



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in the heart of the historic Stockade District
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (ROGATION SUNDAY) – 22 MAY 2022
MORNING PRAYER — RITE I, 10AM
David Kennison, *Officiant*
Dr. Jeffrey Wengrovius, *Organist*

Morning Prayer, Rite I

*The Angelus is said by the Officiant, Acolytes and Choir 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 292

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Kingsfold

OPENING SENTENCE

(people stand)

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

CONFESSION OF SIN

(people stand)

The Officiant says to the people:

Dearest 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: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

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

VENITE Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13 *(said by all)*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

- 1 God be merciful to us and bless us, *
and show us the light of his countenance and be merciful unto us;
- 2 That thy way may be known upon earth, *
thy saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; *
yea, let all the peoples praise thee.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, *
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; *
yea, let all the peoples praise thee.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; *
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
- 7 God shall bless us, *
and all the ends of the earth stand shall fear him.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

(people sit)

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE A Song of Praise

(said by all)

(people stand)

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

BENEDICTUS DOMINUS DEUS The Song of Zechariah *(said by all)* *(people stand)*

✠ **B**lessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
 for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
 And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
 in the house of his servant David,
 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
 which have been since the world began:
 That we should be saved from our enemies, *
 and from the hand of all that hate us;
 To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
 and to remember his holy covenant;
 To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
 that he would give us,
 That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
 might serve him without fear,
 In holiness and righteousness before him, *
 all the days of our life.
 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
 for the remission of their sins,
 Through the tender mercy of our God, *
 whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

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 PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(people 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.

THE SUFFRAGES

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

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

Make a joyful noise

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(people kneel or stand)

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.*

The congregation is seated

Announcements may be made at this time

HYMN 405

All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

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 405

As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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| Officiant: | David Kennison |
| Organist: | Dr. Jeffrey Wengrovius |
| Thurifer: | Chris Henry |
| Acolytes: | Anne Kennison, J. J. Moran |
| Greeter: | Debbie Lambeth |
| Lector: | Alice Pumbo |
| Counters: | Jon Ewbank & Carol Gaige |
| Altar Guild: | Debbie Lambeth |
| Sacristan: | Sandee Hughes |

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, Donald M, Nicholas, Fr. Richard

This list will be reset every 3 months.

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

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| 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.

Brownie Points Thank you to everyone who baked brownies for St George's Baker's Dozen Brownies project in support of St Joseph's Place, a drop-in hospitality center in the Hamilton Hill neighborhood, adjacent to the SiCM food pantry. **TODAY** is the day we collect your brownie offerings. Bring your creations to the Great Hall kitchen. Our generous offering will be delivered Monday morning, May 23rd.

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SiCM collection This Outreach ministry continues to set new records. Our May offering totaled 171lbs of food and personal care items, bringing our yearly total to 880 lbs. 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 **June 12th**.

Ascension Day! **May 26th at 7:00pm.** This day 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. The Rev. Thomas J. Pettigrew will be the Celebrant.

Rector Search Survey The deadline has passed and our parish survey response period is now closed. Thank you to all who have submitted your survey. We are collating the responses and on **June 5th**, we will hold a parish meeting to review the results and plan the next steps.

All on the Same Page St. George's book club will meet **July 17** in the Shaw Lounge following Sunday worship. The book being discussed is *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times*, by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams. It is a series of interviews with the famed naturalist, who gained fame for her studies of chimpanzees in Africa. The book was selected by Joyce Cockerham. All are welcome to join the discussion.

Weekday Services. Wednesdays, **LITURGY OF THE WORD** at 9:00am. (Bible Study is on break). On Fridays, **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 & Ann 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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Jesus speaks to the disciples: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."