



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

30 North Ferry Street

Schenectady, NY 12305



The Solemnity and Martyrdom of St. George

1 May 2022, 10:00am



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY- 01 MAY 2022

HIGH MASS — RITE I, 10AM

The Rev. Richard Lehmann, *Celebrant & Preacher*

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

MASS SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

PRELUDE

Bagpipes in the Courtyard

The Schenectady Pipe Band

PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

The Sacred Ministers offer Preparatory Prayers prior to the Entrance Procession

HYMN – Stowey ~ Traditional English Folk Tune

Arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams

During this hymn the procession moves to the West Door to greet the members of the St. Andrew's Society.

1. When a knight won his spurs in the sto - ries of old, He was gen - tle and brave, he was
2. No___ charg - er have I and no sword by my side Yet___ still to ad - ven - ture and
7 3. Let___ faith be my shield and let joy be my steed, A - gainst drag - ons of an - ger the
ga - lant and bold. With shield on his arm and a lance at his
bat - tle I ride. Though back in - to sto - ry - land gi - ants have
12 o - gres of greed. And let me set free with the sword of my
hand, For___ God and for val - or he rode through the land.
fled, And the knights are no more and the dra - gons are dead.
youth, from the cas - tle of dark - ness, the pow - er of truth.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953) Music: Stowey English Folk Tune arr, RVW (1872-1958)

RECEPTION OF THE ST ANDREW'S SOCIETY

The Celebrant welcomes the St. Andrew's Society

and leads the procession of Tartans and banners into the Church with these words.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. On this day when we celebrate our Patron, St. George the Martyr, we welcome all members of the St. Andrew's Society who join with us today for our Patronal Festival. St. George's Church celebrates the roots of the Episcopal Church in both the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church. St. Andrew and St. George join in glorifying our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Welcome!

As the following hymn is sung, the procession continues into and around the sanctuary,
as the altar party proceeds to the High Altar.

1. With glad - ness we com - mem - o - rate Saint George, who set his life a - side, and
2. The spe - cial maj - es - ty of Christ con - fronts the world of self - ish pride, and
3. The or - der of the pres - ent world is threat - ened by his God - ly claim, as
4. Then let us choose, in faith and trust, to fol - low where Saint George has trod, and,

brave - ly faced the mar - tyr's death for fol - low - ing the Cru - ci - fied.
those who choose the saint - ly way are called to suf - fer at his side.
e - vil pow'rs are o - ver - come and poor ex - alt - ed in his name.
in the world of con - flict, share the sor - row and the joy of God.

Words Michael Forster (b. 1946) © Kevin Mayhew Ltd

Music *Deo Gracias*, English ballad melody, Trinity College MS., 15th cent.

READING OF NAMES OF THE FOUNDERS AND RECTORS OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

THE INTROIT

Sung by the choir

(people stand)

Thou hast hidden me, O God, from the conspiracy of the wicked, alleluia; from the insurrection of iniquity, alleluia, alleluia. Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer. Preserve my life from the fear of the enemy. Glory be to the Father...

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

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.**

THE 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)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Solemn Te Deum laudamus* *Sung by the Choir*

Mode 8

We praise thee, O God; * we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: * the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud, * the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim * continually do cry.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;* Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee: * the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee: * The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,

The Father, of an infinite majesty, thine adorable, true, and only Son, * also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ: * Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, * thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, * thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, * in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge; * We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,

Whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints, * in glory everlasting.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose cross didst seal thy servant George: Grant that we, strengthened by his example and prayers, may triumph to the end over all evils, to the glory of thy Name; for with the Father and Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful.

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Please repeat the following refrain after the Cantor and were indicated by R̄.



You, O LORD, are a shield a - bout me; you are the one who



lifts up my head.

1 Lord, how many adversaries I have! *
how many there are who rise up against me!

2 How many there are who say of me, *
"There is no help for him in his God." R̄

3 But you, O Lord, are a shield about me; *
you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

4 I call aloud upon the Lord, *
and he answers me from his holy hill; R̄

5 I lie down and go to sleep; *

I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

6 I do not fear the multitudes of people *
who set themselves against me all around. R̄

7 Rise up, O Lord; set me free, O my God; *
surely, you will strike all my enemies across the
face,
you will break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Deliverance belongs to the Lord. *
Your blessing be upon your people! R̄

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 12:7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

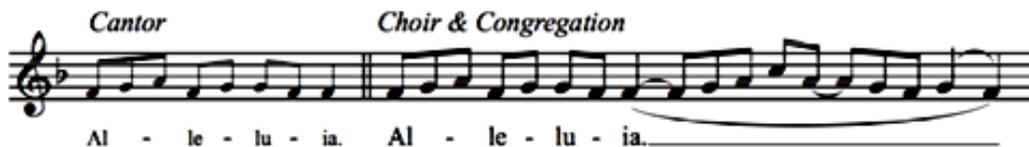
Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

Lector **The Word of the Lord**

People **Thanks be to God**

THE ALLELUIA

(people stand)



Cantor: Thou has set, O Lord, a crown of pure gold upon his head. **Alleluia.** The righteous shall be joyful in the Lord and shall put their trust in him and the upright of heart shall be thankful. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL**John 8:21-29**

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

Again he said to them, “I am going away, and you will search for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.” Then the Jews said, “Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come’?” He said to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he.”

