

# ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

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*Pentecost, Giorgio Vasari, 1574, Metropolitan Museum of art*

## **The Day of Pentecost** **Whitsunday**

## The Day of Pentecost

As described in the Acts of the Apostles(Acts 2:1–31). “*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*” Shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, Christians understood the meaning of Pentecost as the gift of the Spirit.

The disciples of Jesus "*were all together in one place*". There is a "*mighty rushing wind*" (a common symbol for the Spirit) and "*tongues as of fire*" appear. The disciples were "filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance". This is seen as a multitude of languages spoken. This fulfills Jesus' promise that his followers will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. In the OT, the Spirit was poured out on prophets, priests, and kings, but in the NT, the Spirit is given to "*all people.*" All are empowered to minister.

On Pentecost, new believers were baptized as they arrived. They shared life together, focusing on teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. They shared their belongings so that no one was hungry or needy. As these first Christians lived out their new faith together, "*the Lord added to their number those who were being saved*". Thus we speak of Pentecost as the birthday of the church.

The color of Pentecost is red, signifying the Spirit's tongues of fire, the blood of martyrs and the flames of faith. People dress in red; churches are decorated in red. Pentecost is also "especially appropriate" for baptism. Baptismal candidates would wear their white (purity) garments on that day, coining the term White Sunday or Whitsunday.

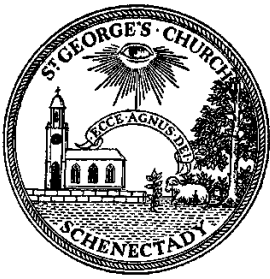
Pentecost is a time to ask God to fill us afresh with the Spirit so that we might join in the ministry of Christ with gusto. It is a time to renew our commitment to fulfilling our role in the ministry of God's people in the world.

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**O** God, who on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

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# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

THE DAY OF PENTECOST – 28 MAY 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:**

Choral Variations on Veni Creator Spiritus (Opus 4c)

Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)

## 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 225**

Hail thee, festival day!

*Salve festa dies*

*Upper voices sing the ODD-numbered stanzas - Lower voices sing the EVEN-numbered stanzas*

*Everyone sings the REFRAINS*

**THE INTROIT**

*Sung by the Cantor and the Choir*

**T**he Spirit of the LORD hath filled the whole world alleluia, and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice; alleluia alleluia. Ps. Let God arise; and let his enemies be scattered; let them also that hate him flee before him. Glory be...

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant*

✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*(people kneel)*

**A**lmighty 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**

**H**ear 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.

**O** God, who on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end..

*People* **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

**Acts 2:1-21**

**W**hen the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

**N**ow there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

**B**ut Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'**I**n the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*Lector* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## GRADUAL PSALM 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea*

*Sung by the Choir*

*Please repeat the following refrain after the Cantor and where indicated by **R**.*

Mode 2

**Refrain**

Send forth your Spir- it, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great. **R**
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season. **R**
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth. **R**
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke. **R**
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah! **R**

## THE EPISTLE READING

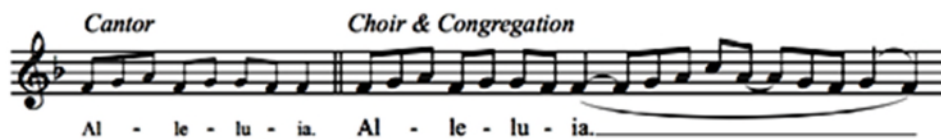
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

**N**o one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**F**or just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

*Please Stand for the Gospel*



**THE ALLELUIA** CANTOR: **O** send forth thy Spirit and they shall be made; and thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Alleluia. Come Holy Ghost and fill the hearts of thy faithful people; and kindle in them the fire of thy love. Alleluia

## THE SEQUENCE

*Veni Sancte Spiritus* (sung by the choir)

Hymnal 226

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

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

**W**hen it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

*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 that God will fill us with his Holy Spirit.

Generous God, we thank thee for the power of thy Holy Spirit. We beseech thee that we may be strengthened to serve thee with the heart and mind of thy Son Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us:

*And fill us with thy Spirit.*

We thank thee for the wisdom of thy Holy Spirit. We beseech thee to make us wise to understand thy will. On this Feast of Pentecost, we pray for the Vestry as it seeks to identify St. George's next Rector.

Lord, come to bless us:

*And fill us with thy Spirit.*

We thank thee for the peace of thy Holy Spirit. We beseech thee to keep us confident of thy love wherever thou will call us.

Lord, come to bless us:

*And fill us with thy Spirit.*

We thank thee for the healing of thy Holy Spirit. We beseech thee to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness, and sorrow. We now pray for [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]

Lord, come to bless us:

*And fill us with thy Spirit.*

We thank thee for the gifts of thy Holy Spirit. We beseech thee to equip us for the work which thou hast given us.

Lord, come to bless us:

*And fill us with thy Spirit.*

We thank thee for the fruit of thy Holy Spirit. We ask thee to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. We pray for those observing birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: [ \_\_\_\_\_ ].

Lord, come to bless us:

*And fill us with thy Spirit.*

We thank thee for the breath of thy Holy Spirit, given unto us by the Risen Lord. We ask thee to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life. We remember those who have died, [ \_\_\_\_\_ ].

