

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in the heart of the historic Stockade District
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR A – 08 JANUARY 2023
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
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)

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 117

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

Morning Star

THE INTROIT

Sung by the Cantor

On a throne exalted I beheld; and lo a man sitting; whom a legion of angels did worship singing, together; behold his rule and governance endureth to all ages. Ps. O be joyful in God all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness. Glory 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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth;

and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

GRADUAL

Sung by the Cantor

Blessed be the Lord; even the God of Israel; which only doeth wondrous things. The mountains also shall bring peace; and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

THE EPISTLE READING

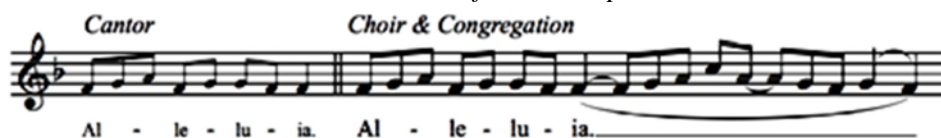
ACTS 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Please Stand for the Gospel



CANTOR Alleluia, alleluia. O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness. Alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:13-17

Celebrant ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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 Ye 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

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness; and come before his presence with a song; be sure that the Lord he is God.

OFFERTORY HYMN 120

The sinless one to Jordan came

Solemnis haec festivitas

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:

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant says or sings the Proper Preface of The Epiphany

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

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

“**Son, why has thou thus dealt with us? Behold thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing;**” And he said unto them: “**How is it that ye sought me? Know ye not that I must be about my Father’s business?**”

COMMUNION ANTHEM

How bright appears the morning star *Melody by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)*
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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)

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, 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.

Celebrant & Preacher: The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang
Master of Ceremonies: David Kennison
Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor: Joan Pearson
Thurifer: Christopher Henry
Acolytes: Anne Kennison
Greeter: Ann Duff
Lector: Diane Reed
Counters: Sean Albert & Ralph Polumbo
Altar Guild: Sandee Hughes
Sacristan: Sandee Hughes

Prayer List

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, Stella, Brittany, Pamela, Jane, Jean M, Dom, Bruce J, Bess, Theresa S, Brooks, Wanda Z, Pat Gibbons, Dustin, Susan, Jamie Taft

This list will be reset every 3 months.

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

The Departed ✠ The Honorable Robert Taft (d. 12-26, Jamie Taft's father)
Birthdays: Charles Stamm (1-9, Mon), Jonah Thiessen (1-11, Wed)
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.

2023 Stewardship If you have not yet turned in your stewardship pledge card, you can still do so but we need it quickly. Our 2023 budget has been set and approved by the Vestry without knowing exactly where all the income is coming from. Your pledge to St. George's is needed and will let our Vestry members breathe a bit easier. Simply put - your pledges keep our doors open. God calls us to be good stewards of his church. Submit your pledge today.

Annual Meeting! The **2023 Annual Meeting** of St. George's Church will be **Sunday, January 22nd**, immediately following the 10am Mass. We will review the results of 2022 and discuss what awaits us in 2023. Bring your questions, comments and ideas - they are all welcome and the Vestry will not leave until they are all answered. A brunch will be offered, following the meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

Boiler Campaign A warm and heartfelt thank you to all who contributed so generously to the boiler campaign. This campaign will end shortly. We're still nursing the old boiler along until a new one arrives sometime this month.

GOAL: \$35,000

Contributions to date: \$41,229 (118% of goal)

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SiCM collection Thank you to all who so faithfully contributed in 2022 towards easing hunger in our community in which we set a new record of **2,073lbs.** During the winter season, it is especially important that we remember the hungry and needy in our community. One way to do that is through our monthly contributions to the Schenectady City Ministries, SiCM. food pantry of hearty soups, canned & shelf-stable foods, healthy snacks, pasta and personal hygiene items and toiletries. Thank you to all who have contributed so generously. Our next collection is **January 15, 2023.**

Pillow Talk In addition to our December food ingathering, we collected, blessed and donated a large pile of bedding - pillows, sheets, blankets and comforters to the YWCA emergency shelter for women and children. The need is great and is ongoing. Women and children going into emergency shelter frequently arrive with nothing. The YWCA has identified an ongoing need in providing care for those in this dire situation of **PILLOWS, TWIN SIZE BLANKETS AND COMFORTERS.** To assist with this need, St George's has now made this a QUARTERLY collection. 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.**

All on the Same Page Book Club Meeting St. George's Church book club will convene in the Shaw Lounge after Mass on **Sunday, January 15.** *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich will be up for discussion. Ms. Erdrich is an engaging storyteller who writes about the plight of modern-day Native Americans. Suzy Unger suggested the read.

Weekday Services. Our normal Wednesday weekday liturgy will be held this week at 9am in the Lady Chapel. Our Friday liturgy will not be held this week, January 13th, but will resume on January 20th. 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 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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Madonna and Child with the Donor, Pietro de' Lardi, Presented by Saint Nicholas, ca. 1420–30, by Master G.Z. (possibly Michele dai Carri), Italian, Ferrara