

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS'



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

30 North Ferry St.
In the historic stockade district

Schenectady, NY
Founded 1735

ALLHALLOWTIDE

The triduum of Allhallowstide consists of three days: All Saints' Eve (also known as All Hallows Eve, hence we get the name "Halloween"), All Saints' Day (All Hallows') and All Souls' Day. In the early centuries of the Church, Christians faced persecution, being accused among other things of atheism for not acknowledging the pantheon of gods worshipped by the Roman state, particularly when the emperor was declared divine. Sometimes they were persecuted for immorality, as non-Christians heard that Christians were gathered for "love feasts." This of course was a misinterpretation of Christians referring to their gathering as having an agape meal or feast, which literally translated means "love feast." Perhaps the most outrageous charge was cannibalism, as they were accused of eating human flesh and blood. Of course, this again is a misinterpretation of the Christian understanding of partaking in the flesh and blood of Christ in the sacrament. These early Christians refused to abandon their religion, and their fellow Christians recognized those who were persecuted and killed as witnesses to the faith. In Greek the word for witness is *martyras*, from which we anglicize to *martyr*. These martyrs, these witnesses, were remembered by their churches as people through whom Christ's light especially shone, and they were honored and revered by their fellow Christians for their courage and faithfulness in the face of persecution and difficulty. Overtime, as persecutions subsided, the Church began to recognize other forms of living witness to the faith, such as the ascetic monasticism of the Desert Fathers, the courageous evangelism of missionaries, the deep learning of theologians, or the manifest holiness of faithful Christians. We know that the earliest Christians would gather at the tombs of these heroes of the faith, especially on the day of their deaths to pray and give thanks to God for their lives, and to ask those Saints to join in prayer for them as they made their pilgrimage in this world. As Christians, we do not pray to the saints. But the long tradition and custom of the Church has been to ask that communion and fellowship of the Saints to join with us in praying to the Father for our needs and the needs of the whole world.

ALL SAINTS' DAY: Commemorates all saints, known and unknown, on Nov. 1. All Saints' Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of the four days recommended for the administration of baptism. All Saints' Day may also be celebrated on the Sunday following Nov. 1. (Source: [An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians](#))

ASPERGES WHO? We began our service this morning differently than normal. Instead of a hymn and full procession, we began with an ancient preparatory rite called the *Asperges me*, which is from the Latin, "sprinkle me." It consists of the antiphon and a verse of Psalm 51, followed by responses and a collect asking God to send forth his holy Angel to protect us while we offer our worship. Besides connecting our own worship here on earth with the worship which ever-continues in heaven after we leave, the ceremony reminds us, as we enter in our worship today, of our Baptism, by which we have been brought into the body of Christ and adopted as children of God and heirs of the promise of eternal life, the food of which is Christ himself, and which we consume



MASS SETTING Communion Service in D minor *Aidan Daft (b. 1995)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude on "Sine nomine" *Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)*

THE ASPERGES ME *Sung by the Choir* *(people stand)*

As the choir sings the antiphon, the celebrant sprinkles congregation with holy water as a preparation for worship and a reminder of our Baptism.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. (Ps. 51) Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Thou shalt purge me..

The people join with the choir in the responses:

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us, Alleluia.

R. And grant us thy salvation, Alleluia.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD, holy Father, almighty everlasting God, we beseech thee to hear us: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven, to guard and cherish, protect and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this place. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR

As the ministers make their preparatory prayers, the choir sings the anthem:

Give us the wings of faith *Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Rejoice we all and praise the Lord; celebrating a holy day in honor of all the Saints; in whose solemnity the Angels are joyful; and glorify the Son of God. 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, *Sung by the choir* *(people kneel)*

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, *Sung by the choir* *(people stand)*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *of All Saints'*

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

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated for the reading of the lessons

A READING from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

THEY SHALL bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring a grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites, says the Lord.

For as the new heavens and the new earth,
 which I will make,
 shall remain before me, says the Lord,
 so shall your descendants and your name remain.
 From new moon to new moon
 and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
 all flesh shall come to worship before me,
 says the Lord.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

THE GRADUAL*Sung by the Choir*

O fear the Lord all ye Saints of his; for they that fear him lack nothing; But they that seek the Lord; shall want no manner of thing that is good.

