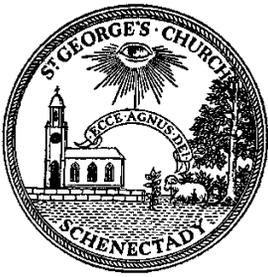




ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH
30 North Ferry Street Schenectady, NY 12305



**The Feast of the Ascension
of Jesus Christ
and
The Baptism of Tucker Devis Ceci**



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

ASCENSION DAY – 26 MAY 2022

HIGH MASS — RITE I, 7PM

The Rev. Thomas J. Pettigrew, *Celebrant & Preacher*
Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music Ministry*

MASS SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

The Sacred Ministers offer Preparatory Prayers prior to the Entrance Procession

ENTRANCE HYMN 214

Hail the day that sees him rise

Llanfair

THE INTROIT

Sung by the cantor and the choir

Ye men of Galilee; why stand ye gazing up into heaven alleluia; in like manner as ye have seen him going up into heaven; so shall he come again alleluia; alleluia, alleluia. O clap your hands together all ye people; sing unto God with the voice of melody. Glory be...

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen and ascended.

People **The Lord is risen and ascended 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)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, HYMNAL S-202

(people stand)

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father
Almighty.**

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,**

have mercy upon us.

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;**

**thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,**

**✠ art most high in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

GRADUAL PSALM 47

Omnes gentes, plaudite



God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

from Gradual Psalms for the RCL, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

*The People sing the antiphon after the Cantor and where indicated by **R**.*

- 1 **C**lap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth. **R**
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. **R**
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises. **R**
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
 God sits upon his holy throne. **R**
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
 with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
 and he is highly exalted. **R**

THE EPISTLE READING

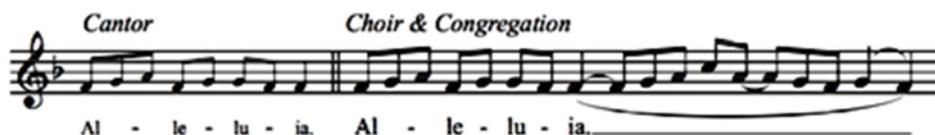
Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector **The Word of the Lord**
People **Thanks be to God**

Please Stand for the Gospel



CANTOR **G**od has gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the Trumpet; Alleluia! Christ to highest heaven ascending led captivity captive; and gave gifts to men. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. THOMAS J. PETTIGREW

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

The Candidate will be brought forward with his family and Godparents to the center.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant: **B**eloved in the Lord, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father to witness the Sacrament of Holy Baptism by which *Tucker Devis Ceci* is to be made a member of Christ's Body, the Church. By the working of this holy sacrament, ordained by Christ himself, *Tucker* will die to sin and be raised to newness of life, receiving the fullness of God's grace that *he* may faithfully serve him all the days of *his* life.

Celebrant: **T**he Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Celebrant: Who presents this child for Baptism?

Parents & Godparents: I present Tucker to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Wilt thou on thy part take heed that this child whom thou dost present be brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents: I will by God's help.

Celebrant: Wilt thou by thy prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents: I will by God's help.

Celebrant: Dost thou renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them all.

Celebrant: Dost thou renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them all.

Celebrant: Dost thou renounce all sinful desires that draw thee from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them all.

Celebrant: Dost thou turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as thy Savior?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Dost thou put thy whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Dost thou promise to follow and obey him as thy Lord and Master?

Answer: I do.

After all candidates have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will ye who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Dearest beloved, let us join with those who are now committing themselves to Christ Jesus and here renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Dost thou believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe 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.**

Celebrant Dost thou believe in God the Holy Ghost?

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

Celebrant Wilt thou continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, by God's help.**

Celebrant Wilt thou persevere in resisting evil. and, whenever thou dost fall into sin, repent and return unto the Lord?

People **I will, by God's help.**

Celebrant Wilt thou proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ Jesus?

People **I will, by God's help.**

Celebrant Wilt thou seek and serve Christ in all men, loving thy neighbor as thyself?

People **I will, by God's help.**

Celebrant Wilt thou strive for justice and peace among all men, and respect the dignity of every person?

People **I will, by God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Beloved in the Lord, let us now pray for this child who has received the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver *him*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Open *his* heart to thy grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Fill *him* with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep *him* in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach *him* to love others in the power of the Holy Ghost.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send *him* into the world in faithful witness to thine abounding love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring *him* to the fullness of thy peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptismal party moves to the font

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues

We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for the gift of water, over which thy Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation; through which thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise; in which thy Son Jesus Christ received the baptism of John and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, being manifested thereby as the Messiah, the Christ, who leadeth us, through his precious death and mighty resurrection, from the bondage of sin unto life everlasting.

We give thee thanks, O Father, for the water of Baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death; by which we partake of his resurrection; through which we are made regenerate of the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship them that come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, that those here cleansed from sin and made regenerate may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom, with thee and the same Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant now pours water upon the candidate, saying

Tucker, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

The Celebrant now pours marks the forehead with the sign of the cross, using Chrism oil, and saying

Tucker, thou art sealed by the Holy Ghost in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

A Baptismal candle may be lighted for the Paschal Candle and presented, the Celebrant saying

Receive the light of Christ, so that when the Bridegroom cometh, thou mayest go forth with all the saints to meet him; and see that thou dost keep the grace of thy Baptism. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Let us pray: We most heartily thank thee, O heavenly Father, that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon this thy servant the forgiveness of sin, and hast raised *him* unto the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give unto her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God: Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Because the Liturgy of Baptism contains The Creed and and prayers of intercession and penitence, the Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People and Confession of Sin are not again said this day.

THE PEACE

(people stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sung by the cantor

God is gone up with a merry noise. And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia.

OFFERTORY HYMN 215

See the Conquerer mounts in triumph

In Babilone

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*

Sing ye to the Lord who ascended the heaven of heavens; to the sun rising, alleluia.

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 460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant:

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia

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

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 Master of Ceremonies: David Kennison
 Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
 Cantor: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
 Thurifer: Chris Henry
 Acolytes: Anne Kennison & Alice Polumbo
 Greeter: Jon Pearson
 Lector: Jon Pearson
 Altar Guild: Anne Kennison
 Sacristan: 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, Donald M, Fr. Richard, Jesse, Fern, Alex, Christina S.

This list will be reset every 3 months.

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

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME VISITORS! We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors today, especially the family and friends of Tucker Devis Ceci! 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.

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Ascension

Salute the last, and everlasting day,
Joy at the uprising of this Sun, and Son,
Ye whose true tears, or tribulation
Have purely wash'd, or burnt your drossy clay.
Behold, the Highest, parting hence away,
Lightens the dark clouds, which He treads upon;
Nor doth he by ascending show alone,
But first He, and He first enters the way.
O strong Ram, which hast batter'd heaven for me!
Mild lamb, which with Thy Blood hast mark'd the path!
Bright Torch, which shinest, that I the way may see!
O, with Thy own Blood quench Thy own just wrath;
And if Thy Holy Spirit my Muse did raise,
Deign at my hands this crown of prayer and praise

John Donne, (1571-1631)

