



26 Washington Street

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

16 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: *Andantino*

Albert Alain (1880-1971)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 423 - *St. Denio*

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

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Sirach*

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin. (15:15-20)

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

GRADUAL - *Beati immaculati*

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
 who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
 and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, *
 but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, *
 that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
 that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
 when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
 when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; *
 do not utterly forsake me.

Words: *Psalm 119:1-8*

Music: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

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

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. (3:1-9)

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 627 - *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*

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 have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."
(5:21-37)

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 In the power of the Holy Spirit, let us turn to God in confident prayer.

That God's goodness will be a source of wisdom for all the members 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,

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That God's goodness will be a source of peace for nations and peoples,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That God's will be a source of comfort for those who suffer in mind or body,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That God's goodness will be a source of holiness for us as we walk in the way of the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That God's goodness will be a source of everlasting life for those who have died,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant God of wisdom and love, you understand our every need even before we ask. Show us your goodness in answer to these prayers, so that keeping your commandments may be our joy. 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

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant 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 - *If Ye Love Me*

If ye love me, Keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another comforter,
That He may bide with you forever:
Ev'n the Spirit of truth.

Words: *John 14: 15-17*

Music: *Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

HYMN 594 - *Cwm Rhondda*

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 Aeterna Christi Munera*

Giovanni Palestrina (1525-1594)

MOTET - *O Sacrum Convivium*

O sacrum convivium,
In quo Christus sumitur,
Recolitur memoria passionis eius;
Mens impletur gratia,
Et futurae gloriae, nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia

*O sacred banquet,
in which Christ is received,
the memory of His Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory is given us.
Alleluia.*

Words: Saint Thomas Aquinas (1224-1274)

Music: Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 376 - *Hymn to Joy*

ORGAN: *Allegro Maestoso*

Albert Alain (1880-1971)

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>	Father Scott	Father Scott
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock	Steven Rucker David Wilder Mark Griffin
<i>Lay Eucharist Visitor</i>		Genna Henderson John Van der Veer
<i>Lectors</i>	Thomas Remington	Anne Van Acker Manny Family John Van der Veer
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Fred Scheidt Richard Wissler Christopher Lyons
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen & Mark Anspach
<i>Ushers</i>		
<i>Hospitality</i>		

NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Landon Moore Sr. by Amy Moore.

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

Church of the Province of Central Africa

Diocese of Albany

St. George's Church, Clifton Park

Our Parish

The Vestry

Today we welcome our guest Celebrant and Preacher FATHER JOHN SCOTT, Albany Hospital Chaplain.

On Saturday, February 22, late morning, a REQUIEM EUCHARIST will be celebrated to honor Jean Marie Crocker, a faithful Bethesda parishioner and dear friend to so many. Further details will be posted on our website. May she rest in peace and her soul rise in glory.

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.

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

February 17-23

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		<i>The Parish Office will be closed today.</i>
Tuesday <i>Martin Luther</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist <i>Transept Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	10:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> Vestry Meeting, <i>Parish Office</i>
Thursday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	10:00 a.m. 10:30 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>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE LAST 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> Solemn 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 & Thursday, 9 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday, 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
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