

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in the heart of the historic Stockade District
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR A – 29 JANUARY 2023
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)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY: O Lamb of God, *verse 2* (BWV 656b) *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

The Sacred Ministers, Servers & Choir offer Preparatory Prayers prior to the Entrance Procession

THE ENTRANCE, HYMN 408 Sing praises to God who reigns above *Mit Freuden zart*

THE INTROIT *Sung by the Cantor*

Take away the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols; but let judgment roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream **G**lory be...

THE 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

(people kneel)

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.

THE 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)

THE 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; 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

MICAH 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“**O** my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“**W**ith what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

GRADUAL

Sung by the Cantor

Behold my servant whom I uphold; mine elect; in whom my soul delighteth. I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the gentiles.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

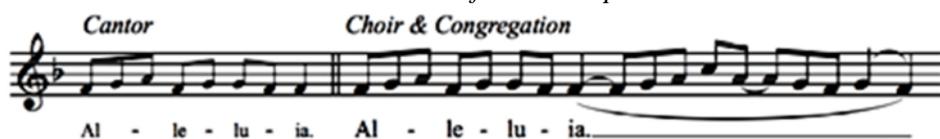
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Please Stand for the Gospel



CANTOR Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord executes righteousness; and judgment for all who are oppressed." Alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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 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

(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

The same stone which the builders rejected; has become the chief cornerstone.

OFFERTORY HYMN 656

Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

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

Sung 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. If you wish to not receive, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms, indicating that you wish to receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts are available.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCE

Sung by the Cantor

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God; blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Brightest and Best

Southern Harmony

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

(people kneel)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your 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 upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 556

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Marion

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Fugue in C (Bux174, "Jig")

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang
Master of Ceremonies:	David Kennison
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Jeff Wengrovius
Thurifer:	Christopher Henry
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison & JJ Moran
Greeter:	Carol Gaige
Lector:	Meredith Ewbank
Counters:	Jon Pearson & Rich Unger
Altar Guild:	Carol Gaige
Sacristan:	Alice Polumbo

Prayer List

The Sick and those in need: Robert T, Richard, Christian, Christine L, Leslie P, Ed C, Sue C, Karen S, Scott W, Suzy T, Donald M, Kevin, Jesse, Fern, Tom, Brittany, Pamela, Jane, Jean M, Dom, Bruce J, Bess, Theresa S, Wanda Z, Pat Gibbons, Dustin, Susan, Jamie Taft, Jo-Ann S, Jim, Donna T, Fred

This list will be reset every 3 months.

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

The Departed ✠ None

Birthdays: James Moore III (1-29, Sun), Paul Smigelski (1-30, Mon), Jonathan Ewbank (2-1, Wed)
Meredith Ewbank (2-3, Fri), Richard Forshaw (2-4, Sat)

Anniversaries: Jonathan & Meredith Ewbank (2-2, Thurs)

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.

Annual Meeting Follow-up Thank you all for participating and voting in last Sunday's Annual Meeting. We hope you enjoyed the update on the many activities at St. George's. Congratulations to Carol Gaige, Sean Albert and Gloria Kishton at each being elected to the Vestry for a 3-year term. Also, many thanks to Sandee Hughes and Barb Wengrovius for arranging a delicious brunch and to all the volunteers who contributed such tasty dishes and desserts. To those who voted remotely, by mail or email, we're thinking of ways to improve things to be less cumbersome but this was a start. Next year, we hope to be able to offer a live-streamed meeting for those who cannot make it in person.

Candlemas Approaches! On **Thursday, February 2nd**, St. George's will celebrate the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple (also traditionally known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary) with a Candlemas Procession and Solemn Choral Mass at 7:00pm. The Choir of St. Stephen's Church will join us, along with some of their parishioners. Dean Vang will celebrate the Mass. Please make every effort to attend and welcome our brothers and sisters from St. Stephen's.

Commemoration of King Charles Martyr The Cathedral of All Saints will offer a service in commemoration of King Charles the Martyr on **Monday, January 30th, at 7:00pm**. Brian Taylor will be playing the service that evening.

Choral Evensong! Choral Evensong will be offered on **Sunday, February 12th, at 3:00pm.** Details to follow.

Visiting Jamie Taft We are looking for volunteers to take Jamie's mother to Albany Medical Center for brief visits. She no longer drives and this is a way our parish can help. Contact Suzy Unger at 407-718-2058 if you want to help out". Thank you!

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SiCM collection Last Sunday, we collected food and personal hygiene products for the SiCM food pantry, **totaling 196lbs.** This is a great start for 2023, as we hope to beat last year's record total of 2,073lbs. It is especially important during the winter season to remember the hungry and needy in our community. Thank you to all who have contributed so generously. Our February ingathering will be **February 12th.**

Pillow Talk This continuing ministry supports women and children entering the YWCA emergency shelter. Normally, they have escaped from an unsafe environment and arrive with nothing. The need is great and is ongoing. By your help and donations, St. George's made a large contribution in December and has committed to a quarterly donation. The need is for **PILLOWS, TWIN SIZE BLANKETS AND COMFORTERS.** Blankets and comforters may be gently used, but pillows must be new, unopened and in their original packaging. Place donated items at the back of the church. **The next quarterly collection is March 12th, 2023.**

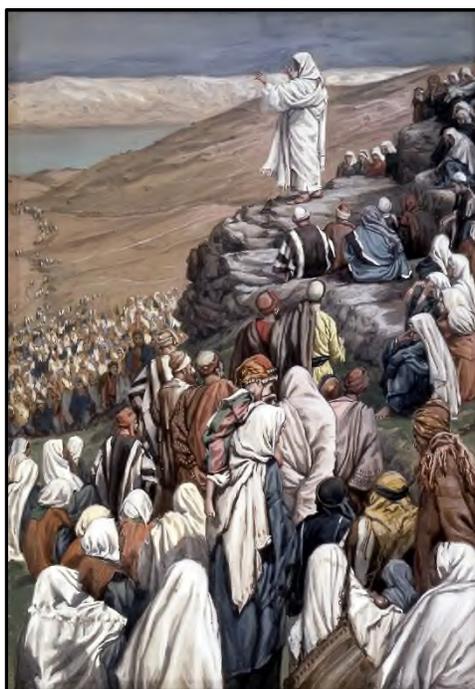
Weekday Services. Our normal Wednesday & Friday weekday liturgies will be held this week, Wednesday at 9am, Friday at 12noon, both in the Lady Chapel. Join us for a time of weekday spiritual refreshment and prayer.

All on the Same Page Book Club Meeting The Book Club will meet after the service on **March 19th** to discuss the mystery novels of Anthony Horowitz. At the suggestion of Alice Polumbo, we will share our thoughts about *The Word is Murder*, *The Sentence is Death*, *A Line to Kill*, or *The Twist of a Knife*. If you didn't draw straws at the January book club meeting, pick one or more to read! In addition to these four adult mystery novels, Horowitz is the author of many books for young people in addition, to working on such shows as *Magpie Murders*, *Midsomer Murders*, and *Foyle's War*.

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 a priest is needed, Sr 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.

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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James Tissot, *The Beatitudes Sermon*,
c. 1890, Brooklyn Museum