

Bethesda



TOWARD A THIRD CENTURY

SARATOGA  SPRINGS

26 Washington Street

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Rogation Sunday

17 May 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 - *Allegro in C*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 212 - *Richmond*

EASTER ACCLAMATION:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Prayer Book, page 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

Prayer Book, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Acts of the Apostles*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him-- though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." (17:22-31)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Benedicite populi Deo nostro*

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
 the Lord would not have heard me;
 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
 nor withheld his love from me.

Words: *Psalm 66:7-18*

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

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. (3:13-22)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE: HYMN 707 - *Hollingside*

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 said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." (14:15-21)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Jesus has not left us orphans, for he has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always. Through the power of the Spirit, let us give voice to the needs of people everywhere in these petitions.

Assisting Priest That 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, may persevere in works of justice and peace,

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who govern and exercise authority may bring hope to the nations of the world,

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the hungry, the sick, especially those affected by the Corona Virus, and the homeless may know the presence of Jesus Christ,

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all parents, especially single parents, may receive the strength and power of the Spirit as they care for their children,

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have gone before us in death, may enter the place Christ has prepared for them, together with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant We praise you, God of our joy, for your strong bond of love which unites us to your risen Son. Give us your Spirit to help us in all our needs, so that we may love in deed and in truth. 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

Assisting Priest Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

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

HYMN 488 – *Slane*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer II

Prayer Book, page 340

PROPER PREFACE OF EASTER

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (*Hymnal 797*), *sung by all*

OUR FATHER

Prayer Book, page 334

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM

Prayer Book, page 337

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI, *from Missa Resurrectionis*

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, page 339

PASCHAL BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

HYMN 387 - *Magdalen College*

ORGAN - *Labyrinthe Harmonique*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

Anglican Communion
Diocese of Albany
Our Parish

Church of Korea
For all Survivors of Abuse
The Vestry

Even though the church is closed for worship in person, our PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT is working from home and is available for calls and emails from 9am until 2pm Monday and Thursday; 9am until 3pm Tuesday and Wednesday; and 9am until 12:30pm on Friday.

SUNDAY VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR: It was great to see those who attending our virtual Coffee Hour. We would love to see you at our next one. To participate please send an email to office@bethesdachurch.org to request the Zoom link if you have not done so previously. Unfortunately, we cannot post the Zoom link on our website or social media given the well-publicized issues with ‘open’ meetings, so we need to receive your request. If you want technical help with Zoom, please put that request in your note. We plan to have this virtual coffee hour each Sunday at 12:30.

SUNDAY VIDEO BY DEAN VANG: Dean Vang's Holy Week videos were very well received, and he is again working with Look TV to create videos of similar length for upcoming Sundays. The videos will be available at bethesdachurch.org and www.facebook.com/bethesdaepiscopalchurch. As always, call the office at 518-584-5980 or email office@bethesdachurch.org with questions or concerns!

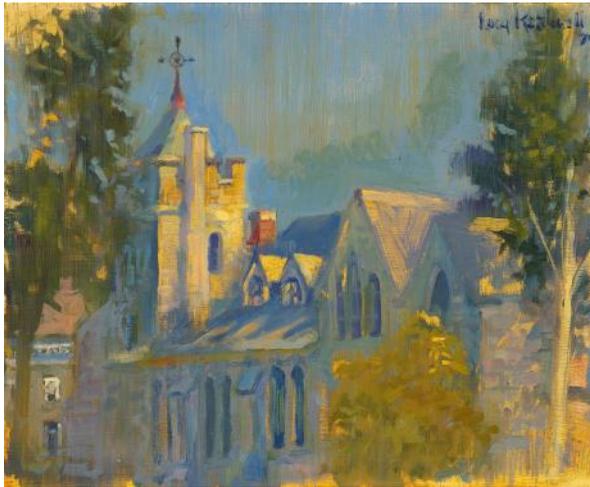
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STIMULUS FUNDS: Bethesda was the fortunate recipient of stimulus money to help us pay for payroll and related staff expenses for approximately six pay periods (every two weeks). This is a difficult time for many individuals, families and businesses. We are grateful for this blessing and for those who are able to continue the financial support of our church during this pandemic.

NEW PARISH HOUSE & COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE:

On May 13, Bethesda received final approval in a 6-1 vote from the City's Design Review Commission for exterior materials and fenestration of the New Parish House. Previously, on April 29, the DRC approved the mass, scale and general building design, allowing us to proceed to final permitting with the City. The return meeting May 13 was to review the West and South-facing facades regarding building materials and fenestration. The parish architects prepared and showed new representations of these features for DRC, including one additional window and several "soldier courses" of brick. These changes met with overwhelming acceptance by DRC. The DRC has asked to review and approve our selection of brick and limestone, which the architects are presently reviewing from multiple vendors for color and quality.



THE PARISH VESTRY

Churchwardens

Class of 2020
Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

Class of 2021
Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

Vestry

Class of 2020
Ann Bullock, *Clerk*
Marcia MacDonald
David Wilder

Class of 2021
Pamela Houde
John Huppuch
John Van der Veer
Sara Manny, *Treasurer*

Class of 2022
Field Horne
Steven Rucker
Karen Finkbeiner

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*
Mr. Robert E. Bullock, *Verger*