

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in the heart of the historic Stockade District
The First Sunday of Advent— 28 November 2021
High Mass — Rite I, 10AM
The Rev'd Peter Schofield, *Celebrant & Preacher*
Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music Ministry*

MASS SETTING

John Merbecke (1510?-1585?)

INTROIT

Chanted by the cantor and choir

Unto thee O Lord I lift up my soul; O my God in thee have I trusted; let me not be confounded; neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look to thee shall not be a sham'd. Show me thy ways, O Lord; and teach me thy paths.

THE GREAT LITANY IN PROCESSION

Pease refer to the insert for the text and music of the Great Litany.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Celebrant The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

THE GRADUAL

Chanted by the cantor and choir

For all they that look for thee; shall not be made ashamed O Lord. Make known to me thy ways O Lord; and teach me thy paths.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Please Stand for the Gospel



CANTOR Show us thy mercy O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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


THE SERMON

Please be seated.

THE REV. PETER SCHOFIELD

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand.

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 worshiped 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 PEACE

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Chanted by the cantor and choir

Unto thee O Lord I lift up my soul; O my God in thee have I trusted; let me not be confounded; neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look to thee shall not be made ashamed.

OFFERTORY HYMN 57

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Helmsley

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface for Advent

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT HYMNAL S-113

John Merbecke (1510?-1585?)

**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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please kneel.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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,

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Music: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944)

FRACTION

Celebrant
People

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

**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.

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.

Celebrant Behold the lamb of God who takes 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 I shall be healed.**

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians may receive, regardless of age or denomination.

COMMUNION SENTENCE

Chanted by the cantor and choir

The Lord shall show loving kindness; and our land shall give her increase.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all kneeling

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

EXIT HYMN 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein

DISMISSAL

Prayer Book p. 339

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Peter Schofield
Master of Ceremonies: David Kennison
Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor: Brian Taylor
Thurifer: Chris Henry
Acolytes: Anne Kennison & J. J. Moran
Greeter: Meg Hughes
Lector: Bob Lemmerman
Counters: Meg Hughes & Barb Wengrovius
Altar guild: Ralph Polumbo
Sacristan: Alice Polumbo

Prayer List

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, Judy, Layla, Sarah K., Joseph M., and Christine L.
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 Departed Patricia Colton Jaquith
Julia Burgess

Birthdays: Olivia McCloskey (11-16, belated)
Anniversaries: Greg and Shelia Thomas (11-28)

Morning Prayer: Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer: Tuesday-Friday 5:00 p.m.

PARISH NOTICES

Welcome We would like to welcome The. Rev Peter Schofield as our celebrant and preacher this morning.

2021 Stewardship Yes, Stewardship season is upon us and you will be receiving pledge cards very soon. As we enter the season of Advent, please think what this parish means to you. What meaning does worshipping Almighty God in this place hold in your life? What friends you have here, what fellowship, what memories? This historic church will not exist without your support and without your pledge. Please make that commitment now.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing It's back! After a Covid interruption, St. George's is back and supporting the Salvation Army's annual Christmas bell ringing-campaign. This is one of our ongoing parish outreach ministries and is always well-supported by Georgians. Our date is Saturday, December 11. The place is Price Chopper on Eastern Parkway in Schenectady. See Jon Pearson for more information. If you can't make it, please consider a monetary donation. Put "Salvation Army" in the memo line on your check and we will make sure your check is included in our parish donation.

Christmas Services This year, we will have two services:

Christmas Eve: Service of Carols at 8:30PM. "Midnight Mass" at 9:00PM.
Celebrant will be The Rev. Peter Schofield

Christmas Day: Christmas Day Mass at 11:00AM.
Celebrant will be The Very Rev. Dr. Thomas Papazoglakis

Pastoral Care & Emergencies During the interregnum, here are the options for pastoral care needs: (1) Jim Wingate & Anne Duff are always available for pastoral care, home and hospital visitations and communion. Call Jim at 518-381-9271. (2) Brian Taylor is trained in hospital chaplaincy and will respond for pastoral care and emergencies. Contact Brian (text or voice) at 912-656-0779 or email cornishanglican@gmail.com. (3) If the ministrations of a priest are needed, Senior Warden David Kennison will arrange for a priest of the diocese to respond. Call David (text or voice) at 518-320-5619 or email kentech2@nycap.rr.com.

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SICM collection We continue to receive donations of non-perishable food for the Schenectady Community Ministries. Hearty soups, healthy snacks, pasta, hygiene items are all needed. You may also contribute a check to the ministry and place it in the offering plate. Our next collection date is December 12th.

All On the Same Page The St. George's book club will not meet in November or December. The first book selection for 2022 is "This is Happiness," a nostalgic, funny, and beautifully written novel by Niall Williams. The setting is a small town in rural Ireland that is on the verge of being added to the electric grid. Discussion will take place during coffee hour on January 16th. Please see Meg Hughes if you have any questions.

Weekday Services Morning and Evening Prayer resume on Tuesday, November 30th.

Shape Note Singing ALL are welcome to experience the joy of singing together the beautiful a cappella harmonies and stirring songs of the Sacred Harp, a tunebook and hymnal published in Georgia in 1844 and used in community singings throughout the world. We sing in the Great Hall every Saturday afternoon from 1-3:30pm. For schedule updates or more information, please contact Tarik Wareh or visit albansacredharp.org.

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