



26 WASHINGTON STREET

Instructions for Attending Church

Entry

Do not enter if you are ill or have been in contact with someone who is ill
A mask is required at all times
An usher will sanitize your hands upon entry
We require your name and contact information
Sorry, no bathrooms available

Offering

Collection plates are at the rear of the church; thanks for dropping your envelope there!

Bulletins

Are in the pews

Seating

8 am – sit in pews *with* blue tape
10 am – sit in pews *with* purple tape

Peace

6' apart - No touching – bow, sign, wave

Communion

Please follow ushers' instructions
Begins with people at the rear of the church
Distinct households remain 6' apart
An usher will sanitize your hands just before you receive
Only host will be distributed (sorry no wine)
For communion, hold out your hands
For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest
Return to your seat via the side aisle on the left (the Gospel side)

Leaving

Wait until the usher signals that it's your turn to leave
Place your bulletin in the waste basket or take it home to recycle

thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of The Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same 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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

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

Gradual Misericordias Domini

Said by all

Psalms 89:1-4,15-18

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.
Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

The Second Lesson

Romans 6: 12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Lector concludes
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand, if able.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Father Scott

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing if you are able.

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried:
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of The People

Please kneel, if you are able.

Lector I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, William; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *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.

The Confession

The Celebrant and People say

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 Absolution

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Please stand, if you are able.

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

The Liturgy of The Eucharist

At The Offertory

Musette

Darwin Wolford (b. 1936)

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand, if you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface Of The Lord's Day Of God the Son

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Sanctus and Benedictus Qui Venit *Said by all, standing if you are able.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharist Prayer *Please kneel, if you are able.*

The Celebrant continues saying the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of The Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Agnus Dei *Said by all, kneeling, if you are able.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access *Said by all, kneeling if you are able.*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

At The Communion

Andante Religioso

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Concluding Rite

The Post Communion Prayer *Said by all, kneeling if you are able.*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the recession, if you are able.

Voluntary

Fanfare Toccata

Thomas Richner (1911-2008)

NOTICES

We welcome all visitors to Bethesda. Please identify yourself to the clergy.

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.

In our Intercessions for the Church today, we pray for

Anglican Communion	United Church of North India
Diocese of Albany	Thanksgiving for the ministry of AA
Our Parish	Thanksgiving for the decline in COVID-19 infections in Saratoga Springs

We welcome Father John Scott, Albany Hospital Chaplain, as our Celebrant again this week. He has graciously agreed to be with us during this period before Father Wallace arrives August 1.

Bethesda is collecting donations for those in need in Saratoga County. The pandemic has negatively impacted so many people and we can help. The Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council (EOC) has indicated that people need: canned fruits and canned vegetables, as well as an assortment of personal items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes, hygiene products, razors, shaving cream, and baby wipes). Bethesda is collecting these items between 8 am and 11:30 am on Sundays (i.e., before and after church services). We will deliver them to the EOC for distribution to those who need them in our community.

Bishop Love's Trial. The Title IV Hearing Panel (chaired by The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely) met online on June 12 in "The Matter of The Episcopal Church –vs- The Rt. Rev. William H. Love." After it concluded, Bishop Love sent a letter to all the parishes in the diocese in which he indicated that after the five members of the Hearing Panel reach a verdict, they will write up their decision and the reasoning behind it. Bishop Love reported that it is his "understanding that the public will not be notified of the decision until the written argument is complete, which according to Bishop Knisely may take several weeks. Once that is done, each side will have an opportunity to appeal the ruling if they choose." As a result, he did not know when the final outcome of his case will be reached.

The Bishop has also written a letter regarding the ongoing racial tension in our communities and our nation. It is available on the diocesan website

<https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/2020/06/20/a-message-from-bishop-love-regarding-the-ongoing-racial-tension-in-our-communities-and-our-nation/>.

We stay in touch and communicate key parish news by email, particularly during this pandemic. If you would like to receive our emails, please sign up on our website bethesdachurch.org or call the office (518) 584- 5980. If you have signed up but are not seeing an email from Bethesda Episcopal Church at least once a week, please let the office know and you will be con

tacted to correct the problem. If you do not use email and would like to receive communications by US mail, please let the office know.

Sunday Videos. Father Moore has made six more videos with guest appearances by the wardens and two choir members. They cover today and all the Sundays in July, thereby taking us up to the point where Father Wallace begins his ministry at Bethesda. The videos continue to be available on our website <https://bethesdachurch.org/> , on Facebook www.facebook.com/bethesdaepiscopalchurch , and on Look TV.

Offerings. You may mail your Offerings to the Church office at 96 Ballston Avenue, Saratoga Springs NY 12866. You can also make your gift to Bethesda through PayPal by going to <https://www.paypal.com/us/home> and choosing bethesdaepiscopalchurch@gmail.com as the payee.

If you would like to make an offering of flowers or Eucharistic Elements, please contact the Parish Office by phone (584-5980) or email barbara@bethesdachurch.org. Your gift is appreciated by all.

If you are shopping on-line remember to use AMAZONSMILE and designate Bethesda Episcopal Church as the charity to which you want Amazon to donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/14-1364477> .

Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour. We resumed our virtual Coffee Hour last Sunday, June 21, from 12:30-1:00 pm. We will hold it at the same time this Sunday. We would love to see you there. To participate please send an email to gather@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 you need to request a link. If you have never used Zoom and would like help setting it up, please put that request in your note.

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.

Our Parish Administrative Assistant, Barbara Latzko, is working from home and is available for calls (518-584-5980) and emails (office@bethesdachurch.org) from 9am until 2pm Monday and Thursday; 9am until 3pm Tuesday and Wednesday; and 9am until 12:30pm on Friday.

In this interim period between rectors, you can contact the office by phone (518-584-5980) or email (office@bethesdachurch.org) or you can email the wardens (Darren Miller and Kate Berheide) at wardens@bethesdachurch.org with questions or concerns.



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

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John Van der Veer
Sara Manny, *Treasurer*

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Steven Rucker
Karen Finkbeiner

The Parish Staff

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*

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