



THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

30 North Ferry St.

In the historic stockade district

Schenectady, NY

Founded 1735

WHO WAS ST. GEORGE?

THROUGHOUT Europe in the later middle ages, the legend of St George was well-known. We are told that St George was a Christian knight and that he was born in Cappadocia. It chanced, however, that he was riding one day in the province of Lybia, and there he came upon a city called Sylene, near which was a marshy swamp. In this lived a dragon "which envenomed all the country". The people had mustered together to attack and kill it, but its breath was so terrible that all had fled. To prevent its coming nearer they supplied it every day with two sheep, but when the sheep grew scarce, a human victim had to be substituted. This victim was selected by lot, and the lot just then had fallen on the king's own daughter. No one was willing to take her place, and the maiden had gone forth dressed as a bride to meet her doom. Then, St George, coming upon the scene, attacked the dragon and transfixing it with his lance. Further, he borrowed the maiden's girdle, fastened it round the dragon's neck, and with this aid she led the monster captive into the city. "It followed her as if it had been a meek beast debonaire." The people in mortal terror were about to take to flight, but St George told them to have no fear. If only they would believe in Jesus Christ and be baptized, he would slay the dragon. The king and all his subjects gladly assented. The dragon was killed and four ox-carts were needed to carry the carcass to a safe distance. "Then were there well XV thousand men baptized without women and children." The king offered St George great treasures, but he bade them be given to the poor instead. Before taking his leave the good knight left behind four behests: that the king should maintain churches, that he should honor priests, that he should himself diligently attend religious services, and that he should show compassion to the poor.

There are other legends as well, including some under that occurred under the emperors Diocletian and Maximian, part of a great persecution against all Christians. George, having given witness by publicly crying out "My God made the heavens and is very God.". Whereupon he was arrested, hung and beaten with clubs, and tortured with red-hot irons. He was poisoned, crushed between two spiked wheels, and boiled in a cauldron of molten lead, all without any result. Each time, the LORD restored him to health. Finally, Censorius Datianus ordered George to be decapitated, though Datianus himself, returning from the scene, was consumed by fire from Heaven.

There is no way to know the line between legend and fact, although the story of the dragon did not appear until the 12th century. While George's fame had travelled to the British Isles long before the Norman Conquest, it is not clear how St George came to be chosen as the patron saint of England, which was declared by King Edward II in 1347. He is remembered as a martyr, having given his life in witness to the gospel during the persecution of the church in the early 4th century. Very few details of his life have survived, his story being replete with legend. By the middle of the 5th century he was commemorated in local calendars and historical records of the period.

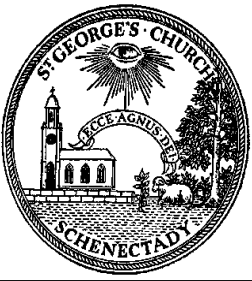
We know in fact that George was a soldier by vocation, serving as an officer in the Roman army. It is said that he "gave his goods to the poor, and openly confessed Christianity before the court."

George's initial notoriety may well have resulted from his faithfulness and witness to Christ during the Diocletian persecutions, 303-304, a particularly destructive period through which the Church suffered. Much of the legend of George dates back only to the 8th century, and more of it developed in the centuries that followed. The infamous story of George slaying the dragon, probably developed from Greek mythology, is not associated with him until the 12th century.

The inclusion of George's story in the 13th century manuscript, The Golden Legend, accounts for his growing popularity in the Middle Ages.

In the 12th century, George was recognized as the patron saint of soldiers and he was called upon in support of those who would fight in the Crusades. The shield under which his soldier's fought became a symbol of national pride for the English and in time was adapted into the national flag. Interestingly, the "St. George's Shield"—white shield emblazoned with a red cross—is the basis of the Episcopal Church flag and seal.

Almighty God, who didst commission thy holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross: Strengthen us in our battles against the great serpent of sin and evil, that we too may attain the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY- 28 APRIL 2024
SUNG MASS — RITE I, 10AM

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

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

PRELUDE Bagpipes in the Courtyard *The Schenectady Pipe Band*

THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

The Sacred Ministers and Choir offer Preparatory Prayers prior to the Entrance Procession

THE ENTRANCE HYMN - Stowey ~ Traditional English Folk Tune *Arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams*

During this hymn the procession moves to the West Door to greet the members of the St. Andrew's Society.

