



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 10B—14 JULY 2024

MORNING PRAYER — RITE I, 10AM

The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, *Rector*

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

THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER, RITE I

ENTRANCE HYMN 436

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Truro

OPENING SENTENCE

(people stand)

Grace ✠ be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

CONFESSION OF SIN

(people stand)

The Officiant says to the people:

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling:

(people kneel)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant remains kneeling and says:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of thy Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

(People Stand)

Officiant: ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Alleluia.**

THE ANTIPHON

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the Beauty of holiness:

People: **O come, let us adore him.**

THE VENITE Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13 (people stand)

(Said by all)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the Beauty of holiness:

People: **O come, let us adore him.**

THE PSALTER: Psalm 85:8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

(People Sit)

Said responsively between Officiant & Congregation by Half Verse

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

(people remain seated)

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' " And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Here endeth the Lesson.

BENEDICTUS DOMINUS DEUS *The Song of Zechariah*

(Said by all, standing)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
 for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
 in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
 which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
 and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
 and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
 that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
 might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
 all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
 for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
 whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

(people Sit)

A READING from the Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apostle, the First Chapter beginning at the third verse.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Here endeth the lesson.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS We Praise Thee

(Said by all, standing)

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
 the Father, of an infinite majesty,
 thine adorable, true, and only Son,
 also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
 whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
 in glory everlasting.

THE THIRD LESSON

(people Sit)

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Mark, the Sixth Chapter beginning at the fourteenth verse.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Here endeth the lesson.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(said by all, standing)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the ✠ resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(people kneel)

Officiant and People together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

The Officiant offers the Collects

(people kneel)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFICE HYMN 615

“Thy Kingdom come!” on bended knee

St. Flavian

THE SERMON

Dr. Brian Taylor

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

(Said by All, kneeling)

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

(Said by All, kneeling)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.
Amen.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

EXIT HYMN 686

Come thou font of every blessing

Nettleton

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant:	David Kennison
Preacher & Pianist	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Servers:	Chris Henry, Daniel Miess, Anne Kennison, J. J. Moran
Ushers/Greeters:	Jean Greenspan & Jon Ewbank
Lector:	Mike Todt & Chris Henry
Counters:	Rich Unger & Mike Todt
Altar Guild:	Barb Wengrovius
Sacristans:	David & Anne Kennison

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: Barbara Weinheimer (19)

Birthdays: Daniel Machold (17) Cora Wareh (20)

Baptismal Anniversaries: None

Wedding Anniversaries: None

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Gabriella Rose, Katie, Fr Michael Webber, Bishop Michael Curry, Father Charles King, Jane Ruzicka Pennacchia, Rosa Maria Rodriguez, Marianne Perez, John, Tai, Ruth S., Rachel, Doug, Carol Delorme, Ruth A., Francis C., Don Ingram, Suzy, Richard, Abby, Luca Taylor, Destiny & Chris Taylor, James L., Ryan Smigelski

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.

SUMMER LEMONADE HOUR Please join us for lemonade and cookies outside in front of the church door after Mass. Coffee also is available in the Great Hall.

Autographed copies of the headshots of today's preacher will be available after the service. The treasurer indicates there will be a small fee, proceeds, of course, going to the Rector.

Parish Outreach

SYCAMORE (FORMERLY SICM) SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM— St Georges is again supporting the Summer lunch program. Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch to children who are out of school for the summer. We are committed to August 19-23 at the Schenectady Public Library. A sign up sheet is available in the back of the church. Volunteers will need to complete paperwork and view a training video. Please speak to our outreach coordinator Paul Smigelski for more information!

YWCA SHELTER— September 8th is our next quarterly donation for the YWCA emergency shelter. Our donation last week included 10 full bags of items plus a \$325.00 contribution from the Society of Mary raised at their sidewalk sale. In addition to personal hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, menstrual products, etc. the YWCA is now asking for **NEW** children's underwear of all sizes. Contributions may be brought to the back of the church any time this summer.

Parish Life & Beyond...

THE SOCIETY OF MARY will offer the Rosary in the Lady Chapel at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, July 21st. Everyone is welcome.

WEEKDAY SERVICES SUSPENDED — The weekday Masses will be temporarily suspended due in part to the painting project now underway in the church. Weekday services will resume with the Thursday Healing Mass on July 25th.

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE BOOK CLUB — The next meeting of the book club will be TODAY Sunday, July 14th after Mass. The book to be discussed is *Holmes, Marple, Poe* by Brian Sitts and James Patterson. This is a suspenseful and engaging detective novel starring three glamorous private investigators working as a team in New York City.

LEMONADE HOUR SIGN-UP — The Hospitality Committee is looking for people to sign up to bring cookies and make lemonade and iced tea for our Lemonade Hour after Mass. If you have any questions speak to Carol Gaike or Sandee Hughes.

PRAYER LIST — If you have a name that you would like added to the prayer list please email the church office at office@StGeorgesSchenectady.org and we will insure that this person will be remembered in the prayers.

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