

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

GRADUAL HYMN 645

The King of love, my shepherd is

St. Columba

THE EPISTLE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

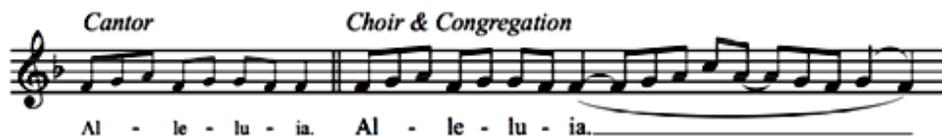
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Please Stand for the Gospel



CANTOR Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and am known of mine. Alleluia. The Good Shepherd hath risen; who hath given his life for his sheep. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. 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 OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sung by the cantor

O God thou art my God; early will I seek thee; and lift up my hands in thy Name; alleluia.

OFFERTORY HYMN 377

All people that on earth do dwell

Old 100th

Setting by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The congregation sings stanzas 1, 2, & 5

The Choir sings stanzas 3 & 4

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* 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 of Easter

**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.**

THE EUCHARISTIC 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 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)

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.

THE 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.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCE *Sung by the cantor*

I am the Good Shepherd alleluia, and know my sheep and am known of mine; alleluia, alleluia.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM *Brother James' Air* *Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)*

THE 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 708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Sicilian Mariners

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 339

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Richard Lehmann
Master of Ceremonies: David Kennison
Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor: Louisa Carr
Thurifer: Chris Henry
Acolytes: Anne Kennison & J. J. Moran
Greeter: Rich Unger
Lector: Joan Pearson
Counters: Paul Smigelski & Debbie Lambeth
Altar Guild: Carol Gage
Sacristan: Alice Pumbo

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: Sean Hartz (5-8, Sun), Alice Pumbo (5-9, Mon), Sam Hartz (5-10, Tues), Peter Hughes (5-11, Wed), Brian Taylor (5-12, Thurs), Scott Hartz (5-14, Sat)
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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! To all our mothers, mothers-to-be, grandmothers, foster mothers, and mothers who have gone before us, a blessed and joyful Mother's Day to you all! Where would we be without you?

St. George's Day 2022! What a wonderful time we had last week! Our Patronal Festival was outstanding! Thank you to all who made it possible, from the beautiful and solemn liturgy to the pipe band, the St. Andrew's Society and those hardy souls who prepared the Patronal Feast and those who stayed for the cleanup. You are all Saints of St. George's!

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SICM collection TODAY is our May ingathering for the SiCM food pantry. We are on a roll this year, blowing away the records of past years. 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. After today, next month's ingathering is June 12th.

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.

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 5:00pm. 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.

Save this Date Too! 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.

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.

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.

Rector Search Survey TODAY is the date when your Parish Survey is due for submittal. This step is crucial to our rector search process as it tells us who you think this parish really is and what we need and want in a new rector. Let your voice be heard! If you have already submitted your survey – THANK YOU! If not, please do it today. Drop your completed survey in the box on the tract table. If you forgot, all is not lost but you need to get it in immediately. In a few weeks, we will have a parish meeting to discuss the results of the survey and make plans for the next step.

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