

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 17A – 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

HIGH MASS - RITE I, 10AM

The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, *Rector, Celebrant & Preacher*

Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music Ministry*

MASS SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

OPENING VOLUNTARY:

Now thank we all our God (BWV 657)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

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

THE ENTRANCE, HYMN 450

All hail the power of Jesus Name!

Coronation

THE INTROIT

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

May his name remain forever; and be established as long as the sun endures: and all the nations shall bless themselves in him; and call him blessed. Ps. Glory ye in his holy name; let the hearts of them that seek the Lord rejoice; Search for the Lord and his strength. Glory be...

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

✠ **B**lessed 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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail
over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

THE GRADUAL

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous; and his ears are open to their cry. The Lord ransoms the life of his servants; and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE EPISTLE READING

ROMANS 12: 9-21

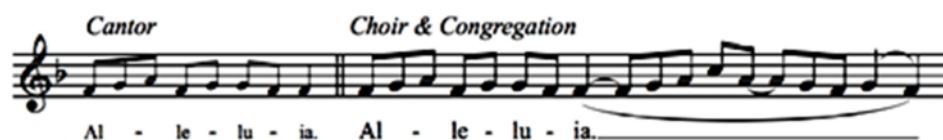
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. It is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Please Stand for the Gospel



THE ALLELUIA

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

Alleluia, alleluia. All who take refuge in thee shall be glad; they shall sing of their joy for ever. Alleluia.

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND THOMAS J. PETTIGREW

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 their 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, BCP p. 331

(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.

So God 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 & Choir

And Jesus pray'd: "Father; as thou hast sent me into the world; so have I also sent them into the world; for their sakes I sanctify myself; that they also may be sanctified through the truth."

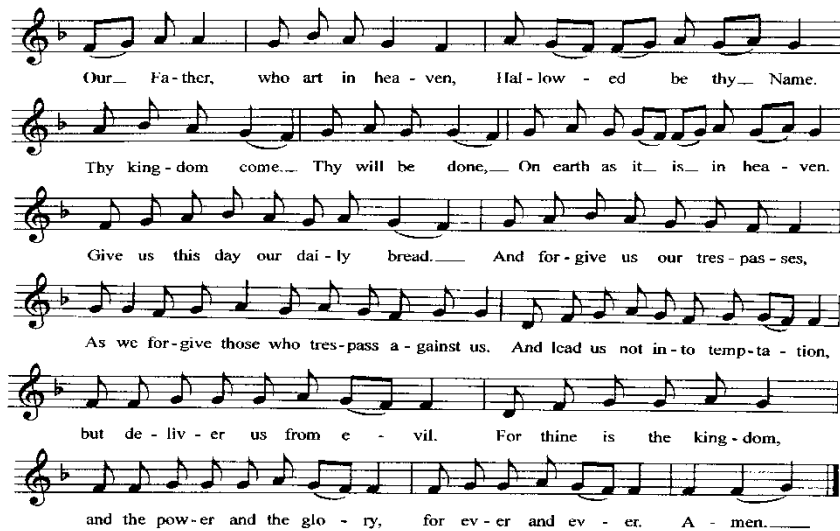
THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 397

Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

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

Seek ye first the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you," saith the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

With a voice of singing

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by All

(people kneel)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

(people kneel)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 541

Come, labor on

Ora Labora

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Marche Triomphale (Now thank we all our God)

Sigfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Master of Ceremonies:	David G. Kennison
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Louisa Carr
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Crucifer:	J. J. Moran
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison & Mtr. Lisa Schoonmaker
Greeter:	Ann Duff
Lector:	David Kennison
Counters:	Rich Unger & Jon Ewbank
Altar Guild:	Barb Wengrovius
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

This list will be reset every 3 months.

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

The Departed ✠ Alice Anne Templeman King (d. 8-6-2023, the wife of the Reverend Canon Charles B. King, Jr.)
Birthdays: Wendy Madelone (belated, 8-27) Matt Smigelski (9-8, Fri)
Anniversaries: Steve & Sue Hartz (9-4, Mon), Tom & Wendy Madelone (9-4, 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.

Reception Today! Please stay after today's Mass and come to the Great Hall for a reception for Fr. Tom Pettigrew. This is his first Sunday Mass at St George's as our 20th Rector and we'd like to welcome him warmly with some "vittles and libations".

Welcome Back Choir! Hallelujah! You don't need this announcement to know that our choir is back. They earned their summer break but we are so happy to have them back with us, adding to the majesty and beauty of our services.

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SiCM collection **NEXT WEEK September 10th**. Next Sunday is our September 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. So far this year we have provided **1,867lbs** to the hungry in our community, giving us great hope we will achieve our **2023 goal of 2,500 lbs.**

Pillow Talk NEXT WEEK, September 10th. Next Sunday 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.

Albany Bishop Candidate Tour There is still a little time for you to watch the You-Tube videos of the 4 bishop candidates as they each answer parishioners' questions and explain why they might want to be our next Bishop. It is enlightening to see them in action in a live forum. For more information, go to this link: <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/abctour/>. The Election Convention is September 9th at the Cathedral of All Saints.

Jamie Taft 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. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church to help space out visits. Schenectady Center: 526 Altamont Ave, Schenectady, NY 12303, Tel: 518.346.6121.

Weekday Services Beginning this week, the 9am Wednesday service and the 12 noon Friday service will be short celebrations of the Mass lasting about 30 minutes. Please join us for this mid-week opportunity of spiritual refreshment.

Stockade Art Show Café & Mum Sale NEXT SATURDAY, September 9th, 11am-2pm. That's the date for the 2023 Stockade Villagers' Art Show, <https://www.thestockadeartshow.com>. St George's will again host our annual Art Show Café, which is a lot of fun and a money-maker for our budget. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Contact Brian Taylor** at cornishanglican@gmail.com to let him know what **YOU** can do this year. Sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

Our annual sale of mums for your home is another fund-raiser for our parish. Our price is competitive, so don't miss your chance to buy gorgeous mums at a great price! The DEADLINE for ordering has been extended to TODAY, September 3rd. Order forms are available at the back on church. See Suzy Unger for more info.

All on the Same Page Book Club Our next Book Club meeting is **September 17th**. 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!

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.

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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