They said to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to them, “Why do I speak to you at all? I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.” They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father.

So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me. And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him.”

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. FR. RICHARD LEHMANN

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, BCP p. 328-330*(people kneel)***THE CONFESSION OF SIN, BCP p. 331***(people kneel)*

Celebrant Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

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 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 COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hear also what St. Paul saith: This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what St. John saith: If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

THE PEACE

(people stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE TARTANS (KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS)

On behalf of all Scots away from Scotland, and in the name of all the Scottish Clans folk that are here represented, we present these tartans before Almighty God in appreciation of our Heritage; and we ask his blessings upon us, his humble servants.

The Celebrant then prays:

O Lord, Thou hast promised that in all places where Thou recordest Thy Holy Name, thou wilt meet with Thy servants, and bless them; fulfill now Thy Promise, and make us joyful in our prayer, so that our worship, being offered in the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and by the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, may be acceptable unto you, and profitable unto ourselves. Bless, we pray, these Tartans ✠ that they may be unto us and unto all people a token of the faith of our fathers; and a sign of our service unto Thee. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sung by the Cantor

O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works: and thy truth in the congregation of the saints, alleluia, alleluia.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God be in my head (The Knight's Prayer)

Walford Davies (1869-1941)

OFFERTORY HYMN

“My Ancient Church! I see thee now”

St. Anne

Text is by The Rt. Rev. John Williams
Rector of St. George's Church, 1842-1848
Bishop of Connecticut, 1851-1887
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, 1887-1899

Words The Most Rev'd John Williams (1817-1899; Rector of St. George's Schenectady 1842-48), alt.
Music St. Anne, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(people stand)

The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface of a Saint

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT HYMNAL S-114

(people stand)

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

(people 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, ourselves, 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 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.**

THE 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.

THE INVITATION

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

Sung by the Cantor

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and put his trust in him, and all they that are true of heart shall be glad, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION HYMN

Leader now on earth no longer

Hyfrydol

1. Leader now on earth no longer,
Soldier of th' eternal king;
Victor in the fight for heaven
We thy loving praises sing. *R.*

2. Praise him who in deadly battle
Never shrank from foeman's sword
Proof against all earthly weapons
Gave his life for Christ the Lord. *R.*

3. Help us when temptation presses
We have still our crown to win,
Help us when our soul is weary
Fighting with the powers of sin. *R.*

4. Clothe us in thy shining armour,
Place thy good sword in our hand;
Teach us how to wield it, fighting
Onward towards the heavenly land. *R.*

R.: *Great Saint George, our patron, help us; in the conflict be thou nigh;
Help us in that daily battle, were each one must win or die.*

1 In our day of thanks-giv - ing one psalm let us of - fer
 2 In the morn - ing of life, and at noon, and at eve - ning,
 3 These stones that have ech - oed their prais - es are ho - ly,
 4 Sing praise, then, and thanks that God's love here has found them

for the saints who be - fore us re - ceived the re - ward;
 they were gath - ered to heav'n from our wor - ship be - low;
 and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
 whose jour - ney is end - ed, whose per - ils are past;

when the shad - ow of death fell up - on them, we sor - rowed,
 but not till God's love, at the font and the al - tar,
 yet here they con - fessed they were strang - ers and pil - grims,
 they be - lieved in the light; and its glo - ry is round them,

but now we re - joice that they rest in the Lord.
 had clothed them with grace for the way they should go.
 and still they were seek - ing the cit - y of God.
 where the clouds of earth's sor - row are lift - ed at last.

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.

1. Praise we now Saint George our Patron,
Athlete in the heavenly race;
Victor in the royal contest,
He beholds his Master's face,
Palm and laurel crown receiving
In his own appointed place.

2. Long the conflict, fierce the torment,
For his Lord he gained renown,
Till the tyrant's last devices
Mightier grace were forced to own,
Till at last the ancient dragon
Sees his power overthrown.

3. Trophy-bearer, now he beareth
Trophies to his Captain's feet;
Soldier-Martyr, now he leadeth

Heav'nly legions, as is meet,
And for us, still fighting, pleadeth
At Christ's holy mercy-seat.

4. Pray for us, Saint George our Patron,
For this parish intercede,
Till from error purged, forgiven,
One in truth we chant our creed,
Till the Sacrifice she offers,
Catholic in word and deed.

5. Now to God the Father glory;
Glory be to God the Son,
Who, triumphant in the contest,
In his Saint hath victory won;
To the Holy Spirit glory,
While eternal ages run.

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

PROCESSION THROUGH THE STOCKADE

The Procession will move through the streets of the Stockade and conclude at the entrance to the Church.

