



26 Washington Street

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

15 March 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 - *Von Gott will ich nicht lassen*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 681 - *O Gott, du frommer Gott*

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 F*

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Exodus*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" (17:1-7)

GRADUAL - *Venite, exultemus*

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

Words: *Psalm 95*

Music: Richard Wayne Dirkson (1921-2003)

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (5:1-11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 564 - *Saint Dunstan's*

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.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all

things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world. (4:5-42)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

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Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant My sisters and brothers, we are gathered during this Holy Season of repentance to celebrate the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ. Let us ask our merciful God to open for all the world this fountain of life and blessing.

Assisting Priest For all Church leaders, 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, that their work be blessed and made fruitful,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are preparing for Christian initiation at Easter, that they look forward to this celebration with fervent joy,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of our country and of every nation, that they work together to meet the needs of the poor,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, justice, and peace, that they be satisfied,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the ill, the aged, and the dying, that their hope in God's merciful love give them comfort and
peace,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us who worship here, that the love of God be abundantly poured into our hearts so we
may pour out that love to others,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, that they rejoice for ever in the glory of God, in the company of the
ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord God, you are our Savior. Let us draw water joyfully from the springs of your
mercy as did the woman of Samaria. Grant us your saving help in answer to our prayers, for we
make them in the name of your Son, 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

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

*The Bishop of Albany has directed that we pass the Peace
with a simple bow of the head or wave of a hand.*

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM - *Like as the Hart*

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,
so longeth my soul after thee,
O God My soul is a-thirst for God
yea, even for the living God
When shall I come to appear
before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they daily say unto me
Where, where is now thy God?
My tears have been my meat day and night.

Words: *Psalm 42: 1-3*
Music: Herbert Howells (1842-1983)

HYMN 343 - *St. Agnes*

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



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 Simplex2*

OUR FATHER

Prayer Book, page 334

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



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*

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.

Following guidelines from church and medical leaders, Holy Communion will only be administered in one kind: a consecrated host.

MOTET - *Be Still My Soul*

Be still, my soul, for God is near; The Great High Priest is with thee now;
The Lord of Life Himself is here, Before whose face the angels bow.

To make thy heart His lowly throne Thy Saviour God in love draw nigh.
He gives Himself unto His own, For whom He once came down to die.

I come, O Lord, for Thou dost call to blend my pleading prayer with Thine:
To Thee I give myself, my all And feed on Thee, and make Thee mine. Amen.

Words - W.D. Maclagan

Music: Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, page 339

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Assisting Priest Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Chris our Lord. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest
People

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 522 - Austria

ORGAN - Concerto in A Minor

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 BEVERAGES 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>	Darren Miller	Mark Griffin
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Christopher Lyons
<i>Lectors</i>	Thomas Remington	Sara Manny
		Libby Smith-Holmes
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Mary Withington
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Manny Family
<i>Ushers</i>		Mark Anspach
		Kathleen Anspach
		Craig Walton
		Karen Walton
<i>Hospitality</i>		Helen & Lew Bruce

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 Church of England
Diocese of Albany St. Mary's Church, Downsville
Our Parish The Vestry

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 continue in our efforts to update 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 at 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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Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

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

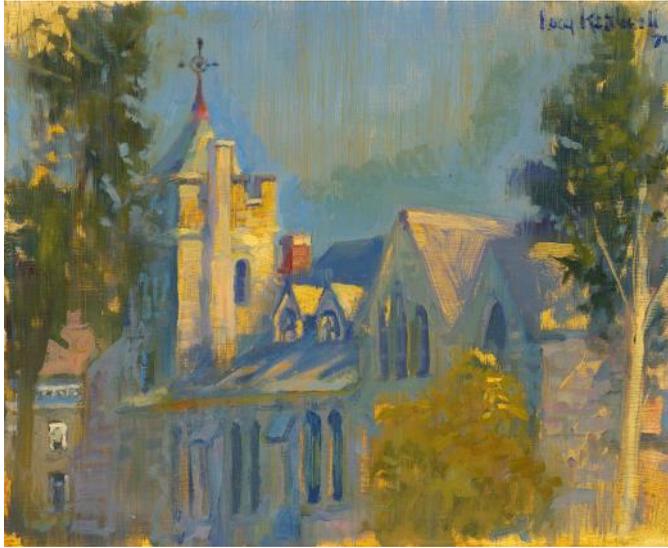
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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

March 16-22

Monday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Saint Patrick</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	10:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	10:30a.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>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FOURTH 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> Solemn Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i> Church School, <i>The Nave</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*.



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