



**26 Washington Street**

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**8 March 2020**

**7:30 am - Morning Prayer**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 am - Sung Eucharist**

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*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 - Prelude**

Leon Böellmann (1862-1897)

**THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 401 - *Leoni***

**LENTEN ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant*      Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins,  
*People*         ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**KYRIE ELEISON - *Communion Service in E***

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Book of Genesis*

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him. (12:1-4a)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL - *Levavi oculos*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

Text: *Psalm 121*

Music: Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

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

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. (4:1-5, 13-17)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**HYMN 691 - Olivet**

*The people stand and 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.*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (3:1-17)

*Assisting Priest* 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 call upon the God of our ancestors, who is rich in compassion and love toward every generation.

*Assisting Priest* That the Lord's mercy be upon the Church, especially upon 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 the Lord's mercy be upon nations and peoples, especially the children of Abraham, and be their source of justice and peace,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the Lord's mercy be upon all who are alienated from God and others, and be their bond of love,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the Lord's mercy be upon us who are saved by Jesus Christ, and be our hope in every difficulty,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the Lord's mercy be upon those who have died, and be their gift of immortality,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* Father of glory, you sent your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us from sin and lead us to holiness. Answer our prayers, so that we may receive your mercy and share it with others. We ask this through the same 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 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

**ANTHEM - *God So Loved the World***

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world might through him be saved.

Words: *John 3: 16-17*

Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

**HYMN 337 - *Unde et memores***

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer I***

*Prayer Book, page 333*

### PROPER PREFACE OF LENT

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died and rose again.

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT - *Hymnal S117***

*Prayer Book, page 334*



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Words: Traditional

Music: *Missa Simplex*

**OUR FATHER**

*Prayer Book, page 334*

**AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: AGNUS DEI, *sung by all***



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

Words: Traditional  
Music: *Missa Simplex*

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS, *said by all***

*Prayer Book, page 337*

**MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**MOTET - *O Lord, Increase Our Faith***

O LORD, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity and patience; in all my adversity, Sweet Jesu, say, Amen.

Words: Unknown  
Music: Henry Loosemoore (1607-1670)

**THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Prayer Book, page 339*

**PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

*Assisting Priest* Bow down before the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ Our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

*Assisting Priest* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 558 - *Saint Catherine***

**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
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Steven Rucker
<i>Lectors</i>	John Huppuch	Ann Bullock
		Steven Rucker
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pamela Houde	Anne Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson
		Mark Claverie
<i>Ushers</i>		Richard Wissler
		Christopher Lyons
		John Van der Veer
		Fred Scheidt
<i>Hospitality</i>		Bryant Family

**NOTICES**

During the month of March the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of William Hugh Agee by Jane Agee.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for  
*Anglican Communion* Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo  
*Diocese of Albany* Christ Church, Cooperstown  
*Our Parish* The Reverend Charles F. Wallace

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.

## THE VESTRY REPORTS

Dear Friends,

The wardens and vestry of Bethesda Episcopal Church are delighted to announce that the Rev. Charles Frazier Wallace has accepted our call to be our next priest in charge beginning August 1, 2020. We are confident that our extensive national search has identified the right leader for the next stage in our parish ministry.

Father Wallace earned his BA with honors in French and History from University of King's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and his Master of Divinity with honors from Trinity College of the University of Toronto. After his ordination, he served as an assistant priest at a parish in Victoria, British Columbia, before becoming a chaplain at St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, Great Britain.

Father Wallace joins us after completing his service as headmaster of St. Thomas Choir School in New York City. He is currently overseas having completed a mission in Germany last month. He has just moved on to a mission with an Anglican Church in Switzerland. While still canonically a resident in British Columbia, he has the Bishop's permission to serve as a priest in the Albany Diocese.

Father Wallace is especially excited by the opportunity to work with our church school and to create new programs and fellowship opportunities for the parish. With his lengthy service at St. Thomas Choir School, he found our rich sacred music program to be compelling. In addition, his mission trips and experience serving the less fortunate led him to be particularly interested in working with the parish as we expand our ministry to the larger Saratoga community through our new parish house and in conjunction with Mercy House of Saratoga.

Darren Miller, Senior Warden, says that "Father Wallace impressed me, and indeed the whole vestry, with the strength of his faith, his commitment to serving all, and his thoughtful demeanor." Kate Berheide, Junior Warden, agrees noting that "Father Wallace is a particularly good fit for Bethesda with his considerable accomplishments as a spiritual leader and his administrative experience."

We look forward to welcoming Father Wallace to Bethesda in August.

Sincerely,

The Wardens and Vestry

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.

We are once again updating our records. We are also working on a PARISH TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. We ask that you please complete the information on page 10 of this bulletin and leave it in the box on the table in the back of the church, or return it to the office before March 31. If you do not wish to have your information published in the phone directory, please check NONE at the bottom of the page.

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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Adults

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Children living at home:

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."

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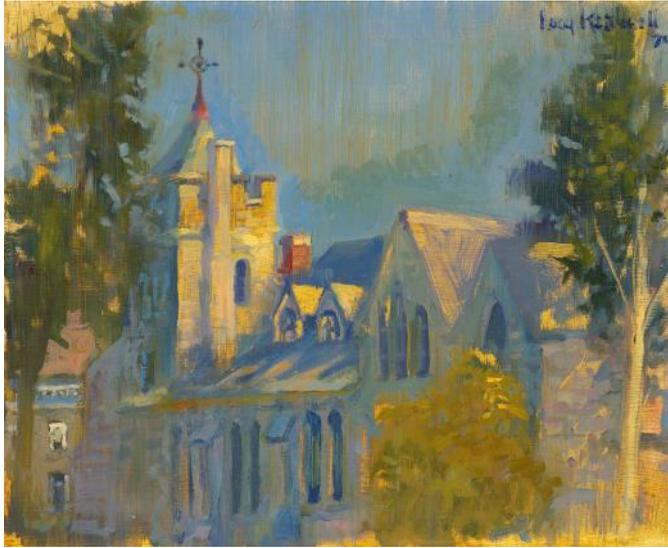
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**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**

*March 9-15*

Monday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	10:30a.m.. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Memory Care, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Café Lena- Saratoga Performing Arts Center Concert <i>The Nave</i>
Friday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE THIRD</i> <i>SUNDAY IN LENT</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>First Baptist Church</i>

Office Hours: The PARISH OFFICES are open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. *Monday & Thursday*, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. *Tuesday & Wednesday* and 9 a.m. until 12:30pm on *Friday*.



**THE PARISH VESTRY**  
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**THE PARISH STAFF**

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