

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

EASTER IV-B - 21 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)

OPENING VOLUNTARY

A Meditation on *Brother James' Air*

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

THE VIDI AQUAM

Sung by the Choir

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia. It brought God's life, and his salvation, and the people sang in joyful praise: Alleluia, alleluia. Ps. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: because his mercy endureth forever. Glory be.

V. O Lord show thy mercy upon us Alleluia. **R. And grant us thy salvation Alleluia.**

V. O Lord hear my prayer. **R. And let my cry come unto thee.**

V. The Lord be with you. **R. And with thy spirit.** V. Let us pray.

Graciously hear us, O Lord, holy Father almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy Angel from heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, visit and defend all who are assembled in this thy holy temple. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE OPENING HYMN, HYMN 174 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

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 INTROIT

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

The loving kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia. Ps. Rejoice in the Lord O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be.

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)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, HYMNAL S-202

Sung by 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 Al-
mighty.**

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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON*Acts 4.5-12*

A READING from the Acts of the Apostles

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone. There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

V. The Word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God****THE GRADUAL**

Brother James' Air

Psalm 23, setting by Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

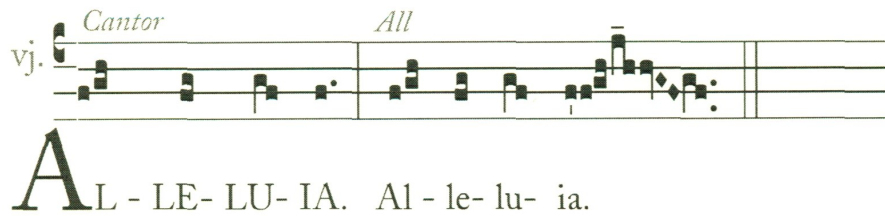
The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie
 In pastures green. He leadeth me, The quiet waters by.
 My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make
 Within the Paths of Blessedness, E'en for His own Name's sake.
 Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
 For Thou art with me, And thy Rod and Staff me comfort still.
 My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
 My head with oil Thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows.
 Goodness and mercy all my days Will surely follow me;
 And in my Father's heart always My dwelling place shall be.

— *Metrical version by the composer***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**



Alleluia. **Alleluia.** I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and am known of mine. **Alleluia.**
 The Good Shepherd hath risen; who hath given his life for his sheep. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10.11-18

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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 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 OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

O God thou art my God; early will I seek thee; and lift up my hands in thy Name; Alleluia.

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 377

All people that on earth do dwell

Old 100th

Setting by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The congregation is invited to sing stanzas 1, 2 & 5

The choir will sing stanzas 3 & 4

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit." The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is meet and right so to do." Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

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

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

I am the Good Shepherd alleluia: and know my sheep and am known mine; alleluia, alleluia.

THE COMMUNION, HYMN 645

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

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 Alleluia Alleluia.
People: **Thanks be to God Alleluia Alleluia.**

THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 205

Good Christians all rejoice and sing

Gelobt sei Gott

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Rigaudon

Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

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:	Daniel Miess
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, J. J. Moran
Greeter:	Jim Wingate
Lector:	Jim Wingate
Counters:	Jeff Wengrovius, Jon Ewbank
Altar Guild:	Barb Wengrovius
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 Departed:

Birthdays: Isabelle Whitehead (22), Owen Greenspan (27)

Baptismal Anniversaries:

Wedding Anniversaries:

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 21 — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — Easter IV

Tuesday, April 23 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — St. George

Wednesday, April 24 — 9:00 a.m. — Requiem Mass — For the Faithful Departed

Thursday, April 25 — 6:00 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Healing — St. Mark

Friday, April 26 — 12:00 p.m. — Mass — feria

Sunday, April 28 — 10:00 a.m.— Sung Mass — Easter V, St. George's Sunday

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.

COFFEE HOUR Please join us for coffee hour after Mass in the Great Hall. Snacks, along with hot and cold drinks are available during this time of fellowship.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING — Today after Mass and Coffee Hour, the St. George's Chapter of the Daughters of the King will meet in the Shaw Lounge. In addition to being an opportunity for fellowship, Daughters will be speaking informally about the Order. A discernment class will be forming soon for those who feel that they may be interested in exploring admission to the Order, and information about this will be available at the tea. All are welcome to partake of the fellowship, regardless of level of interest in becoming a member.

Coming up soon...

ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY is next Sunday, April 28th. We will celebrate our patronal feast with a Festival Mass followed by a procession with bagpipes around the Stockade neighborhood and conclude with a luncheon. We hope that many members and friends will be present as we celebrate the life of our parish. **A sign-up sheet for salads and desserts will be available during coffee hour in the Great Hall.**

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.

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 please 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!

Looking ahead...

DATE CHANGE! The Organ concert originally scheduled for St Patrick's Day has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 9, 2024, the Feast of St Columba.