1. When a knight won his spurs in the sto-ries of old, He was gen-tle and brave, he was
2. No___ charg - er have I and no sword by my side Yet___ still to ad - ven-ture and
7 3. Let___ faith be my shield and let joy be my steed, A-gainst drag-ons of an - ger the
ga - lant and bold. With shield on his arm and a lance at his
bat - tle I ride. Though back in - to sto - ry - land gi - ants have
12 o - gres of greed. And let me set free with the sword of my
hand, For___ God and for val - or he rode through the land.
fled, And the knights are no more and the dra - gons are dead.
youth, from the cas - tle of dark - ness, the pow - er of truth.

THE RECEPTION OF THE ST ANDREW'S SOCIETY

The Celebrant welcomes the St. Andrew's Society and leads the procession of Tartans and banners into the church with these words:

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. On this day when we celebrate our Patron, St. George the Martyr, we welcome all members of the St. Andrew's Society who join with us today for our Patronal Festival. St. George's Church celebrates the roots of the Episcopal Church in both the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church. St. Andrew and St. George join in glorifying our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Welcome!

As the following hymn is sung, the procession continues into the sanctuary.

The Altar party proceeds to the High Altar.

1. With glad - ness we com - mem - o - rate Saint George, who set his life a - side, and
 2. The spe - cial maj - es - ty of Christ con - fronts the world of self - ish pride, and
 3. The or - der of the pres - ent world is threat - ened by his God - ly claim, as
 4. Then let us choose, in faith and trust, to fol - low where Saint George has trod, and,

brave - ly faced the mar - tyr's death for fol - low - ing the Cru - ci - fied.
 those who choose the saint - ly way are called to suf - fer at his side.
 e - vil pow'rs are o - ver - come and poor ex - alt - ed in his name.
 in the world of con - flict, share the sor - row and the joy of God.

Words Michael Forster (b. 1946) ©Kevin Mayhew Ltd
 Music *Deo Gracias*, English ballad melody, Trinity College MS., 15th cent.

THE READING OF NAMES OF THE FOUNDERS AND RECTORS OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

The Names of the Rectors & Founders of St George's Are read

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE INTROIT *Sung by the Choir (people stand)*

Thou hast hidden me, O God, from the conspiracy of the wicked, alleluia; from the insurrection of iniquity, alleluia, alleluia. Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer. Preserve my life from the fear of the enemy. Glory be to the Father...

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 *Sung by all (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

Sung by the all

(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 SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose cross didst seal thy servant George: Grant that we, strengthened by his example and prayers, may triumph to the end over all evils, to the glory of thy Name; for with the Father and Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Joshua 1:1-9

A Reading from the Book of Joshua

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

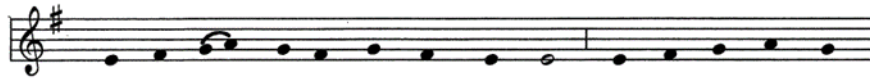
Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful.

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

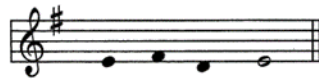
Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The refrain is repeated after the Cantor and where indicated by the **R**.



You, O LORD, are a shield a - bout me; you are the one who



lifts up my head.

1 Lord, how many adversaries I have! *
how many there are who rise up against me!

2 How many there are who say of me, *
"There is no help for him in his God." **R**

3 But you, O Lord, are a shield about me; *
you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

4 I call aloud upon the Lord, *
and he answers me from his holy hill; **R**

5 I lie down and go to sleep; *
I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

6 I do not fear the multitudes of people *
who set themselves against me all around. **R**

7 Rise up, O Lord; set me free, O my God; *
surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face,
you will break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Deliverance belongs to the Lord. *
Your blessing be upon your people! **R**

THE EPISTLE

I John 3.16-24

A READING from the First Letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us~ and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

sung by choir & Congregation

proper text



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

Thou has set, O Lord, a crown of pure gold upon his head. **Alleluia.** The righteous shall be joyful in the Lord and shall put their trust in him and the upright of heart shall be thankful. **Alleluia.**

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Again he said to them, "I am going away, and you will search for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." Then the Jews said, "Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" He said to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he."

They said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Why do I speak to you at all? I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father.

So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me. And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him."

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

As Announced

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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 PEACE

(people stand)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE TARTANS (KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS)

On behalf of all Scots away from Scotland, and in the name of all the Scottish Clans folk that are here represented, we present these tartans before Almighty God in appreciation of our Heritage; and we ask his blessings upon us, his humble servants.

