



26 Washington Street

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

23 February 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: *Reflections*

Douglas Major (b. 1953)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 427 - *Laudes Domini*

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

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Hymnal S202)

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same 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 Exodus*

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. (24:12-18)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
 Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
 and the princes plot together, *
 against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
 "let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
 the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
 and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king *
 upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
 he said to me, "You are my Son;
 this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
 and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
 and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
 be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear, *
 and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
 for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all *
 who take refuge in him!

Text: *Psalm 2*

Music: Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801)

THE SECOND LESSON - *A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter*

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. (1:16-21)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 129 - *Mowsley*

The people stand and 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.

Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the son of the living God, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." (17:1-9)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us pray to God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness and whose glory is like a devouring fire.

Deacon That the Church may be continually uplifted by the vision of the King is all his beauty, be rescued from all fear, and in confidence face the future. 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, in your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Church may be conformed to Christ the Son of God, share his sufferings, become like him in his death, and know the power of his resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

That your people may hear the prophets' testimony, see you clearly in the records of those who were eyewitnesses of your majesty, and do your will, preparing for your glorious coming on the Last Day.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

That the nations of the earth may more and more perfect the rule of law and administer after the example of Moses, the lawgiver and judge of your people.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

That the Church may heed the call of God in Christ Jesus to descend from the heights of vision and to serve those who are needy, desolate, and forgotten.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

That the suffering, the lonely, the disconsolate, the dying, and those who mourn may know the transforming light of your presence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

That the whole Church may persevere in the proclamation of the Gospel until the day dawns and Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, arises, that all the world may walk in his light.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Arise, O Morning Star, and in your rising lift us to behold with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints the majestic glory of God, so that through the shadows and darkness of the world we may ever press toward the glory of the world to come, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, 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 - *Greater Love Hath No Man*

Many waters cannot quench Love,
neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater Love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends
Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree,
that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness,
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
That ye show forth the praises of Him
Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God
that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
holy, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Words: *Canticle 8, John 15, I Peter 2, I Corinthians 6; Romans 12*
Music: John Ireland (1879-1962)

HYMN 137 - *Wareham*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II* *Prayer Book, page 340*

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*) *Prayer Book, page 341*

OUR FATHER *Prayer Book, page 336*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM *Prayer Book, page 337*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *Prayer Book, page 337*

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

AGNUS DEI *from Mass for Four Voices* William Byrd (1543-1623)

MOTET - *I Sat Down*

I sat down under His shadow with great delight,
and His fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house,
and His banner over me was love.

Words: *Song of Solomon 2: 3-4*
Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Prayer Book, page 339*

THE BLESSING *Prayer Book, page 339*

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN - *Dulce Carmen*

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad-ness, Voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia thou re - sound-est, True Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia we de - serve not Here to chant for ev - er - more;
4 There-fore in our hymns we pray thee, Grant us, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty,

Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them Ev - er dear to choirs on high;
Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, All thy chil - dren sing with thee;
Al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions Make us for a while give o'er;
At the last to keep thine Eas - ter In our home be - yond the sky;

In the house of God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
But by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
For the ho - ly time is com - ing Bid - ding us our sins de - plore.
There to thee for ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly. A - men.

ORGAN: *Morning Has Broken*

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

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

	8:00 am	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 Eucharist Visitor</i>		Christopher Lyons
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	Betsy Cummins Catherine Berheide
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Christine Miller
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth & Tom Moeller
<i>Ushers</i>		Craig Walton Karen Walton Mark Anspach Kathleen Anspach
<i>Hospitality</i>		Betsy Cummins

NOTICES

The FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Landon Moore Sr and Landon Moore Jr. 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
Diocese of Albany
Our Parish

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
Preparations for a Holy Lent
Our music ministry

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.

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.

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.

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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THE FIRST DAY OF LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY

26 February 2020

12:10 P.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

7:00 P.M. - SUNG EUCHARIST

Ashes will be imposed at both Liturgies.

Greetings Bethesda family,

In our ongoing efforts to keep our church records up to date, we ask you to please take a moment to fill out this form? Once complete, please drop it in the box at the back of the church as you leave or mail to the church office at 96 Ballston Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Family Name _____

Adults

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Children at home:

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone numbers: Home (1) _____

Cell (2) (_____) _____ Who's _____

Cell (3) (_____) _____ Who's _____

Email(s) _____

There are many occasions where the church office is called with the request of someone's phone number or address. Because it has been several years since a Church Directory has been issued, it has been my practice not to give this information without permission. We would like to see a Church Phone Book (no pictures) created and distributed among our church family. With this in mind, please check what information you give permission to be published. If you do not wish to be included in the phone book, simply check "none."

___ Name ___ Address ___ Email ___ Phone - Please circle which number: 1, 2, 3

Would you like to receive the Newsletter by email? ___ Yes ___ No

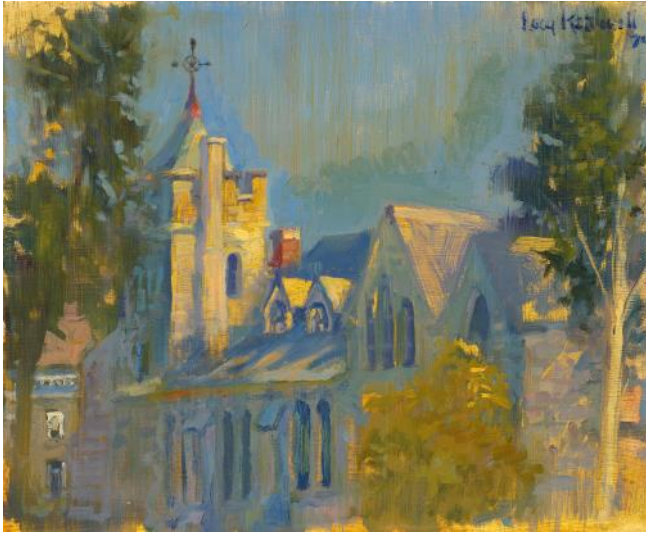
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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

February 24 -March 1

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>SAINT MATTHIAS</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	12:10 pm 7:00 pm	<i>Holy Eucharist, High Altar</i> <i>Sung Eucharist, High Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd Memory</i> <i>Care, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FIRST SUNDAY</i> <i>IN LENT</i>	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, <i>Transept Altar</i> The Great Litany & Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> The Great Litany & 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*
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