

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 15B - 18 AUGUST 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

Voluntary in A minor

William Boyce (1710-1779)

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, HYMN 420 When in our music God is glorified

Engelberg

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

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; they who live accordingly have a good understanding: his praise endures forever. Ps. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart: in the assembly of the upright; in the congregation. 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)

THE 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.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON*Proverbs 9.1-6*

A READING from the Book of Proverbs

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

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

THE GRADUAL*Sung by the Cantor*

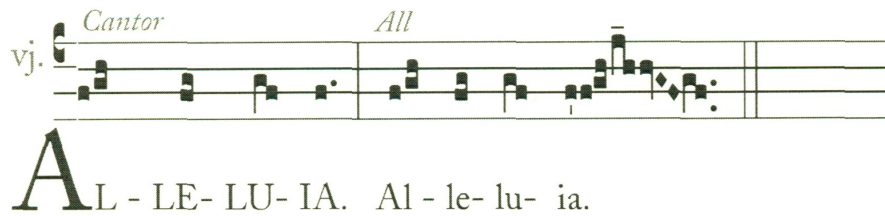
In that day shall this song be sung in Judah: thou wilt keep him in perfect peace; whose mind is stayed on thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord is everlasting strength.

THE EPISTLE*Ephesians 5.15-20*

A READING from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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



ALLELUIA. **ALLELUIA.** Sing praises to our God sing praises: sing praises
to our King sing praises. **ALLELUIA.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6.51-58

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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 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

He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake will find it.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Then Shall the Righteous Shine, fr. ELIJAH (Opus 70) *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

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 594

God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Prelude and Fugue in G minor (BWV 558) *Attr. to Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

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
Greeters:	Jim Wingate, Ann Duff
Lector:	Jim Wingate
Counters:	Jon Ewbank, Jeff Wengrovius
Altar Guild:	Barb Wengrovius
Sacristans:	David & Anne Kennison

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

The Sick and those in need: Gabriella Rose, Katie, Fr Michael Webber, Bishop Michael Curry, Father Charles King, Jane Ruzicka Pennacchia, 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., Stephanie Bahr, Elinore Farnum, Hooter Zimmerman, Eric, Pam, Sally

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: William Stanton (18)

Baptismal Anniversaries: Sofia Galietta (23)

Wedding Anniversaries:

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 18 — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass – Pentecost 13
Thursday, August 22 — 6:00 p.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Healing — feria
Friday, August 23 — 12:00 p.m.— Low Mass — St. Bartholomew (tr.)
Sunday, August 25 — 10:00 a.m.— Sung Mass — Pentecost 14

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.

Parish Outreach

SYCAMORE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM — Tomorrow begins our week to serve lunches to children and youth in Schenectady. We will be serving lunch Monday through Friday this week. If you would like to volunteer for later in the week you are most cordially invited to do so by placing your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church. We encourage everyone to pick a day to participate, several days if you can. For more information speak to Paul Smigelski.

SYCAMORE COLLABORATIVE FOOD PANTRY — The next ingathering will be September 15th.

YWCA SHELTER — September 15th is our next quarterly donation for the YWCA emergency shelter. (This is a change of date from previous announcements.) 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. The shelter is also once again is seeking **NEW** twin sheet sets. Contributions may be brought to the back of the church any time this summer.

MUSTARD' RETREAT CONCERT — The folk duo Mustard's Retreat will offer a concert at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Saturday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by St. George's, this is a benefit concert for the Sycamore Collaborative. No admission is charged, but donations will be gratefully received.

Parish Life & Beyond...

ROSARY PRAYER — Today at 9:15 a.m. in the Lady Chapel, the Society of Mary will pray the Rosary. All are invited to join in praying the Rosary in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ART FAIR CAFE — The Stockade Neighborhood Art Show will be Saturday, September 7th. Once again St. George's will be offering a lunch café from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on this day. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church for those willing to participate, or you may speak to Brian Taylor for more information or to volunteer.

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE BOOK CLUB — Members of the church's book club will convene after Mass on September 15th to discuss *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead. Pattie Wareh selected this novel, which is based on an actual reform school in Florida in the 1960s. Please see Pattie or Meg Hughes if you have questions.

Around the Diocese

LABYRINTH WALK — This Thursday, August 22nd, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Schenectady, will again offer the Labyrinth Walk beginning at 7:00 p.m. Optional orientation begins in Bagley Hall. The evening concludes with Compline at 8:00 p.m. St. Stephen's Church is located on The Plaza between Garner and Baker Avenues.

Looking Ahead

FALL STUDY GROUPS — Beginning in September we will offer three new study groups.

On Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m., after Morning Prayer, we will offer a lectionary study group where members will read and discuss the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Opportunity will be given to ask questions or give feedback from the previous Sunday's Sermon. The first meeting of this group is September 3rd.

On Thursdays after the Healing Mass, around 6:45 p.m. (except on Vestry nights), we will offer a theological reading group discussing one or two chapters of the book, *Glorious Companions: Five Centuries of Anglican Spirituality*. These chapters are short but rich excerpts from the writings of Anglican writers and thinkers from the 16th through the 20th century. The first meeting of this group is September 5th.

Finally, we will offer a five week study session on the book *The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice: A Month of Meditations with Ignatius of Loyola* by Fr. Patrick Saint-Jean, a Roman Catholic priest in the Jesuit order. These sessions will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning October 2nd and running through October 30th. They will be led by Ms. Lisa Longe of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Amsterdam. Ms. Longe is a certified spiritual director and has a Master of Arts degree in Christian Spirituality from Fordham University. Please contact the office if you register, and please purchase the book in advance of the first session.

