



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 27 A - 12 NOVEMBER 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 Siliciano *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 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *Truro*

THE INTROIT *Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

Therefore keep these statutes and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding: and all nations shall say; surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. Ps. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Glory be...

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, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING*Wisdom 6.12-16*

A READING from the Book of Wisdom

WISDOM is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God**THE GRADUAL***Sung by the Choir and Congregation**Psalm 70*

Haste thee | O God to | deliv-er me:
Make | haste to | help me O Lord.
Let them | be ashamed and confounded that seek af-|ter my soul.
Let | them be turned backward and put to confusion | that wish me evil.
Let them | for their reward be soon | brought to shame:
That | cry ov-|er me there! there!
But let | all those that seek thee be joyful and | glad in thee:
And | let all such as delight in thy salvation say alway | The Lord be praised.
As for | me I am poor and | in mi-sery:
Haste | thee | unto me O God.
Thou art | my helper and my | redeem-er:
O | Lord make no | long tarry-ing.

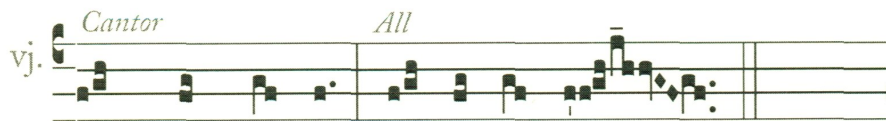
THE EPISTLE READING*I Thessalonians 4.13-18*

A READING from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God



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

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning: more than watchmen for the morning.. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25.1-13

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

JESUS SAID, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rector

THE NICENE CREED

(people stand)

IBELIEVE 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

As Announced

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*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

(people stand)

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

My eyes are open in the night watches: that I may meditate upon thy promise.

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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 the Lord's Day

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT, HYMNAL S-114

Sung by All

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(people kneel)

ALL GLORY BE TO THEE, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy ✠

grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

Therefore the prudent shall keep silent in that time; for it is an evil time: seek good and not evil; that ye may live.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O come, ye servants of the Lord

Christopher Tye (ca. 1505-1572)

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 551

Rise up, ye saints of God!

Festal Song

STATION AT THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE

See insert

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Improvisation on C. Hubert H. Parry's "Jerusalem"

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Master of Ceremonies: David G. Kennison
Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor: Joyce Cockerham
Thurifer: Chris Henry
Crucifer: J. J. Moran
Acolytes: Anne Kennison
Greeter: Ann Duff
Lector: Rich Unger
Counters: Rich Unger & Jon Ewbank
Altar Guild: Wendy Madelone
Sacristan: David & Anne Kennison

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

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, Donna, Katherine, Sondra, Carol, Father Charles King, Jenna, Kyle Harris, Ramona Collins, Janet Simone, Luca Taylor.

*The prayer list will be reset every 3 months. Did we miss an important date for our birthday and faithful departed intentions?
If you would like a name included on the prayer list or on the annual rota of intentions, send an email to
rector@stgeorgesschenectady.org*

The Departed: Nancy Near, Joan Basarab, Anthony Nigro (14)

Birthdays: Olivia Jaquith, Robert Lemmerman (13) Tara Forshaw (14) Nancy Angus (15) Olivia McClosky, Sean Albert (16)

Baptismal Anniversaries: None

Wedding Anniversaries: none

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 12— 10 a.m.— Sung Mass— Pentecost+24/ Proper 27

Sunday November 12—5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong for Thanksgiving

Tuesday— 8:30 a.m.— Morning Prayer

Wednesday— 9:00 a.m.— Low Mass for Samuel Seabury (transferred)

Friday— 12 o'clock noon— Low Mass—Hugh of Lincoln

Sunday, November 19—10 a.m.— Sung Mass—Pentecost +25/Proper 28

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 website, www.stgeorgesschenectady.org.

Coming up soon...

EVENSONG FOR THANKSGIVING, TODAY! - November 12 at 5:00 p.m.— The choir of St Stephens Episcopal Church will join the St Cecilia Choir of St George's to offer a Choral Evensong. Music will include the *Evening Service in A* by John Blow and the anthem *Old 100th* by Ralph Vaughn Williams. The mission focus of this service will be the YWCA or NorthEastern New York. Executive Director Kim Siciliano will address the congregation during the service and half of the offering received will go to the YWCA.

Parish Outreach

LITTLE RED WAGON SUNDAY/ SiCM COLLECTION— TODAY—November 12th 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. **In our October delivery we donated 380lbs!!!** So far this year we have provided **2598 lbs** to the hungry in our community!

YWCA SHELTER— December 10 is our next 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. At this time, the YWCA tells us they are in most need of personal hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, menstrual products, etc.

LOAVES AND FISHES— On October 21st a group of Georgians went to Albany to volunteer at the diocesan supported feeding ministry housed at St Francis Mission, the old Grace and Holy Innocents Church on Clinton Ave. It was a blessing to all who were able to attend and we're planning a second group. If you're interested in this hands on ministry opportunity, a sign up sheet is available in the back of the church or email rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org

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, Tel: 518.346.6121. Contact Suzy Unger, 407-718-2058, if you have any questions.

Parish Life & Beyond...

JOIN A CREATIVE ADVENT ENDEAVOR! If you have a steady hand and an eye for color, your help is needed! A few rough winters have badly damaged the church's old nativity figures and they are being retired from outdoor use. Still, they are too precious to consign to the trash heap. The plaster statues are being mended and will eventually grace our coffee hour space. If you are interested in a painting party to help add the finishing touches, please see Meg Hughes. She has a sign up sheet and will be scheduling a fun group effort during the first week of Advent in December. You can give Meg a call at 518-694-1550 or see her after church!

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 tune book 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

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE BOOK CLUB— The next Book Club meeting is **November 19** in the Shaw Lounge following Mass. The selected book is *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. This Pulitzer-prize winning novel is a page-turning adaptation of David Copperfield, set in contemporary Appalachia. All are warmly welcome!

Looking ahead...

Christmas Services at St George's:

Sunday, December 24— 10:00 a.m.— Advent IV— Sung Mass

5:00 p.m.— Christmas Eve— Mass with Carols and Sermon for Children and Families

9:30 p.m.— Pre-service Music: Carols for Choir and Congregation

10:00 p.m.— The Christ-Mass— Traditional Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25—11:00 a.m.— Sung Mass for Christmas Day