

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in the heart of the historic Stockade District
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A – 12 MARCH 2023
MORNING PRAYER — RITE I, 10AM
David G. Kennison, *Officiant*
Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music Ministry*

Morning Prayer, Rite I

OPENING VOLUNTARY: Christ have mercy, All the World's Consolation (BWV 673)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*The Angelus is said by the Officiant, Acolytes and Choir in the Lady Chapel.
The congregation in the church is invited to make the responses in bold print.*

THE ANGELUS

☩. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,

R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

☩. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

☩. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

R. Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

☩. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

☩. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ announced by the message of an angel to the Virgin Mary, so by his ✠ cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ENTRANCE, HYMN 688

A mighty fortress is our God

Ein feste Burg

THE OPENING SENTENCE

(people stand)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

(people stand)

The Officiant says to the people:

Dearest beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People together

(people kneel)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant remains kneeling and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of thy Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

(people stand)

Officiant: ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Officiant: Praise ye the Lord.

People: **The Lord's name be praised.**

THE ANTIPHON

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People: **O come let us adore him.**

VENITE Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13

(Sung by all)

(people stand)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, *

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *

and with righteousness to judge the world

and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

- 1 **O** be joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: *
serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Be ye sure that the LORD he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; *
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

(people sit)

EXODUS 17-1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE

A Song of Praise

(Sung by all)

(people stand)

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

(people sit)

ROMANS 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

BENEDICTUS DOMINUS DEUS The Song of Zechariah (*Sung by all*) (*people stand*)

✠ **B**lessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE THIRD LESSON

(people sit)

JOHN 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanswhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(said by all)

(people stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the ☩ resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(people kneel)

Officiant and People together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

Ÿ. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us
R. And grant us thy salvation.
Ÿ. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
Ÿ. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
Ÿ. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Ÿ. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
Ÿ. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Ÿ. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

The Officiant says or sings the Collects

(people kneel)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ANTHEM

Thou knowest, Lord

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(people kneel or stand)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."



Lord, have me-rcy.

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Schenectady, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all of our special intentions and for those whose need is known only to God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the ✠ resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

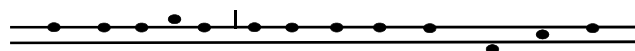
Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Blessed Mary Ever Virgin, Blessed George our Patron and of all the saints, let us

commend ourselves,



and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

(people kneel)

The Officiant and People say together

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

(people kneel)

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE GRACE

The ✠ grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

*The congregation is seated
Announcements may be made at this time*

THE SERMON

DR. BRIAN J. TAYLOR

COLLECTS FOR MORNING PRAYER

*(people kneel)**A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Officiant: **L**ook mercifully upon this thy family, Almighty God, that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Officiant: **T**he peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our 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 amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 680

O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

O Lamb of God, *verse 3* (BWV 656)*J. S. Bach*

Officiant:	David G. Kennison
Preacher:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Organists:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor, Joan Pearson
Thurifer:	Christopher Henry
Crucifer:	Anne Kennison or J.J. Moran
Greeter:	Meg Hughes
Lector:	David Kennison
Counters:	Ralph Polumbo & Barb Wengrovius
Altar Guild:	Sandee Hughes
Sacristan:	Sandee Hughes

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, Tom, Brittany, Pamela, Jean M, Dom, Bess, Theresa S, Wanda Z, Pat Gibbons, Dustin, Susan, Jamie Taft, Jo-Ann S, Donna T, Fred, Sam, Alexander, James L, Margo, Rev. Marshall Vang

This list will be reset every 3 months.

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

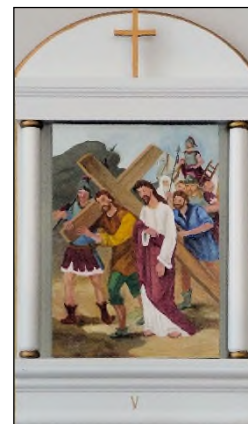
The Departed ✠ The Most Reverend Frank T. Griswold (d. March 5th), 25th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, 1998-2006
Birthdays: Stella Schultz (3-14, Tues), Kathleen Todt Ronesi (3-16, Thurs)
Anniversaries: None

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.

Coffee Hour Don't forget Coffee hour after the Mass. If you missed last week, you missed a sparkling Cornish cream tea with handmade scones, English clotted cream and strawberry jam. It was a bit hit! Don't miss out again; to the Great Hall for chat time with friends and church family.

Lenten Series Continuing **TODAY**, we are again offering our popular Sunday evening Lenten series. It all starts with a **potluck supper at 6pm** in the Great Hall (last week, with handmade Cornish pasties from Brian), followed by **Stations of the Cross** in the Church. This devotion, much loved by Christians of many denominations recreates Jesus' last hours, from his sentencing by Pilate to his scourging and death upon the cross and burial in the tomb. It is a moving service that will deepen your faith. Not to be missed! We are all called to take on a Lenten discipline and this is a perfect fit.



Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SiCM collection **TODAY** is our March ingathering of food and personal hygiene products for the SiCM food pantry. Our 2023 total-to-date is **345lbs**, which is a great start towards our 2023 goal to exceed last year's 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.

Pillow Talk **TODAY** is also the quarterly donation for the YWCA emergency shelter. This continuing ministry supports women and children who have escaped from an unsafe environment and arrive with nothing. The need is great and is ongoing. 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.

Holy Week & Easter – Save the Dates!
schedule of services:

Get your calendars out. Here is this year's Holy Week

2 April, 10am	Palm Sunday	Liturgy of the Palms (in the Great Hall) with Mass in the Church
2 April, 6pm	Palm Sunday	Potluck Supper & Stations of the Cross (in the Church)
6 April, 7pm	Maundy Thursday	Mass with washing of feet
6 April, 9pm-12am	Maundy Thursday	The Watch at the Altar of Repose (in the Lady Chapel)
7 April, 12 noon	Good Friday	Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified & Veneration of the Cross
8 April, 9:30am	Holy Saturday	ProAnaphora (in the Chapel of the Holy Family)
8 April, 7pm	Holy Saturday	The Great Vigil and the First Mass of Easter
9 April, 10am	Easter Day	The Mass of The Resurrection

Easter Flower Memorials It's not too early to start thinking about making a donation in memory of a family member or loved one. There are envelopes for this in your pledge envelope box and at the back of the church. Be sure to clearly write the names of those remembered as they will be listed in the Easter bulletins. Please also send the memorial names to David at david@stgeorgesschenectady.org. to ensure they make the bulletins' print deadlines.

All on the Same Page Book Club Meeting NEXT WEEK! The Book Club will meet after the service on **March 19th** to discuss the mystery novels of Anthony Horowitz. At the suggestion of Alice Pumbo, 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*.

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.

Save the Date! On **Friday, March 24th**, we will observe **the Feast of The Annunciation with a Mass at 7pm.** The actual date is the next day, Saturday March 25th, but that's a tough time for many, so it's being transferred to the prior day. This is a Principal Feast Day of the Church and a day of obligation. Please plan to attend.

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

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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Christ and the Samaritan Woman,
Stefano Erardi, 1630-1716