



## 26 Washington Street

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**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**24 May 2020**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**7:30 am - Morning Prayer**

**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 on Orientis Partibus***

Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

**HYMN 450 - *Coronation***

**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, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.  
***Amen.***

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles***

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

(1:6-14)

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

### **GRADUAL - *Exsurgat Deus***

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
    let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
    as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
    let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
    exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
        YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
    God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
    but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
    when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
    at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
        at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
    you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
    in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
           sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
           he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
           his majesty is over Israel;  
           his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
           the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
           Blessed be God!

Words: *Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36*

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

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

(4:12-14; 5:6-11)

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

**SEQUENCE: HYMN 410 - *St. Thomas***

*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 looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf

of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” (17:1-11)

*Assisting Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

## THE SERMON

Father Moore

## THE NICENE CREED

*Prayer Book, page 327*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* United in prayer with the Blessed Virgin Mary and the apostles chosen by the Lord, let us ask God for what we need this day.

*Assisting Priest* For deeper faith in all the members of the Church, 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, an for the support of those baptized at Easter.

Let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the well-being of this nation and its government, and for the safety of all who serve and protect us,

Let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the comforting of those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit, and for peace for the dying, especially those affected by the Covid-19 virus,

Let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the continuing work of creation, and for the building of a more humane world,

Let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the ministry of God’s care and healing to others at our hands, and for abundant life in the reign of God,

Let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For eternal joy for the faithful departed, and for consolation for all who mourn them,

Let us pray to the Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* Lord, we ask to see your goodness in answer to these prayers. Bring us to glory with Jesus Christ in the land where all are alive for you, 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.**

## CONFESSON 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 460 - *Hyfrydol***

**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

*Prayer Book, page 337*

## 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 484 - Wachet auf**

**ORGAN - Postlude in C**

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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## NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

*Anglican Communion*

All members of the Anglican Communion around the world

*Diocese of Albany*

Memorial Day – Remember the servicemen and service

*Our Parish*

women who died in service to the United States of America

Those currently serving in the Armed Forces of our Nation

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](mailto: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 10:00 a.m.

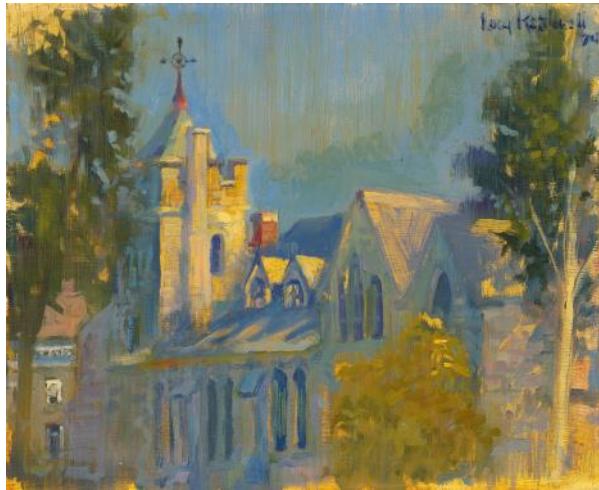
**SUNDAY VIDEO BY DEAN VANG:** Dean Vang’s Holy Week videos were very well received, and he is again working with Look TV to create videos of similar length for upcoming Sundays. The videos will be available at [bethesdachurch.org](http://bethesdachurch.org) and [www.facebook.com/bethesdaepiscopalchurch](http://www.facebook.com/bethesdaepiscopalchurch).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

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#### **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.



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## THE PARISH STAFF

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Interim Rector*

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