



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

30 North Ferry Street Schenectady, NY 12305



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Saint George's Episcopal Church

15 May 2022, 5:00pm

Organ Voluntaries: Resurrection *Larry King (1932-1990)*
Sarabande for the Morning of Easter *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

Hymn 194 Jesus Lives! thy terrors now *St Albinus*

THE OPENING SENTENCE: **J**esus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." *John 8:12*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN: *The Officiant says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept

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 his Holy Spirit. Amen.

(people stand)

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

William Smith (1603-16459)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make hast to help us.

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

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

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

The congregation may be seated.

PSALM: 8

- 1 **O** Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world!: * thou hast set thy glory above the heavens!
- 2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, * that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger
- 3 When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; * the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? * and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 5 Thou madest him lower than the angels, * to crown him with glory and worship.
- 6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; * and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet
- 7 All sheep and oxen; * yea, and the beasts of the field;
- 8 The fowls of the air, the fishes of the sea; * and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
- 9 O Lord our Governor, * how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

PSALM: 84

- 1 **H**ow amiable are thy dwellings, * thou Lord of hosts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; * my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young; * even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; * they will always be praising thee.
- 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; * in whose heart are thy ways.
- 6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; * and the pools are filled with water.
- 7 They will go from strength to strength, * and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Zion.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 9 Behold, O God our defender; * and look upon the face of thine anointed.
- 10 For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.
- 11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, * than to dwell in the tents of the ungodliness.
- 12 For the Lord God is a light and defense; * the Lord will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life
- 13 O Lord of hosts, * blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

THE FIRST LESSON

(people sit)

Wisdom 7:22-8:1

For wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me. There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle.

For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness.

Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

(people stand)

John Blow (1649-1708)

My soul doth ✠ magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. **Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

(people sit)

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

(people stand)

John Blow (1649-1708)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. **Amen.**

THE APOSTLES CREED

Said by all

(people stand)

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 PRAYERSSung by the choir, *people kneel**William Smith (1603-1645)*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
Choir: And with thy spirit.
Officiant: Let us pray.
Choir: Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Said by all

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in 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 SUFFRAGES

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us
R. And grant us thy salvation
V. O Lord, save the State.
R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. O Lord, save thy people.
R. And bless thine inheritance.
V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS*(people kneel)**A Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter*

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

A Collect for Aid Against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. **Amen.**

*The congregation is seated
Announcements may be made at this time*

HYMN 193

That Easter day

Puer nobis

An address by a representative of the YWCA in Schenectady

50 % of the offering from today's Evensong will be given to the YWCA for their service to our community.

THE ANTHEM:

Sing ye to the Lord

Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously.
Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea.
Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light;
Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
Thou hast opened Paradise,
And in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.
Alleluia. Amen.

Exodus 15.21 & 4, and Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

(people kneel)

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

(people kneel)

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.**

Officiant: **T**he ✠ grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen**

HYMN 180

He is risen!

Unser Herrscher

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Psalm-Prelude, Set II, no. 3

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Officiant: David Kennison
Crucifer: Anne Kennison
Thurifer: Christopher Henry
Lector: Meredith Ewbank
Director of Music Ministry: Dr Brian J. Taylor AAGO
The Saint Cecilia Choir

