



26 Washington Street

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9 February 2020

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: *Impromptu*

Guy Eldridge (1904-1976)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 497 - *Wie schön leuchtet*

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)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. (58:1-9a)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Beatus vir*

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

Words: *Psalms 112:1-9*

Music: James Randall (1929-2014)

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

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him” — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. (2:1-12)

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 488 - *Slane*

The people stand & 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, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (5:13-20)

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 Faith is God’s gift to those who doubt, courage to those who are afraid, and strength to those who are weak. Let us ask God to hear these petitions.

For the leaders of the Church, especially 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, will receive the wisdom of Jesus in its witness to the Gospel.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That public officials will receive the power of Jesus in their defense of human rights,

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the people of our diocese will receive the love of Jesus in their need,

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we who celebrate this Eucharist will receive the light of Jesus in our life of faith,

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer

For those who have died, that they celebrate everlasting life with the Creator and Redeemer of all,

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Father, trusting in your goodness, we ask you to answer our prayers. Come to our help, so that the living flame of love in the heart of Jesus and in our hearts will brighten our world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ***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.

Assisting Priest 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
People

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM - *Blessed Are They*

How blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. They shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart. They shall see God.
Blessed are those who seek peace. They shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the Kingdom of Heav'n.

Words: *Matthew 5:3-10*

Music: Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

HYMN 419 - *Mendon*

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

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

AGNUS DEI *from Collegium Regal*

Herbert Howells (1892-1964)

MOTET - *Thee We Adore*

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour,
Thee, Who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail.
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
Who living bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls forever feed on Thee,
And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
Cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from the presence
flow.

Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face,
The vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

Words: Translated from Saint Thomas Aquinas (1224-1274)

Music: Frederick Candlyn (1892-1964)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 530 - *Gott sei Dank*

ORGAN: *Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus*

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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>Celebrant</i>	8:00 am Dean Vang	10:00am Dean Vang
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock	Robert Bullock
		Mark Griffin
<i>Lay Eucharist Visitor</i>		Mark Griffin
<i>Lectors</i>	Robert Bullock	Mark Claverie
		Anne Van Acker
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Mary Withington

Bell Ringers

Ushers

Hospitality

Diane Robinson
Mark Claverie
Mark Claverie
Diane Robinson
Tom Moeller
David Harper

NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Virginia Jean Long, by Garrie Long.

During the month of February, the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Frederick John Penfold, Jr. by Michael & Cynthia Penfold.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

Anglican Communion

Diocese of Albany

Our Parish

Church of Canada

St. John's Church, Cohoes

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next Sunday our guest Celebrant and Preacher will be FATHER JOHN SCOTT, Albany Hospital Chaplain.

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.

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.

MERCY HOUSE OF SARATOGA, INC. held its annual meeting on February 3 and elected its directors and officers for the coming year. Bethesda's Vestry nominated Gordon Boyd, Tom Remington and Mary Withington to continue as directors for three-year terms, and the nominees were then elected by the Mercy House Board. The Board then elected its officers: Boyd to serve as President, Ms. Withington as Vice President, Mary Sanders Shartle as Secretary, and Mark Claverie as Treasurer. All procedures conformed to the Mercy House bylaws, and were witnessed by members of the Vestry and Endowment Committee who attended the dinner meeting at Embassy Suites Hotel.

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

February 10 - 16

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Absalom Jones</i>		
Friday <i>Cyril & Methodius</i>		
Saturday <i>Thomas Bray</i>		
Sunday <i>THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFER 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, 9 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday, 9am until 2pm Thursday, and 9 a.m. until 12:30 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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