

**Agnus Dei** Sung by all. Hymnal, S 158

**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.**

**The 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.

**The Invitation to Communion**

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takest away the sins of the world.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

**Communion Verse**

And this is the record; that God hath given us eternal life alleluia. And this life is in his Son; alleluia; alleluia.

**Spiritual Communion**

**Post-Communion Prayer** Prayer Book p. 339

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.

**Blessing & Dismissal** Prayer Book p. 339

**Procession 512** Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove. Mendon

Master of Ceremonies, Thurifer: David Kennison

Cantor & Acolyte: Jeff Wengrovius

Greeter: Meg Hughes

Lector: Tarik Wareh

Altar guild: Nancy Angus

Counters: Paul Smigelski, Meg Hughes

*At the end of the month we will start over with this prayer list, if you would like a name included contact [office@stgeorgesschenectady.org](mailto:office@stgeorgesschenectady.org)*

The Sick and those in need: Larry P., Ed C., Nellie, Peggy, Daria, Peter, Theresa, Gail, Robert T., Richard, Jessica, Christian, Jesse, Barbara A., Judith S, Marasella, Bob K.

Morning Prayer: Tuesday –Friday 8:30 a.m.

Evening Prayer: Tuesday-Friday 5:00 p.m.

### PARISH NOTICES

**Zoom Coffee Hour:** Join us for a time of online fellowship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89554179853?pwd=Y3NEWURGeGVGNzA4QnlIRkQMy9aUT09>

Passcode: 557641

**Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SICM collection:** We are currently collecting items to be distributed to the SICM food bank on May 9.

**Outdoor Celtic Mass:** During Eastertide at 6pm Sunday nights, we will host an outdoor mass using Celtic music and exploring a number of Celtic saints and their unique contribution to the Christian tradition. Join us in the memorial garden. Tonight: Aidan of Lindisfarne

**All on the Same Page:** June 20, 2021 “The Vanishing Half” by Britt Bennett

**Shape Note Singing** All are welcome to sing early American shapenote hymns every Saturday in the nave, 1:00-3:30pm. No musical or singing experience is necessary, and loaner books are available. Please visit <http://www.albanysacredharp.org/> or contact Tarik Wareh for more information.

**May Crowning of the Virgin Mary:** Our Mass on May 9th will conclude with a special devotion to Our Lady in our garden. The “May Crowning” is a traditional Catholic ritual that occurs in the month of May and it recognizes Mary as Queen of heaven and earth. Mary consented to be the Mother of God. In this way she won the “crown of righteousness” (II Tim 4:8), the “crown of life” (Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10), the “crown of glory” (I Pet 5:4) that is promised to those who follow Christ.

**Ascension Day:** We will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday May 13 at 7pm with a Mass. It will be preceded by a 6:45 pm organ concert. The Feast of the Ascension commemorates 40 days after the Resurrection when Christ ascended into Heaven in the sight of his disciples.

**Pentecost:** Join us on Sunday May 23 at 10 am for a celebration of the Feast of Pentecost, also known as Whitsunday. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended with power upon the Church empowering us to reach the world with the Gospel. On this Sunday will also be celebrating the baptism of young Piper Wisenburn, daughter of Nathaniel Wisenburn and Angela Marion.



**St. George's Episcopal Church**  
in the heart of the historic Stockade District



**Fifth Sunday of Easter, 2 May 2021**

**Holy Eucharist — Rite I,**

**The Rev'd Canon Matthew Stromberg, Celebrant**

**Dr Brian J. Taylor AAGO, Director of Music Ministry**

**Mass Setting:** Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena Healey Willan 1880–1968

**Voluntary**

**Procession:** 187 Through the Red Sea brought at last *Straf mich nicht*

**Introit**

A new commandment I give unto you alleluia, That ye love one another as I have loved you; alleluia alleluia. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples; if ye have love to one another.

**Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity** Prayer Book p. 323

**Summary of the Law** Prayer Book p. 324

**Kyrie eleison** Hymnal, S 91

**Gloria in excelsis** Hymnal, S 202

**The Collect of the Day**

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The First Lesson** Please be seated Acts 8:26-40

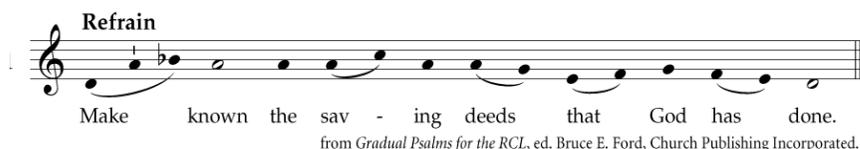
An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

**Psalm 22:24-30** *Deus, Deus meus*



- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!" **℟**
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him. **℟**
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done. **℟**

**The Second Lesson** Please be seated 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our

sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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



**Cantor** : The darkness is past; and the true light now shineth. Alleluia. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light: and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

All repeat: Alleluia.

**The Holy Gospel** Please stand. John 15:1-8

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.  
**People** And with thy spirit.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

**The Sermon** The Rector

**The Nicene Creed** Said by all, standing. Prayer Book p. 326

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.* Prayer Book p. 328

**The Confession & Absolution** *Said by all.* Prayer Book p. 330

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 Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

**Greeting & Announcements**

**Offertory Verse:** For this is the love of God; that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous alleluia.

**Offertory Hymn 379** God is Love; let Heaven adore him *Abbot's Leigh*

**Sursum corda** Hymnal, S 112

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.**

**Sanctus & Benedictus** Sung by all. Hymnal, S 114

**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.**

**Eucharistic Prayer I** Prayer Book p. 333

**The Lord's Prayer** Sung by all. Hymnal, S 119

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.