The Celebrant then prays:

O Lord, Thou hast promised that in all places where Thou recordest Thy Holy Name, thou wilt meet with Thy servants, and bless them; fulfill now Thy Promise, and make us joyful in our prayer, so that our worship, being offered in the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and by the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, may be acceptable unto you, and profitable unto ourselves. Bless, we pray, these Tartans ✠ that they may be unto us and unto all people a token of the faith of our fathers; and a sign of our service unto Thee. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works: and thy truth in the congregation of the saints, alleluia, alleluia.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM God be in my head (The Knight's Prayer)

Walford Davies (1869-1941)

OFFERTORY HYMN

"My Ancient Church! I see thee now"

St. Anne

Text is by The Rt. Rev. John Williams

Rector of St. George's Church, 1842-1848; Bishop of Connecticut, 1851-1887;

Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, 1887-1899

1. My An - cient Church! I see thee now, a - midst the no - ble
2. The moon - light on thy low - ly walls pours down in chast - ened
3. I see thee when the snows with - out in glit - 'ring white - ness
4. I see thee when the church - yard sward, in spring - tide's green grew

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trees, whose fol - iage 'round thy grace - ful spire waves in the eve - ning breeze.
glow, and gleams on man - y'a stone that tells what pil - grim sleeps be - low!
spread, and fir, and pine, and box, with - in their Christ - mas fra - grance shed.
fair, and burst - ing buds their sweet - ness lent to eve - ry pass - ing air.

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

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 ANTHEM, HYMNAL S-152

Sung by All

This setting is not used in Lent.

Celebrant:

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People:

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and put his trust in him, and all they that are true of heart shall be glad, alleluia, alleluia.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

Leader now on earth no longer

Hyfrydol

1. Leader now on earth no longer,
Soldier of th' eternal king;
Victor in the fight for heaven
We thy loving praises sing. **R**

2. Praise him who in deadly battle
Never shrank from foeman's sword
Proof against all earthly weapons
Gave his life for Christ the Lord. **R**.

3. Help us when temptation presses
We have still our crown to win,
Help us when our soul is weary
Fighting with the powers of sin. **R**.

4. Clothe us in thy shining armour,
Place thy good sword in our hand;
Teach us how to wield it, fighting
Onward towards the heavenly land. **R**

R.: *Great Saint George, our patron, help us; in the conflict be thou nigh;
Help us in that daily battle, where each one must win or die.*

1 In our day of thanks-giv - ing one psalm let us of - fer
 2 In the morn - ing of life, and at noon, and at eve - ning,
 3 These stones that have ech - oed their prais - es are ho - ly,
 4 Sing praise, then, and thanks that God's love here has found them

for the saints who be - fore us re - ceived the re - ward;
 they were gath - ered to heav'n from our wor - ship be - low;
 and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
 whose jour - ney is end - ed, whose per - ils are past;

when the shad - ow of death fell up - on them, we sor - rowed,
 but not till God's love, at the font and the al - tar,
 yet here they con - fessed they were strang - ers and pil - grims,
 they be - lieved in the light; and its glo - ry is round them,

but now we re - joice that they rest in the Lord.
 had clothed them with grace for the way they should go.
 and still they were seek - ing the cit - y of God.
 where the clouds of earth's sor - row are lift - ed at last.

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.

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| <p>1. Praise we now Saint George our Patron,
Athlete in the heavenly race;
Victor in the royal contest,
He beholds his Master's face,
Palm and laurel crown receiving
In his own appointed place.</p> <p>2. Long the conflict, fierce the torment,
For his Lord he gained renown,
Till the tyrant's last devices
Mightier grace were forced to own,
Till at last the ancient dragon
Sees his power overthrown.</p> | <p>3. Trophy-bearer, now he beareth
Trophies to his Captain's feet;
Soldier-Martyr, now he leadeth
Heav'nly legions, as is meet,
And for us, still fighting, pleadeth
At Christ's holy mercy-seat.</p> <p>4. Pray for us, Saint George our Patron,
For this parish intercede,
Till from error purged, forgiven,
One in truth we chant our creed,
Till the Sacrifice she offers,
Catholic in word and deed.</p> <p>5. Now to God the Father glory;
Glory be to God the Son,
Who, triumphant in the contest,
In his Saint hath victory won;
To the Holy Spirit glory,
While eternal ages run.</p> |
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PROCESSION THROUGH THE STOCKADE

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

People In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Procession will move through the streets of the Stockade and conclude at the entrance to the Church.