Lord, come to bless us:

*And fill us with thy Spirit.*

Generous God, thou didst send thy Holy Spirit upon thy Messiah at the River Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room. Make us one in heart and mind to serve thee with joy for ever.

Lord, come to bless us:

*And fill us with thy Spirit.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## 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

**H**ear 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.

**H**ear 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.

**H**ear 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*

**St**ablish the thing O God; that thou hast wrought in us; for thy temple's sake at Jerusalem; shall kings bring presents unto thee; alleluia.

### OFFERTORY HYMN 516

Come Down, O Love Divine

*Down Ampney*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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 sings the Proper Preface of Pentecost*



**H**oly, 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)*

**A**ll 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.

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.**

## THE 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.**

## THE 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*

**S**uddenly there came from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind; and it filled the whole house where they were sitting alleluia, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak the wonderful works of God alleluia; alleluia

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Veni Creator Spiritus

*Sung by the Choir*

*Plainsong, Mode 8*

1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire.

2 Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

3 Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love.

4 Enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight.

5 Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
with the abundance of thy grace.

6 Keep far from foes, give peace at home:  
where thou art guide, no ill can come.

7 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but One,

8 that through the ages all along,  
this may be our endless song:

9 praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## 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 the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 228

Holy Spirit, font of light

*Webbe*

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Chorale Prelude on *Down Ampney*

*Herbert Sumson (1899-1995)*

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Celebrant & Preacher:	The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang
Master of Ceremonies:	David G. Kennison
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Louisa Carr
Thurifer:	Christopher Henry
Crucifer:	J. J. Moran
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison & J. J. Moran
Greeter:	Meg Hughes
Lector:	Tarik Wareh
Counters:	Paul Smigelski & Meg Hughes
Altar Guild:	Carol Gaige
Sacristan:	Sandee Hughes

## Prayer List

The Sick and those in need: Robert T, Richard, Christine L, Leslie P, Ed C, Karen S, Scott W, Suzy T, Donald M, Kevin, Jesse, Brittany, Pamela, Dom, Theresa S, Wanda Z, Pat Gibbons, Dustin, Susan, Jamie Taft, Donna T, Sam, Alexander, James L, Margo, Gabriella Rose, Ryan, Sharon C, Bob, Lynn, Hooter Z, Mtr Lisa S, Fred L.

*This list will be reset every 3 months.*

*If you would like a name included, contact [david@stgeorgesschenectady.org](mailto:david@stgeorgesschenectady.org)*

**The Departed** ✠ Joseph Fava (d. 5-17, 82 yrs)  
**Birthdays:** Shannon Hartz (5-30, Tues), Dorothy Dever (6-1, Thurs), Sam Wengrovius (6-3, Sat)  
**Anniversaries:** Gloria Kishton & Bob Lemmerman (5-29, Mon)

## 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 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](http://www.stgeorgesschenectady.org).

**Coffee Hour** Don't forget Coffee hour after Mass. Join us in the Great Hall for fellowship with friends & church family.

**Choral Evensong** If you were able to make it to last Sunday's Choral Evensong, you were surely stunned by the beauty of the service and amazed at the power of the message from Mike Sacoccio, the Executive Director of the City Mission of Schenectady. If you couldn't attend, you missed something very special. Kudos to all who worked so hard to make this service happen and to shine. A special shout out to Brian Taylor and the Choir for their long practice sessions that made their musical offering sparkle. We raised almost \$300 to support the City Mission's work in our community. You can still make a financial contribution to the City Mission and be a part of St George's contribution for this Evensong; write your check to St George's Church and note "**May 21 City Mission Evensong**".

**Upcoming Services!** **Next Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**, is **Trinity Sunday**, celebrating the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, with our stunning annual reading of the Athanasian Creed.

On **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**, we celebrate **Corpus Christi**, the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ**. Immediately following the Mass that day, there will be a solemn exposition and **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament**, through the church. This is immediately followed by **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** from the High Altar.

With this, our choir takes their leave on a well-earned and deserved summer vacation, joining us in the pews for the summer.

**Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SiCM collection** **Last week's** May ingathering totaled **180lbs** of food and personal hygiene products for the SiCM food pantry. This brings our 2023 total-to-date up to **997lbs** – another big step towards our 2023 goal to exceed last year's total of 2,073lbs. Now that the summer is nearly here, school vacations will begin and this means no school breakfasts and lunches. Food pantry items are needed all the more during this time. Thank you to all who have contributed so generously. **Next month's collection will be June 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**All on the Same Page Book Club** The Book Club will meet to discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks after the service on **July 16**. Suggested by Suzy Unger and Meg Hughes, *Horse* is a highly acclaimed, fast-paced work of historical fiction that alternates between the present and the nineteenth century to take on topics such as art, the legacy of slavery, and horse racing. All are welcome to join us!

**Pillow Talk** **TWO WEEKS AWAY!** Thank you also for March's generous donations 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. The **next quarterly ingathering will be June 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**Weekday Services.** Our normal Wednesday and Friday LITURGY OF THE WORD services will be held this week in the Lady Chapel. Wednesday is at 9am and Friday is at 12noon. Join us for a time of weekday spiritual refreshment and prayer.

**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](http://www.albanysacredharp.org).

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**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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