

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 “Seek ye first the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.” saith the Lord.

Communion Solo: Then shall the righteous shine forth, from ELIJAH (Opus 70)
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

Master of Ceremonies, Thurifer: David Kennison

Cantor: Jon Ewbank

Acolytes: Anne Kennison, J.J. Moran

Greeter: Meg Hughes

Lector: Grant Jaquith

Counters: Jon Ewbank & Jeff Wengrovius

Altar guild: Carol Gaige

Sacristan: David & Anne Kennison

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

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

Birthdays: Judy Delong 9/2

Anniversaries: Stephen and Suzanne Hartz 9/4

Morning Prayer: Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Evening Prayer: Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 p.m.

PARISH NOTICES

Refreshments will be served outdoors on the Great Hall patio. Please join us for a time of fellowship.

The St. Cecilia Choir, our parish choir, will reconvene for its first rehearsal in over a year on Tuesday evening, September 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. If you would like to sing with this group please see Brian Taylor or email him at cornishanglican@gmail.com. This ensemble sings for all Sunday morning and holy day Masses as well as a few special events. The time commitment is modest and the rewards are great. Join us!

MUMS SALE! Put in your order now! \$9 each, 2 for \$16. You can find an order form in the back of the church. Place in offering or contact the office at office@stgeorgesschenectady.org

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SICM collection: We are taking donations of non perishable food for our next collection on **September 12**. Hearty soups, healthy snacks, pasta, hygiene items, etc.

The Stockade Art Show is being planned for 9/11 this year. St. George's plans to once again host a café and church tours. Please save the date. If you think you might be available to assist with preparations or on the day itself, please speak with our Director of Music Ministry, Dr. Brian J. Taylor (cornishanglican@gmail.com) or sign up in back of church.

Back to Church Sunday Join us following Mass on September 19th to enjoy some refreshments, celebrate the launch of our Fall season and to hear about opportunities to get involved here at Saint George's.

Shape Note Singing All are welcome to sing in the Great Hall every week, sometimes on Saturday afternoons and sometimes on Wednesday evenings. For the complete schedule or more information, please contact Tarik Wareh or visit albanysacredharp.org

All On the Same Page The members of St. George's book club are doing some independent reading and will next convene on October 17 after Mass to discuss what they have read and begin planning the reading roster for 2022. New members are always welcome. Please contact Meg Hughes at (518) 694-1550 if you have questions.

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St. George's Episcopal Church

in the heart of the historic Stockade District



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 29 August 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

Procession 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *Truro*

Introit Righteous art thou Lord; and true is thy judgement; deal with thy servant according to thy merciful kindness. Blessed are they that are undefil'd in the way; and walk in the law of the Lord.

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity Prayer Book p. 323

Summary of the Law Prayer Book p. 324

Kyrie eleison Hymnal, S 91

Lord have mercy upon us (3x)

Christ have mercy upon us (3x)

Lord have mercy upon us (3x)

Gloria in excelsis Hymnal, S 202

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson Please be seated Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

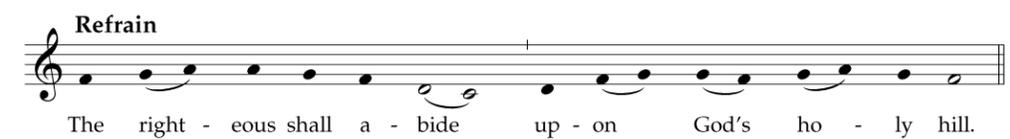
You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*



1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart. **R**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord. **R**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown. **R**

The Second Lesson James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**



Cantor : For the Lord is a great God; and a great King above all gods.

The Holy Gospel Please stand. Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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: But my hope hath been in thee O Lord; thou art my God; my times are in thy hand.

Offertory Hymn 556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart *Marion*

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.**

Preface: Prayer Book p. 333

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. 335

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.

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.