



26 Washington Street

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

22 March 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 - Voluntary

Albert Dupuis (1877-1967)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 632 - Munich

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

KYRIE ELEISON

George Fenton (b. 1949)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the First Book of Samuel*

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. (16:1-13)

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

GRADUAL - *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Text: *Psalm 23*

Music: John Goss (1800-1880)

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

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (5:8-14)

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

HYMN 7 - *Ratisbon*

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.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner.

One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

(9:1-41)

Deacon 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 Let us ask our God to illumine us and all the world with the light of Christ in answer to these prayers.

Deacon 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 and David, our Assisting Bishops; and Marshall and Paul, our Priests, that they will be blessed and made fruitful,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all people will find lasting peace in God’s will,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the blind and the ill, the infirm and the dying, and all who are afflicted with the Corona Virus, will find abundant comfort in God’s love,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all who worship here will find welcome refreshment in God’s goodness,

let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have died will find everlasting happiness in God's house, in communion with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord God, unfailing light and Father of lights, by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have cast out the darkness of hatred and deceit, and have poured out on the human family the brightness of truth and love. Answer the prayers we have made to you. Help us to live as children of light, this day and every day, both now and for 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 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 - Remember Not

Remember, not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers;
spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood,
and be not angry with us for ever. Spare us, good Lord

Remember me, Lord, in Thy mercy, for thy love abides with me ever; for to know thy truth is life and perfect righteousness, and Thy dominion endures forever. Hear me, O God.

Words: Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556)
Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

HYMN 623 - *O quanta qualia*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer I*

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PROPER PREFACE OF LENT

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT - *Hymnal S117*

Prayer Book, page 334



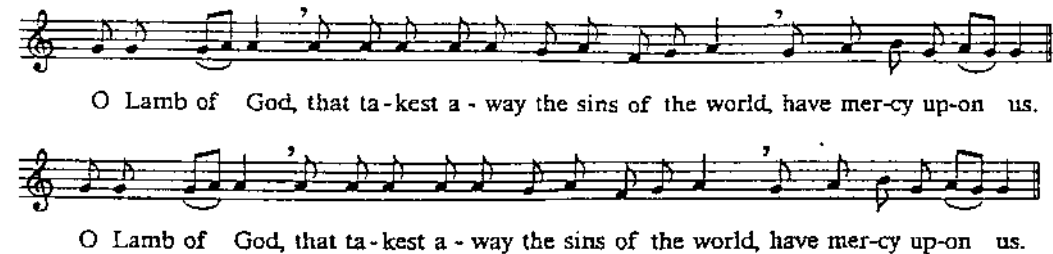
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

Words: Traditional
Music: *Missa Simplex*

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 - *A Litany*

Drop slow tears and bathe those beauteous feet
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace,
Cease not wet eyes His mercy to entreat
To cry for vengeance, sin doth never cease.
Drop slow tears in your deep flood
Drown all my faults and fears
Nor let His eye see sin,
But through my tears.

Words - Phineas Fletcher
Music: William Walton (1902-1983)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneek before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy f repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 620 - *Land of Rest*

ORGAN - *Finale*

William Mathias (1934-1992)

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>	Catherine Berheide	Steven Rucker
<i>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</i>		Virginia McMorris
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Withington	Kim Caughron
		Catherine Berheide
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Withington	Ann Van Acker
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Beth & Tom Moeller
<i>Ushers</i>		Mark Claverie
		Diane Robinson
		Tom Moeller
		David Harper
<i>Hospitality</i>		Libby Smith-Holmes

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

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Diocese of Albany

St. John's, Essex

Our Parish

The homeless & the hungry of our community

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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Adults

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Children living 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) _____

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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."

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

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

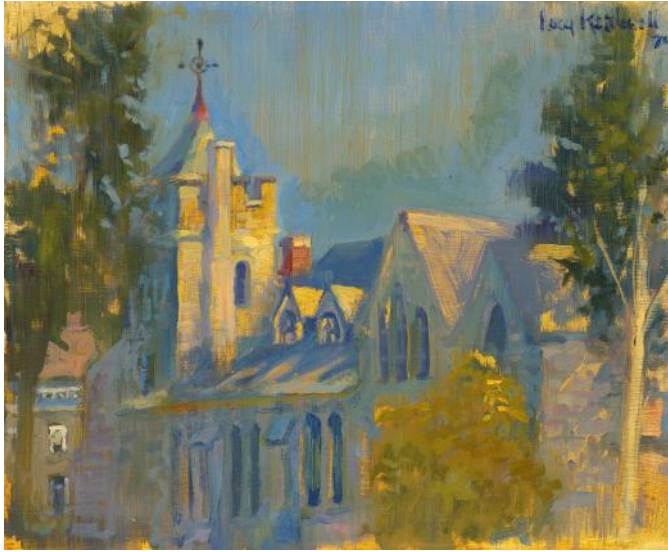
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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

March 23-29

Monday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Wednesday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Thursday <i>THE ANNUNCIATION</i>		
Friday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FIFTH 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> Beverages, <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*.



THE PARISH VESTRY
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