

Bethesda Episcopal Church
26 Washington Street
Saratoga Springs

The Third Sunday in Lent
8am Holy Eucharist

7 March 2021
10:00 am - Holy Eucharist

Prelude

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Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

<i>Celebrant</i>	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
<i>People</i>	His Mercy endures forever.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn (at 10am)

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in
2 For thee, my God, for the liv - ing God, in my
3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope
4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O
thirst - y soul doth pine: when shall I be -
still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who
God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.
hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?
is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.
was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

The Collect of The Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 people are seated

The First Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words to Moses on Mount Sinai: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

The Lector concludes

The Word of the Lord.

The People respond

Thanks be to God

Gradual [*Congregation says the verses in bold*]

Psalms 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, *

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, *

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, *

and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, *

and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

*The Lector concludes
The People respond*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand, if able.

The Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

The Sermon

Fr Wallace

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 *Pease kneel, if you are able.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, by responding to each petition, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and in particular, for this parish family,
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends
of the earth, Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those preparing for baptism and for their sponsors; for members of our Sunday
School, and for their teachers, Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations
and peoples, Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, especially those suffering from COVID, and for their
families; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and
protected, Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended, Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness and are now at rest,
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

The Celebrant concludes with a prayer.

The people respond Amen.

The Celebrant introduces the Confession

The people say

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.

At The Offertory

Andantino

Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

The Great Thanksgiving

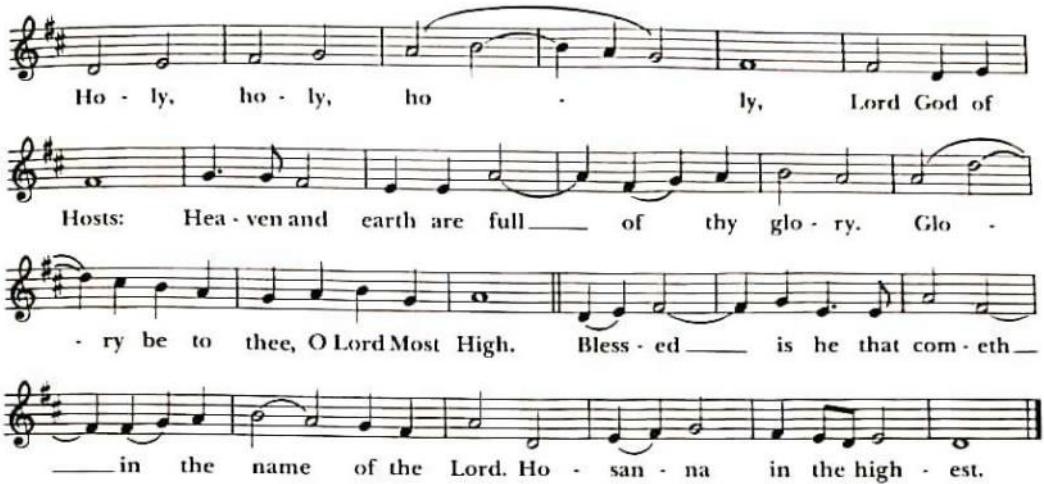
Please stand, if you are able.

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

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 and Benedictus Qui Venit *Sung by all*



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.

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

The Celebrant continues 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

<i>Celebrant</i>	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast.

Prayer of Humble Access *Said by all*

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.

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.

At The Communion

Ricerca

Johann Pacelbel (1653-1706)

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

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

Please stand as the celebrant departs, if you are able.

Voluntary

Dialogue

Louis Clérambault (1676-1749)

Notices this Week

In our Intercessions for the Church and Parish this week, we pray for
Anglican Communion Anglican Church in the Congo
Albany Diocese Grace Church, Cherry Valley – The Rev'd Kyle Grennen
Our Parish Children and Youth of the parish

We remember with thanksgiving those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. We also pray for those who have died recently and those whose year's mind falls at this time.

