



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 20C – 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

HIGH MASS — RITE I, 10AM

The Reverend Fr. Jonathan P. Beck, *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 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

THE INTROIT

Sung by the cantor

Righteous art thou, O Lord; and true is thy judgment; deal with thy servant according to thy merciful kindness. Ps.
Blessed are they that are undefiled in the way; and walk in the law of the Lord. Glory be...

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

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.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

GRADUAL

Sung by the cantor

Be thou my strong rock and house of defense; that thou mayest save me. In thee O Lord have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

Please Stand for the Gospel



CANTOR **A**lleluia, alleluia. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; in the city of our God; even upon his holy hill. Alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager

because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND FR. JONATHAN P. BECK

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

(people kneel)

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [*especially _____*], that they may -- both by their life and doctrine -- set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly ✠ grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [*especially _____*], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, [*especially _____*].

And we also bless ✠ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [*especially _____*], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [*Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, Blessed George our Patron, and*] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

We remember those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries this week, [*especially _____*]

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Celebrant **Y**e 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.

God so 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

Thou shalt save the people that are in adversity; and shalt bring down the high looks of the proud; For who is God but the Lord?

OFFERTORY HYMN 583

O Holy city, seen of John

Morning Song

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:

- Staff 1:** *Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.
- Staff 2:** *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.
- Staff 3:** *Celebrant* Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.
- Staff 4:** *People* It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant says or sings the Proper Preface of God the Son

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
 Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
 Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ **B**lessed 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.

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

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O come, ye servants of the Lord

Christopher Tye (c. 1505-1573)

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 594

God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

THE DISMISSAL

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

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Fr. Jonathan P. Beck
Master of Ceremonies: David Kennison
Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor: Joan Pearson
Thurifer: Christopher Henry
Acolytes: Anne Kennison & JJ. Moran
Greeter: Sean Albert
Lector: Suzy Unger
Counters: Jon Pearson & Sean Albert
Altar Guild: Anne Kennison
Sacristan: David & Anne Kennison

Prayer List

Sick and those in need: Robert T, Richard, Christian, Christine L, Kate J, Leslie P, Ed C, Nellie, Bob K, Maidie, Sue C, Karen S, Scott W, Suzy T, Dan F, Donald M, Nicholas, George, Kevin, Jesse, Fern, Fr. Daniel Firmin, Tom, Stella, Brittany, Pamela, Jane, Ramona, Jean M, Aileen, Dom, Bruce J, Fred C, Crystal, Bess

This list will be reset every 3 months.

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

The Departed ✕ Elizabeth II Regina (8 September), Theresa Nusser (sister of Debbie Rickson)
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.

Startup Sunday **TODAY**, we launch our parish's fall startup. No grand celebrations, but as summer recedes and life gets back to normal, our church activities also resume. In addition to liturgical services, adhering to the Ordo Kalendar of the Church year, there are other activities planned. To support our parish, everyone is asked to sign up for a parish ministry, one of the ways in which each of us can offer our time and talents to support our church. If we expect our church to survive and to thrive, it is completely up to us. Consider what you will do. Don't forget!

Stockade Walkabout With the successful Stockade Art Show & St. George's Café behind us, we look forward to the next neighborhood event – the Stockade Walkabout on **September 24th**. The Walkabout, now in its 58th year in NYS's first historic district, is a decidedly different event – visitors buy a \$20 ticket for access to a number of historic buildings in the Stockade, both private homes and churches. This year, there are 7 historic homes on the tour, as well as 8 other properties such as churches, Stockade Inn, Schenectady Civic Players and others. Of course, St George's - the oldest church building in Schenectady - is on the tour. Our church will be open throughout the day – **11am-5pm**. **We need volunteer docents** to welcome people, guide them through and explain a bit of the history of the parish. If you can spare some part of your day, please see David Kennison.

Choir Has Returned! It was so wonderful to have our choir back last week, the beginning of our fall season. We are filled with overwhelming joy at their return!

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SiCM collection Our September ingathering, taken last week, collected 109 lbs of food and personal care items for the SiCM food pantry. So far this year, we have donated 1,392lbs of needed items to our community. Hearty soups, canned & shelf-stable foods, healthy snacks, pasta and personal hygiene items and toiletries are all needed on a continuing basis. Our next collection is **October 16th**. Thank you for supporting this ministry to our neighbors.

Church History Field Trip Meg is finalizing arrangements for our planned **Oct 9th** field trip to Johnson Hall. Please see her today if you have not already done so.

All on the Same Page St. George's book club is currently reading Bloody Mohawk, a history of the Mohawk River Valley in the 18th century. Author Richard Berleth documents the area's diverse cultural mix of Native Americans and Europeans, and recounts the horrific battles fought over control of a vital inland waterway. Rich Unger chose the title and will lead the discussion **October 16th** in the Shaw Lounge after church.

Michael Ward Returns to the Cathedral! On Saturday, **September 24th, 9:30-am-12:30pm**, C.S. Lewis scholar and author of *Planet Narnia* Michael Ward returns to the Cathedral of All Saints with a visual presentation from his latest book, *After Humanity: A Guide to C.S. Lewis's "The Abolition of Man."* Light brunch fare is included in the ticket price, and a raffle of the book will be held for all who attend. More information at this link: <https://www.cathedralofallsaints.org/events/abolition-of-man>

Weekday Services. Wednesdays, LITURGY OF THE WORD at 9:00am. This week is very special, as our Wednesday morning service will commemorate St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist. Don't miss it!
On **Fridays**, LITURGY OF THE WORD at 12:00noon. Join us for a time of weekday spiritual refreshment and prayer.

Care & Emergencies During the interregnum, here are the options for pastoral care needs: (1) Jim Wingate & Ann Duff are 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, Senior Warden David Kennison will arrange for a priest of the diocese to respond. Call David (text or voice) at 518-320-5619 or email kentech2@nycap.rr.com. Dean Marshall Vang has also offered his pastoral assistance during this time.

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 on Saturday afternoons from 1-3:30pm. For schedule updates or more information, please contact Tarik Wareh or visit www.albanysacredharp.org

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED GOD IN YOUR WILL? The rubric on Pg 445 of the Book of Common Prayer reminds us of the importance of estate planning and charitable giving. When you prepare your will, please remember the work of God and his Church, and especially the Endowment Fund of St. George's Church. Please also remember the importance of making your funeral wishes known now to your family and clergy. Information to help you do that is available through the parish office.

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The Parable of the Unjust Steward, Andre Mironov, 2021