FOR THE EPISTLE READING*Revelation 7.9-17*

A READING from the Revelation to Saint John the Divine

AFTER THIS I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
 and worship him day and night within his temple,
 and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
 the sun will not strike them,
 nor any scorching heat;
 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
 and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
 and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

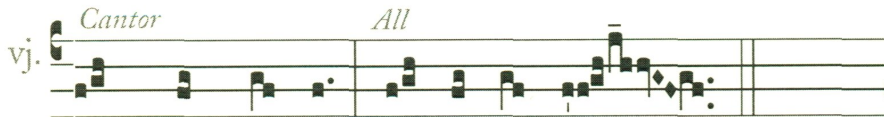
V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

Sung by cantor & Congregation

(People Stand)



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

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** The Saints shall judge the nations and have dominion over the people; and their Lord shall reign forever. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5.1-12

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

WHEN JESUS saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rector

THE NICENE CREED HYMNAL S-103

SUNG BY ALL

(people stand)

IBELIEVE 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form I

Prayer Book, page 383

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 OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; and there shall no torment touch them; in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die but they are at peace; alleluia.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM These are they which follow the Lamb

John Goss (1800-1880)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN, HYMN 618

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Lasst uns erfriuen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is meet and right so to do."

*The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface of All Saints'*THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT, *sung by the choir*

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.

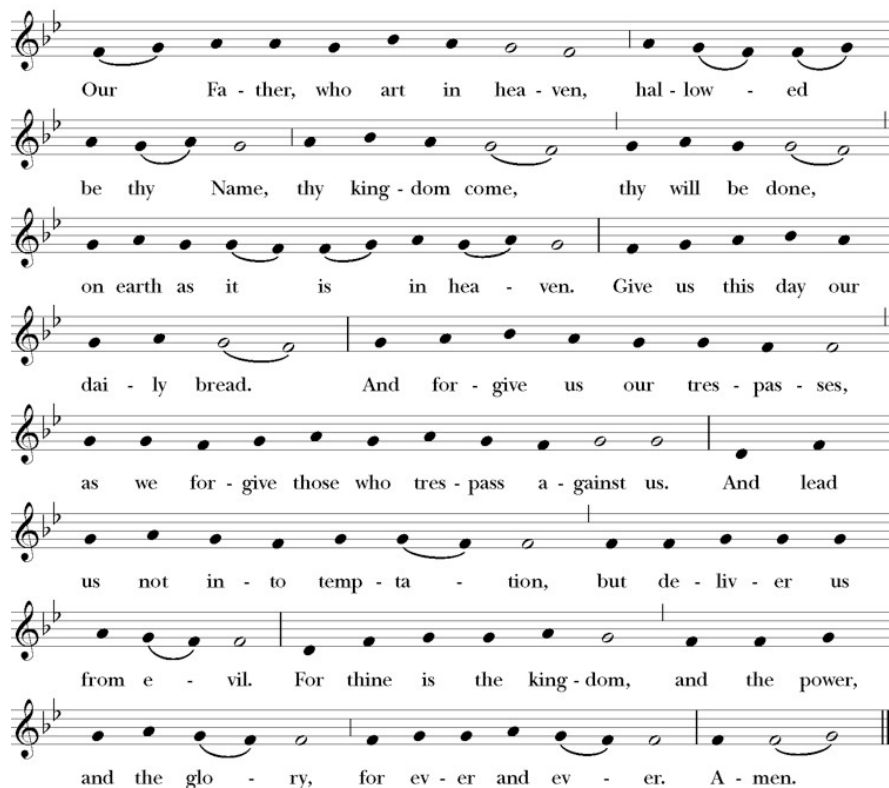
And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus 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, HYMNAL S-152