The Order of Procession is as follows:

First Thurifer - Chris Henry
Boat Boy - James Smigelski
First Crucifer (gold cross) - Paul Smigelski
St. George's Banner - Scott Hartz
Schenectady Pipe Band
St. Andrew's Society
Choir Banner - Jon Ewbank
St. Cecilia Choir
Second Thurifer - Stephen Hartz
Second Crucifer (silver cross) - Ryan Smigelski
Torches/Acolytes - Anne Kennison, JJ Moran
Master of Ceremonies - David Kennison
The Reverend Lisa Schoonmaker
Celebrant - The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew

Following the Procession, we gather at the West Door of the church for the Blessing and Dismissal.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of Saint George, our patron, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. **Amen.**

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. **Amen.**

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

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:	Jon Ewbank
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Crucifer:	Daniel Miess
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, J. J. Moran
Greeter:	Ann Duff
Lector:	Lisa Schoonmaker
Counters:	Rich Unger, Gloria Kishton
Altar Guild:	Wendy Madelone
Sacristan:	David & Anne Kennison

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

The Sick and those in need: Christine L, 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, Sharon C, Hooter Z, Katie, Alessandro, Debra, Fr Michael Webber, Rev. Susan Kohlmeier, The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Donna, Katherine, Sondra, Carol, Father Charles King, Jenna, Kyle Harris, Janet Simone, Luca Taylor, Jane Ruzicka Pennacchia, Rosa Maria Rodriguez, Marianne Perez, John, Tai, Ruth S.

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 FLOWERS ON THE HIGH ALTAR are given to the Glory of Almighty God, St. George our Patron and in memory of the departed Rectors of St George's Church.

THE SAINT GEORGE'S PARISH BANNER, used today in procession, is newly restored. The restoration was done in loving memory of Rosemary Vanderhoof and the departed members of the Vanderhoof Family in who's name the banner was originally given.

The Departed: Kelly G. Bellimer, whose interment was this past week.

Birthdays: Silas Hartz (30)

Baptismal Anniversaries: Jake Melanson, James Smigelski (28)

Wedding Anniversaries:

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 28 – 10:00 a.m. – Sung Mass – St George's Day

Tuesday, April 30 – 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Wednesday, May 1 – 9:00 a.m. – St. Phillip & St James, Apostles

Thursday, May 2 – 6:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Healing – Athanasius

Friday, May 3 – 12:00 p.m. – Mass – Finding of the Holy Cross

Sunday, May 5 – 10:00 a.m. – Sung Mass – Rogation Sunday – Easter VI

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.com.

A brunch in the Great Hall follows our festivities today. Please proceed to the Great Hall through the patio doors.

Everyone is cordially invited.

Coming up soon...

ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY is TODAY! We celebrate our patronal feast with a Festival Mass followed by a procession with bagpipes around the Stockade neighborhood and conclude with a luncheon.

HEALING FORUM – On Sunday, May 5th, Fr. Pettigrew will offer an after-church Forum on Healing during the coffee hour. Our Thursday evening celebration of the The Holy Eucharist includes an opportunity for laying on of hands and anointing for healing. Fr. Pettigrew will speak on the meaning of this sacramental act and when it is appropriate to receive this sacrament.

ASCENSION DAY– Thursday, May 9, the Feast of the Ascension will be kept with Mass at 12 o'clock noon.

ORGAN RECITAL– Sunday, June 9, 2024, the Feast of St Columba, at 6:00 p.m, Dr. Brian Taylor, Director of Music and Organist at St. George's will offer an organ recital featuring Celtic inspired organ music. This recital is offered to the parish and general public free of charge.

Parish Outreach

LITTLE RED WAGON SUNDAY/ SICM COLLECTION– Our next collection of non-perishable food for Schenectady Community Ministries will be May 12th.

YWCA SHELTER– June 9th 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– is a Diocesan supported feeding ministry housed at St Francis Mission, the old Grace and Holy Innocents Church on Clinton Ave. **We are planning a group trip on the last Saturday of June (June 29th)** If you're interested in participating in this hands on ministry opportunity, a sign up sheet is available in the back of the church or send an email to: rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org

Parish Life & Beyond...

PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULES POSTED ONLINE – The most schedule of greeter, lectors, counters, and altar guild is published online. If you are interested in serving as a lector, greeter, counter, or acolyte, please speak to Fr. Pettigrew or email him at rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org for more information.

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– On May 19, the Book Club will meet after Mass to discuss *The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border* by Francisco Cantu, suggested by Jeff Wengrovius. This is a first-person account of one man's experience of the realities and costs of practices at the southern border, based on his personal experiences and work in the border patrol. New members are always warmly welcome to join; fee free to reach out to Meg Hughes or Pattie Wareh with any questions!

