Salzburg

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF THE EPIPHANY

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (*Hymnal S114*)

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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

AGNUS DEI *from Mass for Four Voices*

William Byrd (1538-1623)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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MOTET - *Tribus Miraculis*

Tribus miraculis ornatum,
diem sanctum colimus:
Hodie stella magos duxit ad praesepeium:
Vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias:
Hodie in Jordane, a Joanne,
Christus baptizari voluit,
ut salvaret nos,
Alleluia.

Distinguished by three miracles,
This holy day is celebrated:
The star led the three Magi to the manger;
Wine was made from water at the wedding;
And today, in the Jordan, by John,
Christ chose to be baptized
in order to save us.
Alleluia.

Words: For The Baptism of Christ
Music: Luca Marenzio (1553-1599)

EPIPHANY BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 448 - *Deus tuorum militum*

ORGAN: *Caprice*

Louis-Nicolas Clerambault (1676-1749)

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>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock	Robert Bullock
		Darren Miller
<i>Lay Eucharist Visitor</i>		Christopher Lyons
<i>Lectors</i>	Michael Penfold	Lynda Redman
		Darren Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson
		Mark Claverie
<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>	Anglican Church of Australia
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Saint Paul's, Albany
<i>Our Parish</i>	The Vestry

During the month of January, the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Ray Priestley by Lynne Priestley, and in loving memory of Marcia Taylor Penfold by Michael & Cynthia Penfold.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for January 19 and all Sundays in February. If you would like to make a memorial or thank offering of Altar Flowers, please call the church office.

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.

VESTRY ELECTIONS: At the Annual meeting on January 28, 2020, starting at 6:30 pm, the annual Vestry election will be held. Those standing for election who are currently serving on the Vestry include: Catherine Berheide, for Junior Warden; Sara Manny, for Treasurer; and John Van der Veer, for Vestry member. There are currently two other Vestry vacancies (3-year terms). Nominations to serve on the Vestry should be in writing and will be accepted up to one hour before the election on January 28 (i.e., by appropriately 6:40 pm). Those interested in serving on the Vestry should speak with Fr. Vang or Sr. Warden Darren Miller as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 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. Remember to place your nametag in the basket in the back of the church as you leave.

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

January 13 - 19

Monday <i>Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers</i>		
Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.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>Antony, Abbot in Egypt</i>		
Saturday <i>THE CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER</i>		
Sunday <i>THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</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> Church School, <i>The Nave</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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