

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 21C – 25 SEPTEMBER 2022

HIGH MASS — RITE I, 10AM

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *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 625

Ye holy angels bright

Darwall's 148th

THE INTROIT

Sung by the cantor

“Riches and honor are with me,” yea riches and righteousness; “My fruit is better than gold; yea and better than choice silver.” Ps. Wisdom hath builded her house; she hath hewn out her seven pillars. “Come eat of my bread; and drink of the wine which I have mingled.” 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.

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

GRADUAL

Sung by the cantor

Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou reignest over all. In thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great and strengthen all.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

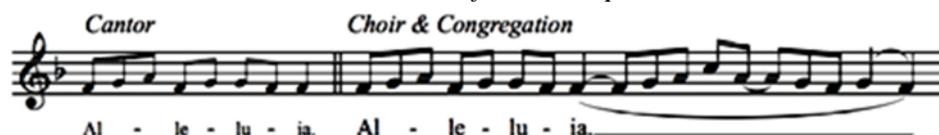
There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Please Stand for the Gospel



CANTOR **A**lleluia, alleluia. The Lord upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down. Alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

THE SERMON

THE VERY REVEREND MARSHALL J. VANG

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.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN, BCP p. 331

(people kneel)

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

Happy are they who fear the Lord; and have great delight in his commandments; Wealth and riches will be in their house; and their righteousness will last forever.

OFFERTORY HYMN 437

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Birmingham

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

“**H**eaven and earth shall pass away; but my Words shall not pass away,” saith the Lord

COMMUNION ANTHEM

God be in my head

Walford Davies (1869-1941)

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

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 339

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 Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang
 Master of Ceremonies: David Kennison
 Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
 Cantor: Jon Ewbank
 Thurifer: Christopher Henry
 Acolytes: Anne Kennison & JJ. Moran
 Greeter: Ann Duff
 Lector: Meredith Ewbank
 Counters: Jon Pearson & Meg Hughes
 Altar Guild: Sandee Hughes
 Sacristan: Sandee Hughes

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 ✕ None
Birthdays: Jamie Taft (9-28, Wed), JJ Moran (9-29, Thurs), Bob McCloskey (9-29, Thurs)
 Anna Thiessen (9-30, Fri)
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 Maybe you signed up for a new ministry last Sunday or maybe you agreed to continue in your previous ministries. Either way – **thank you!** Your commitment is what makes our church vital. The ministry sign-up sheets are still laid out in the Great Hall, so it's not too late to add your name to that ministry that you've been thinking about all week.

Walkabout Redux Many thanks to all who helped as docents with Saturday's Stockade Walkabout. We had so many people come through our beautiful church, all of whom wanted a special tour and the story of our rich history. Opening our church like this is important as it gives St. George's some visibility it might not have otherwise have. After all, we are fairly well hidden down a narrow one-way street that isn't highly travelled. How can we build the temple if we are unseen? We have to seize opportunities whenever we find them and the Walkabout is a good one. Thank you to Joan Pearson, Mtr Lisa Schoonmaker, Jon Ewbank, Brian Taylor and David & Anne Kennison.

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 **2 weeks to go and TODAY is the deadline for sign-ups!** Meg is finalizing arrangements for our planned **October 9th** field trip to Johnson Hall. We are rapidly approaching the limit of 35 participants. Please see Meg today and pay your \$5 Johnson Hall admission fee if you have not already done so.

Choral Matins On **October 9th**, the same day as our Johnson Hall trip, we will be offering a service of Choral Matins (or Morning Prayer) instead of a Mass. This is intentional, as this service is shorter than a sung Mass and will allow us time to get organized and on the road for Johnstown.

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.

Parish Outreach On **October 30th**, we plan to have a forum discussion planned after Mass, this one on Outreach. In our Ministry Sign-Up, Outreach was by far the most popular single ministry. In a short Forum discussion, we'll discuss what Outreach really is and how it fits into our mission as a church. Your ideas are welcome and will make this a fun and enlightening time. In the Great Hall; light refreshments will be provided.

Weekday Services. Wednesdays, LITURGY OF THE WORD at 9:00am. 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 Rich Man and the Poor Lazarus,
Hendrick ter Brugghen, 1625,
Centraal Museum
Utrecht, Netherlands