



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

The Second Sunday of Advent— 05 December 2021

Mattins — Rite I, 10AM

David Kennison, *Officiant*

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

Morning Prayer, Rite I

The Angelus is said by the Officiant and others in the Lady Chapel.

The congregation in the church is invited to make the responses in bold print.

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,

R. **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

R. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ announced by the message of an angel to the Virgin Mary, so by his + cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn (*standing*) 59

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

Opening Sentence

Watch ye, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. *Mark 13:35, 36*

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people:

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant remains kneeling and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of thy Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen. Alleluia.**

The Antiphon

Officiant: Our King and Savior draweth nigh:

People: **O come let us adore him.**

Venite (*standing*)

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 44

The music is found on the first page of the insert.

The congregation may be seated

The Psalm Appointed: Psalm 50

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

The Lessons

The First Lesson Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Benedictus es, Domine (*Standing*)

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 49

The music is found on the second page of the insert.

The Second Lesson

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Benedictus Dominus Deus (*Standing*)

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 50

The music is found on the third page of the insert.

The Third Lesson

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The people may kneel or stand

Officiant and People together:

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.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. **And grant us thy salvation.**

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

The Officiant says the Collects

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Anthem

Creator of the stars of Night

Plainsong, Mode 4

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Schenectady, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Blessed Mary Ever Virgin, Blessed George our Patron and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The General Thanksgiving

The Officiant and People say together

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Grace

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

Welcome and Announcements

Sermon Hymn 72

Hark! the glad sound!

Richmond

The Sermon

Dr. Brian J. Taylor

Collects for Morning Prayer

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord...*Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord... **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord...**Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name... **Amen.**

The Blessing

Officiant: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our 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 us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Exit Hymn (*standing*) 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: Mr. David Kennison
Preacher: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor & Dr. Jeffrey Wengrovius
Thurifer: Chris Henry
Acolytes: Anne Kennison, J. J. Moran
Greeter: Jim Wingate
Lector: Meredith Ewbank
Counters: Jon Ewbank & Deb Lambeth
Altar Guild: Barb Wengrovius
Sacristan: David & Anne Kennison

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 Julia Burgess

Birthdays: Beverly Noxon (12-8, Wed), Barb Wengrovius (12-8, Wed)

Anniversaries: None

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

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

PARISH NOTICES

Welcome Coffee Hour After our service today we invite all to come to the Great Hall for coffee and refreshments.

2021 Stewardship Stewardship season is upon us and you will be receiving pledge cards this week. 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 can only exist with your support and your pledge. Please make your 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.

Greening of the Church Don't forget this date – Sunday, December 19. That's the date we will do our traditional greening of the church for Christmas. Christmas trees, wreaths, the Creche, boughs in the windows, pew torches, we will do it all. A light lunch will be provided, so come, work and join the fun.

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.