

# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*in the heart of the Historic Stockade District*

## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 19B - 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNG MASS - RITE I, 10AM

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

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### MASS SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

*Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Elegy

*George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)*

### 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 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

*Austria*

### 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 Cantor & Choir*

I am the saving health of my people saith the Lord God: out of whatsoever tribulation they shall pray to me; I will surely help them; and I will be their God for ever and ever. Ps. Hear my law O my people. Incline your ears unto the words of my mouth. 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.

**O** GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE LESSON***Isaiah 50.4-9a*

A READING from the Book of Isaiah

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

V. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****THE GRADUAL***Sung by the Choir and Congregation**Psalm 116.1-8*

My de-|light is | in the Lord:

Be-|cause he hath heard the | voice of my prayer.

Because | he hath inclined his ear | unto me:

There-|fore will I call upon him as | long as I live.

The snares | of death compassed me | round about:

And | the pains of hell gat | hold upon me.

I found | trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name | of the Lord:

O | Lord I beseech thee, de-|liver my soul.

Gracious | is the Lord | and righteous:

Yea | our | God is merci-ful.

The Lord | preserveth | the simple:

I | was in misery | and he helped me.

Turn a-|gain then unto thy rest | O my soul:

For | the Lord | hath rewarded thee.

And why? | Thou hast delivered my | soul from death:

Mine | eyes from tears | and my feet from falling.

I will | walk be-|fore the Lord:

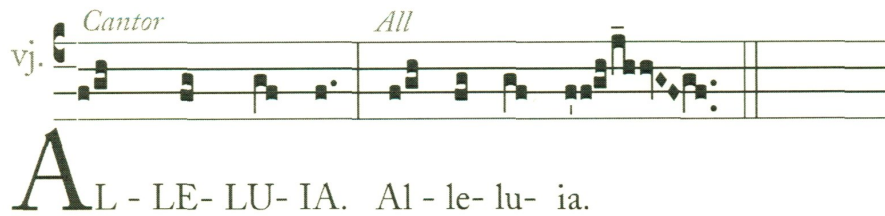
In | the | land of the living.

**THE EPISTLE***James 3.1-12*

A READING from the Letter of James

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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



**A**LLELUIA. **ALLELUIA.** Lord thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another. **ALLELUIA.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 8.27-38*

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

**R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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.

**A**Lmighty 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

**A**Lmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**R. And with thy spirit.**

*(people stand)*

## THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Sung by Cantor & Choir*

Though I walk in the midst of trouble; yet shalt thou refresh me O Lord: thou shalt stretch forth thy right hand upon mine enemies; and thy right hand shall save me.

## THE OFFERTORY, HYMNAL 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

*Bourbon*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

*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)

**A**LL 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 Cantor & Choir*

Thou hast charged that we shall diligently keep thy commandments: O that my ways were made so direct; that I might keep thy statutes.

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

*With a voice of singing*

*Martin Shaw (1875-1958)*

## 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 525

The Church's one foundation

*Aurelia*

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Prelude and Fugue in A minor (BWV 559) 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:	Jeff Wengrovius
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Crucifer:	Daniel Miess
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, J. J. Moran
Greeters:	Jean Greenspan, Barb Wengrovius
Lector:	Diane Reed
Counters:	Jeff Wengrovius, Paul Smigelski
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, 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, Fr. Martin Yost, Linda S., Scott G.

*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](mailto:rector@stgeorgesschenectady.org)*

**The Departed:** Mary Costa (15), Diane Bedell (15), Charles Stamm (18)

**Birthdays:** Susan Hussar (19)

**Baptismal Anniversaries:** Jerry Trant (16)

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, September 15** — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass – Pentecost 17  
Coffee Hour follows in the Great Hall.

**Tuesday, September 17** — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer

Lectionary Study Group follows in Cranmer House at 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, September 18** — 9:00 a.m.— Low Mass — E. B. Pusey

**Thursday, September 19** — 6:00 p.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Healing — Theodore of Tarsus  
Vestry meeting follows in Cranmer House at 6:45 p.m. (No theological reading group this week)

**Friday, September 20** — 12:00 p.m.— Low Mass — John Coleridge Patterson and Companions

**Sunday, September 22** — 10:00 a.m.— Sung Mass — Pentecost 18

**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](http://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.

### Parish Life & Beyond...

**ALL ON THE SAME PAGE BOOK CLUB** — Members of the church's book club will convene after Mass today, 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN** — This coming week we will have an announcement about our new Sunday School class for children ages 6 to 12 years old. We are very pleased to once again offer the opportunity for children to grow in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ.

**FALL STUDY GROUPS** — On Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m., after Morning Prayer, we 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.

On Thursday evenings after the Healing Mass, around 6:45 p.m. (except on Vestry nights), we 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.

**MICHAELMAS WEEKEND** — The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, also known as Michaelmas, is September 29th which falls on a Sunday this year. Our 10 a.m. Mass that day will be a Solemn High Mass with The Rev'd Jenn Dorsey serving as Deacon. Mtr. Dorsey is both an Episcopal priest, supplying in the Diocese of Albany, and Professor of History at Siena College, specializing in Colonial and Revolutionary American History. We look forward to having her with us for this special feast day.

Also, the evening before, St. George's Church will have a Solemn singing of the Te Deum to mark the beginning of the feast, followed by a short 30 minute organ recital by Brian Taylor with pieces based on the Te Deum chant. This short concert is part of the meeting of the Eastern New York Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. All are welcome to attend this brief liturgy and concert.

**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](mailto:office@StGeorgesSchenectady.org) and we will insure that this person will be remembered in the prayers.

**PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULES POSTED ONLINE** — The most recent schedule of greeters, 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](mailto: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](http://www.albanysacredharp.org)

### **Looking Ahead**

**OCTOBER READING GROUP:** St. George's Church will be offering 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.