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE AGNUS DEI,

Sung by the choir

(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

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

THE COMMUNION HYMN, HYMN 286

Who are these like stars appearing

Zeuch mich, zeuch mich

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 287

For all the saints

Sine Nomine

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Westminster Carillon (Opus 54, no. 6)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Lisa Schoonmaker
Subdeacon:
Master of Ceremonies: David G. Kennison
Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor: Jon Ewbank
Thurifer: Chris Henry
Crucifer: J. J. Moran
Acolytes: Anne Kennison, J. J. Moran
Greeters: Gerri Moore, Jon Pearson
Lector: Bob Lemmerman
Counters: Jon Pearson, Bob Paska
Altar Guild: Lea Crow
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, Stephanie Bahr, Elinore Farnum, Hooter Zimmerman, Eric, Pam, Sally, Linda S., Scott G., Sondra Lee, Robert, Linda, Michael, Jim, Crystal, Salli V., Mary Catherine, Susan, Kathleen Rose, Gwen, Alex, Craig

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: Julia Burgess, Judith Smith (5)

Birthdays:

Baptismal Anniversaries: Lillianna Bertinelli (6)

Wedding Anniversaries: David & Anne Kennison (7)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 3 — 10:00 a.m.— Solemn Choral Mass — All Saints Sunday
Coffee Hour follows in the Great Hall.

Tuesday, November 5 — 7:00 p.m. — Solemn Requiem Mass — All Souls
Wine & Cheese reception follows at the Rectory

(No Morning Prayer or Lectionary Study Group this day)

Wednesday, November 6 — 9:00 a.m.— Low Mass — feria

Thursday, November 7 — 6:00 p.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Healing — Willibrord
Theological Reading Group follows in Cranmer House.

Friday, November 8 — NO NOON MASS TODAY.

Sunday, November 10 — 10:00 a.m.— Sung Mass — Pentecost 25

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.

DEACON OF THE MASS We welcome back to St. George's The Rev'd Lisa Schoonmaker who is serving as Deacon of the Mass today.

Parish Life & Beyond...

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Children in 1st—6th grades are invited to Sunday School at the end of Mass. After coming to the rail for communion or a blessing children may go directly to the back of the church where their teacher, Mrs. Sharon Trant, will meet them and take them to their class in the Shaw Lounge next to the Great Hall. The class concludes around noon.

Looking Ahead

ALL SOULS — Our annual All Souls Requiem Mass will be this Tuesday evening, November 5th, at 7:00 p.m. Our Deacon and guest preacher will be The Rev'd Jason Radcliff, Head of School at Augustine Classical Academy, Mechanicville, and Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Warrensburg. This will be an opportunity to remember loved ones and all the departed. A wine and cheese reception will follow at the Rectory, 23 Front Street. (Please note that as the Great Hall is being used for the national election parking may be more difficult than usual.)

“LITTLE RED WAGON” SUNDAY — On Sunday, November 10th, we will have our next ingathering of non-perishable food for the Sycamore Collaborative. Please bring your contributions to the back of the church any time between now and then.

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE BOOK CLUB — The St. George's Book Club is now reading *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. Louisa Carr suggested the novel, which ties together seemingly unrelated stories from ancient times, current day, and the future. The unifying threads are heroism, survival, and respect for the written word. All are welcome to join the discussion on November 17th after Mass in the Howe Library at the back of the Great Hall.

CHORAL EVENSONG — Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 17th, at 5:00 p.m. when we anticipate our celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday with a Choral Evensong offered by the St. Cecilia Choir. Our guest speaker for this service will be Amaury Tanon Santos, Executive Director of the Sycamore Collaborative. Pre-service organ music begins at 4:45 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES — As you begin to make your plans for celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, here are the principal liturgies for Christmastide.

Tuesday, December 24th — Family Christmas Service: Low Mass with carols — 4:00 p.m. Lady Chapel

Tuesday, December 24th — Solemn Mass for Christmas Eve — 10:00 p.m. High Altar

Carol Concert precedes the Mass at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25th — Sung Mass for Christmas Day — 11:00 a.m. High Altar

Sunday, January 5th — A Feast of Lights for the Eve of the Epiphany — 5:00 p.m. High Altar

Around the Diocese

PARADISE IN RECOVERY — Christ the King Center will be offering a retreat for those in a 12-step recovery program or those in need of a 12 step program. This retreat, *Paradise in Recovery: Feeling God's Grace* will be offered on the weekend of November 15-17 by The Rev'd Canon Brian P. Nordwick. For more information or to register for the retreat go to ctkcenter.org/events.

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.

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 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