If you are shopping online 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>.

Parish Activities for March

Today: *Music and Meditations for Lent*

Join us this afternoon at 4pm as we continue a five-week series of contemplative recitals played by illustrious local concert artists. Today, we welcome jazz pianist, Chuck Lamb. Bethesda gratefully acknowledges a gift from Laura Kszan and Jeff Wentling in support of this afternoon's recital.

7 March	Chuck Lamb, jazz piano
14 March	Oona Grady and James Gascoyne, Celtic duo
21 March	Joel Brown, classical guitar

Freewill donation. Advanced Registration is required to reserve a seat for these recitals. Please visit the Bethesda web site (www.bethesdachurch.org) to register, or call the office.

Thursday at 7pm: Lent Study 2021: 11 March and 18 March

Lent Study group meets this Thursday at 7pm in the church. We are studying T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets. This week, we read the third poem, The Dry Salvages. A copy of the text may be downloaded at: <http://www.paikassociates.com/pdf/fourquartets.pdf>

Maundy Thursday Watch By popular demand we will keep the traditional vigil before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose following the Maundy Thursday evening liturgy. A sign up sheet is available on the lectern in the Narthex. The watch begins at 8:30pm Thursday and lasts until noon on Friday.

In the Community

LifeWorks Community Action (formerly EOC). Thank you to all those who have already donated items. At this time LCA is in serious need of diapers (size 4 & 5), baby wipes, baby care products, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, hygiene products, razors and shaving cream. At this time they cannot collect clothing items. We will be delivering the donations to LifeWorks Community Action for distribution to those who need them in our community, and we will continue this collection drive during the pandemic. Thanks again for your generosity.

Direct Care Volunteers Needed The Gateway House of Peace, and end of life home that provides hospice care and emotional support to families managing with the last few months of life, is in great need of licensed or retired health care volunteers capable of providing direct care. Other volunteers are needed as well, for facility management and event planning support. Please contact Executive Director, Bethany Gonyea at bgonyea@gatewayhouseofpeace.org for more information

Lenten Almsgiving Bethesda has joined the FEASST program to help families and individuals with emergency needs for rent or utilities. FEASST, well established in Southern Saratoga County, has expanded north this year. It consists of a network of churches joining together to meet emergency needs, and provide professional follow up to secure supportive services. Staff at Captain Community Human Services validate the needs and coordinate collections and payments. Bethesda's role is to chip in with other churches to provide the emergency cash. In the spirit of Lenten almsgiving, envelopes for these special gifts are available in the back of the church.

Upcoming Services and Events at Bethesda

Today:	Lent 3: Services at 8am and 10am 4pm Music & Meditation for Lent: Chuck Lamb, jazz piano
Wednesday, 10 March	12pm Eucharist
Thursday, 11 March	7pm Lent Study: Four Quartets, T.S. Eliot
Saturday, 13 March	5pm Vigil Eucharist (Rite II)
Sunday, 14 March	Lent 4: Services at 8am & 10am. 4pm Music & Meditation for Lent: Oona Grady and James Gascoyne, Celtic duo

Home Prayers in Lent: Week 3

Begin by saying:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Prayer for the Week is said:

Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Read the Psalm for the day, followed by the Bible passage:

Sunday	March 7	Psalm 19	Rom. 7:13-25
Monday	March 8	Psalm 80	John 7:14-36
Tuesday	March 9	Psalm 78	John 7:37-52
Wednesday	March 10	Psalm 81	John 8:12-20
Thursday	March 11	Psalm 83	John 8:21-32
Friday	March 12	Psalm 88	John 8:33-47
Saturday	March 13	Psalm 87	John 8:47-59
Sunday	March 14	Psalm 122	Ephesians 2:4-10

Prayers follow:

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. *Lord, hear our prayer.*
Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

A period of silence follows. Conclude with the Lord's Prayer and the Grace:

Our Father...

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. *Amen.*