The order of the Procession is as follows:

First Thurifer – Chris Henry
First Crucifer – J. J. Moran
St. George's Banner – Bob Paska
Schenectady Pipe Band
St. Andrew's Society
Choir Banner – Jeffrey Wengrovius
St. Cecilia Choir
Second Thurifer – Kevin Decker
Second Crucifer
Torches/Acolytes – Anne Kennison, Alice Pumbo
Master of Ceremonies – David Kennison
Celebrant - Fr. Richard Lehmann

Following the Procession, we gather at the West Door of the church for the Blessing and Dismissal.

THE BLESSING

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.

May Our Lady, St. George, and all the saints pray for you,

May God's holy angels watch around you, and keep you in peace, this holy day, and always. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Please proceed to the Great Hall through the patio doors.

A brunch follows in the Great Hall.

Everyone is cordially invited.

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Greater Glory of Almighty God and in memory of the Reverend Ezra Alden Pickup, recently departed; formerly Rector of Saint David's Church, East Greenbush, New York, and for many years chaplain at the Brookhaven Treatment & Learning School in Chelsea, Vermont.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS & INTERCESSIONS

- Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Fr. Richard Lehmann
- Master of Ceremonies: David Kennison
- Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
- Cantor: Joan Pearson
- Thurifers: Chris Henry & Kevin Decker
- Crucifer: J. J. Moran
- Banner Bearers: Jeff Wengrovius & Bob Paska
- Acolytes: Anne Kennison & Alice Polumbo
- Greeters: Jim Wingate
- Lector: Jon Pearson
- Counters: Jon Pearson & Meg Hughes
- Altar Guild: Anne Kennison
- Sacristan: Sandee Hughes and David & Anne Kennison

Prayer List

The Sick and those in need: Heather, Robert T., Richard, Christian, Christine L, Kate J, Leslie P, Larry P, Ed C, Nellie, Bob K, Maidie, Sue C, Karen S, Scott W, Suzy T, Dan F, Ted H, Donald M.

This list will be reset every 3 months.

If you would like a name included, contact office@stgeorgesschenectady.org

- The Departed** None
- Birthdays:** None
- Anniversaries:** None

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.

Outreach on Tap This gathering, originally planned for April 28th, has been postponed. We will announce a new date, hopefully soon, when it can be rescheduled.

Save this Date! May 26th is Ascension Day, one of the Principal Feasts of the Church Year, alongside Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and All Saints' Day. Ascension Day marks the occasion on which the risen Christ is taken into heaven after appearing to his followers for forty days. The Ascension marks the conclusion of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances. It is the final elevation of his human nature to divine glory, as affirmed by the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds. This is a day of obligation. A High Mass will be offered at 7pm.

All On the Same Page St. George's Book Club will meet May 15th after church to discuss *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead. It is an absorbing fictional story that follows a young family man in 1960s Harlem as he tries to establish a business and stay on the right side of the law. Suzy Unger selected the book and will lead the discussion. Please see Meg Hughes if you have questions about the club.

Save this Date! CHORAL EVENSONG will be offered on Sunday, May 15th, at 5:00 p.m. The ministry of the Schenectady YWCA will be highlighted with a representative from the Y coming to give a short address during the service. Half of the offering received at this service will be given to the YWCA.

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SICM collection Our March ingathering of your donations totaled 154lbs, making our 2022 total 709lbs. Our Lenten Souper Douper Lenten addition received 211 products – well done! Hearty soups, canned & shelf-stable foods, healthy snacks, pasta and personal hygiene items are all needed. You may also contribute a check to the ministry and place it in the offering plate. Next month's ingathering is next Sunday, May 8th, sharing the day with Mother's Day.

Brownie Points St George's would like to donate a baker's dozen brownies to St Joseph's Place, a hospitality center located at 837 Albany Street, Schenectady, across the parking lot from the SiCM food pantry. St Joseph's Place, run by St Joseph's church, 600 State Street, customarily welcomes 20 or so visitors per day. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you would like to contribute one dozen brownies. If you would like to increase your donation to 2 or more dozen please put your name down as many times that represent your intended offering. Please bring your brownies to the Great Hall kitchen on Sunday, May 22nd for delivery to St Joseph's Place sometime the following week. Thank you for considering participation in this small outreach project.

Weekday Services. Our new weekday services continue. On Wednesdays, there is **LITURGY OF THE WORD** at 9:00am and **BIBLE STUDY** at 9:30am. On Fridays, there is **LITURGY OF THE WORD** at 12:00noon. Please come for a time of weekday spiritual refreshment and prayer.

Rector Search Survey The Vestry has generated a Parish Survey as a significant first step in our rector search process. This survey has been emailed to all parishioners and copies are also available on the tract table at the back of the church. Your input is vital to this process as we need to know how you see St George's and what qualities you want in a new rector.

Do not set this aside for another day – please complete it by next Sunday, Mother's Day, and drop your completed survey in the box on the tract table. In a few weeks, we will have a parish meeting to discuss the results of the survey and make plans for the next step.

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, Fr. Richard Lehmann has offered himself. Contact him (text or voice) at 518-369-7924 or email fatheralong@gmail.com.

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 singing 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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