



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in the heart of the historic Stockade District
The Second Sunday of Christmas— 02 January 2022
High Mass — Rite I, 10AM
The Rev. Richard B. Lehmann, *Celebrant & Preacher*
Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music Ministry*

MASS SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

ENTRANCE HYMN 93

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

INTROIT

Chanted by the cantor and choir

O give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever. Ps. For he hath gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west; from the north and from the south.

Celebrant
People

✠ Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

(people kneel)

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.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON HYMNAL S-91

(people kneel)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)
Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)
Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, HYMNAL S-202

(people stand)

**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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

THE GRADUAL*Chanted by the cantor and choir*

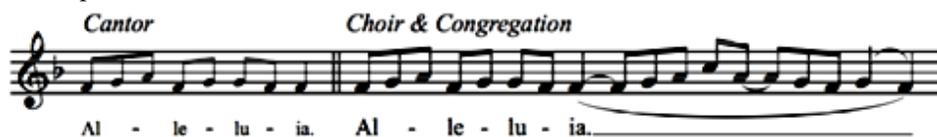
Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I go from thy presence? If I take the wings of the morning; and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there also thy hand shall lead me; and thy right hand shall hold me.

THE EPISTLE READING**EPHESIANS 1:3-6,15-19A**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

Please Stand for the Gospel

CANTOR God is our hope and strength; a very present help in trouble.

THE HOLY GOSPEL**MATTHEW 2:13-15,19-23**

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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

THE NICENE CREED

(people 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, BCP p. 328-330

(people kneel)

CONFESSION OF SIN, BCP p. 331

(people kneel)

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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

(people stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Chanted by the cantor and choir

My lips will be glad when I sing unto thee; and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.

OFFERTORY HYMN 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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

AGNUS DEI HYMNAL S-158

Said by all

(people kneel)

**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

(people kneel)

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: Behold him that taketh 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.**

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SENTENCE*Chanted by the cantor and choir*

Take the young Child and his mother; and go into the land of Israel, For they are dead which sought the young Child's life.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly *Polish Carol, arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER*Said by all**(people kneel)*

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 98**

Unto us a child is born

*Puer nobis nascitur***DISMISSAL**

BCP p. 339

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Richard B. Lehmann
 Master of Ceremonies: David Kennison
 Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
 Cantor: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
 Thurifer: Chris Henry
 Acolytes: Anne Kennison & J. J. Moran
 Greeter: Rich Unger
 Lector: Rich Unger
 Counters: Paul Smigelski & Jeff 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., Christine L, Robert, Nick T., Sue V. and Ken K, and Faiz

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

Connie Todt

Birthdays:

Jim Wingate (1-5, Wed), Charles Stamm (1-9, Sun)

Anniversaries:

Sean Albert & Cathy Gruyters (12-31, belated)

PARISH NOTICES**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. Whether you live in our area and decided to worship with us today or if you are visiting from out of town, we offer you a warm Georgian welcome!

There are visitor cards in most of the pews and we ask that you fill one out and give it to the Greeters at the door or simply drop it in the offering plate. We'd love to see you again. Our Sunday Mass is at 10am. Details are on our website, www.stgeorgesschenectady.org.

Welcome back! We heartily welcome back the Rev. Richard Lehmann as our celebrant and preacher this morning. Fr. Richard was a frequent celebrant at St. George's during the prior interregnum and we are delighted to have him with us again!

Epiphany Mass The Feast of the Epiphany will be observed at a 7pm Mass on January 6. Our celebrant that day will be The Rev. Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector of Church of the Holy Cross in Warrensburg. Fr. Pettigrew's parish is Anglo-Catholic in liturgical style and counts among its previous rectors The Rev. Canon Charles B. King, who is a son of St. George's. Many thanks to Fr. Tom for fitting us into his busy schedule.

WEEKDAY SERVICES. Beginning the week of January 9th we will be offering two new services of worship on weekdays. The first will be on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m, beginning January 12th. This will be followed by a Bible study led by Tarik Wareh. The second will be on Fridays at 12:00 noon, beginning January 14th. For now, both services will be a liturgy of the Word but may become a Mass when a Rector is called. In addition, we will be offering Compline, a chanted contemplative service of night prayer, on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The first of these will be on January 13th. We hope many of you will take advantage of these opportunities for mid-week spiritual refreshment.

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SICM collection NEXT WEEK is the day for our January ingathering. We solicit your donations of non-perishable food and toiletries 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 January 9th.

ANNUAL MEETING The 2022 Annual Meeting of St. George's will be held in the Great Hall on Sunday, January 23rd. There will be a short review of 2021 and a look forward to 2022. In addition, there will be Vestry elections. There are 3 Vestry seats that are open for election: Paul Smigelski, Lynn Paska & Rich Unger, all of whom are completing their 1st 3-year term and are eligible to stand for election to a 2nd term. Also, David Kennison is completing his partial term as Sr. Warden and is eligible to stand for election to a 1st 2-year term. Nominations for these positions can be made in advance to the Clerk of the Vestry, Meg Hughes or from the floor at the meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

FORUM is Coming Back! Your Vestry is making plans for a reincarnation of an old friend - a monthly Forum after Mass. Sort of like coffee hour on steroids, we hope to have different people give short talks on various subjects that may interest everyone, not necessarily religious topics. Stay tuned!

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.

All On the Same Page The St. George's book club will meet during coffee hour on January 16th to discuss our first book selection for 2022, "*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. Please see Meg Hughes for more information.

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 www.albanysacredharp.org

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