



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in the heart of the historic Stockade District
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 19A - 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNG MASS - RITE I, 10AM

The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, *Rector*
Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music Ministry*

MASS SETTING Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on Down Ampney *Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)*

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 410 Praise my Soul the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*

THE INTROIT *Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

Have mercy upon me O Lord; for I have called daily upon thee; for thou O Lord art gracious and merciful, and plenteous in thy lovingkindness; toward all them that call upon thee. Ps. Bow down thine ear O Lord and hear me; For I am poor and in misery. Glory be ...

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

(people kneel)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50.15-21

A READING from the Book of Genesis

REALIZING THAT THEIR FATHER WAS DEAD, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

THE GRADUAL:

Sung by the Choir

Psalm 103.8-13

THE LORD | IS FULL OF COMPASSION | and mercy: long-|suffering and | of great good-ness.

He will | not alway | be chiding: nei-|ther keepeth his | anger for ev-er.

He hath | not dealt with us af-|ter our sins: nor | rewarded us according to our | wickedness-es.

For look | how high the heaven is in comparison | of the earth: so | great is his mercy also toward | them that fear him.

Look how | wide also the east is | from the west: so | far hath he | set our sins from us.

Yea, like | as a father pitieth his | own children: ev-|en so is the Lord merciful unto | them that fear him.

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 14.1-12

A READING from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE WEAK IN FAITH, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God



AL - LE- LU- IA. Al - le- lu- ia.

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** There is forgiveness with thee:
therefore thou shalt be feared. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

PETER CAME AND SAID TO JESUS, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rector

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FORM X

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THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Ye 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*

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

Sung by All

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 pow-er 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.

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 & Choir

Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood: to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Ave verum corpus *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*
Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death!

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: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 411

O bless the Lord, my soul

St. Thomas (Williams)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Choral Prelude on "Praise, my soul"

David Liddle (b.1960)

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Master of Ceremonies:	David G. Kennison
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Joan Pearson
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Crucifer:	J. J. Moran
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison
Greeter:	Gloria Kishton
Lector:	Jon Pearson
Counters:	Jon Pearson & Bob Paska
Altar Guild:	Sandee Hughes
Sacristan:	David & Anne Kennison

Prayer List

The Sick and those in need: Christine L, Leslie P, Ed C, Karen S, Scott W, Suzy T, Kevin, Jesse, Pamela, Dom, Wanda Z, Dustin, Susan, Jamie Taft, Donna T, Sam, Alexander, James L, Margo, Gabriella Rose, Ryan, Sharon C, Hooter Z, Mtr Lisa S, Katie, Alessandro, Debra, Fr Michael Webber, Rev. Susan Kohlmeier, Crystal, The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Crystal, Donna, Katherine, Sondra

This list will be reset every 3 months.

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

The Departed *none*
Birthdays: Susan Hussar (19)
Anniversaries: *none*

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.

PARISH NOTICES

WEEKDAY SERVICES: **Tuesday** at 8:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer. **Wednesday** at 9:00—Mass for Ember Wednesday. **Friday** at Noon: Mass for St Matthew the Apostle (*observed*)

All on the Same Page Book Club Our next Book Club meeting is today, **September 17th**, after Mass in the Shaw Lounge. The chosen read is *Metrofix: The Combative Comeback of a Company Town*, by William B. Patrick, recommended by Jon and Joan Pearson. This book tells the story of Schenectady's comeback. Everyone is welcome, so don't be shy!

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SiCM collection October 8th is our monthly ingathering of food and personal hygiene supplies for the SiCM Food Pantry. We've been setting a blistering pace in 2023, all due to your devoted generosity. **Last week we delivered 351 lbs. of food, a new monthly record!** So far this year we have provided **2,218 lbs** to the hungry in our community, giving us great hope we will achieve our **2023 goal of 2,500 lbs.**

Pillow Talk October 8th is also our quarterly donation for the YWCA emergency shelter. Thank you to all who have contributed to our parish outreach. 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. We need **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.

Jamie Taft continues to improve at Schenectady Center. He would love to have more visitors! Afternoons are better since he has therapy in the morning. Schenectady Center: [526 Altamont Ave, Schenectady, NY 12303](http://526AltamontAve.com), Tel: 518.346.6121. Contact Suzy Unger, 407-718-2058, if you have any questions.

FOYERS is BACK! This fall, we are re-starting our very popular Foyers groups. Foyers groups are small groups of 8-10 persons sharing simple meals and fellowship. The intention is to have fun and provide an opportunity for us to get to know each other. Each group meets once a month for a simple meal and relaxed conversation in the homes of members. Foyer groups have no agenda, no bible study, no prayer service; they simply strive to be what Christians are: groups of people who gather together and "love one another" so that that friendship may grow. Sharon Trant is leading the charge this year and has placed a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Contact Sharon at sharontrant928@gmail.com.

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.

Coming up soon...

SAINT FRANCIS' DAY BLESSING OF PETS will take place this year on October 8 at 3:00 p.m. Bring your pets, and your friends and their pets, and join us in the front of the church!

ANNUAL BIBLE SYMPOSIUM at the Cathedral of All Saints will be held this year on **Saturday, November 4** from 9:30 to 1:30. This year's presenter is The Rev'd Malcolm Guite. Dr Guite is a renowned Anglican poet, priest, singer-song writer and scholar whose recent works include *David's Crown: Sounding the Psalms*, a collection of poems written in response to the Psalms. You can read more about his poems and essays and find recordings at <https://malcomguite.wordpress.com>. Tickets are available through the Cathedral of All Saints website and include a box lunch. If you need assistance registering please speak to Fr Pettigrew.

PSALMS: A STUDY Led by Director of Christian Formation, Jonathan Kimmel Did you know that the New Testament quotes the Psalms more than any other Old Testament book? The Psalter is also one of the longest books in the Bible, and is certainly worth a lifetime of study. Our Cathedral will be offering a seven-week study of the Psalms in preparation for the Bible Symposium with scholar, priest, and musician Malcolm Guite on November 4th. This is also a chance to study the Psalms in community. The class will be offered on Tuesday evenings, starting on September 19th, at 7:30PM on Zoom. Please fill out the form on the Cathedral's website to receive the Zoom link for the Tuesday evening sessions. You only have to sign up once to receive the link for all seven weeks. Find the sign up link under: www.cathedralofallsaints.org/special-events

EMBER DAYS are three days which occur four times a year: the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after St. Lucy's Day (Dec. 13), Ash Wednesday, the Day of Pentecost, and Holy Cross Day (Sept. 14). The name comes from the Latin title *Quattuor tempora*, meaning "four times." In ancient Italy the times (originally three) were associated with sowing, harvest, and vintage, for which one prayed, fasted, and gave alms. Later the four times became occasions for ordination, for which the Christian community prayed and the candidates prepared themselves by prayer and retreat. The BCP appoints proper collects and readings for this observance under the title "For the Ministry (Ember Days), including propers "For those to be ordained," "For the choice of fit persons for the ministry," and "For all Christians in their vocation" (BCP, pp. 256-257, 929). [Source: Episcopalchurch.org/glossary/ember-days]