

# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*in the heart of the Historic Stockade District*

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

EASTER III-C - 4 MAY 2025

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

Improvisation on *Straf mich nicht*

### THE VIDI AQUAM

*Sung by the Choir*

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

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

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

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

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

**THE OPENING HYMN**, HYMN 187 Through the Red Sea brought at last

*Straf mich nicht*

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*(people kneel)*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE INTROIT

*Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

Deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy, teach me thy statutes alleluia, Grant me understanding that I may know thy testimonies; alleluia. Ps. How sweet are thy words unto my throat! Yea, sweeter than honey unto 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, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE LESSON**

*Acts 9.1-6*

A READING from the Acts of the Apostles

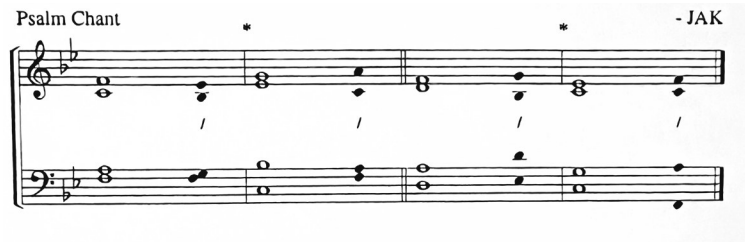
Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." .

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

**THE GRADUAL**

*Sung by all*

*Psalm 30*



- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me **up** \* and have not let my enemies triumph over **me**.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to **you**, \* and you restored me to **health**.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the **dead**; \* you restored my life as I was going down to the **grave**.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of **his**; \* give thanks for the remembrance of his **holiness**.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an **eye**, \* his favor for a **lifetime**.
- 6 Weeping may spend the **night**, \* but joy comes in the **morning**.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be dis-**turbed**. \*  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the **mountains**."
- 8 Then you hid your **face**, \* and I was filled with **fear**.
- 9 I cried to you, O **LORD**; \* I pleaded with the Lord, **saying**,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the **Pit**? \* will the dust praise you or declare your **faithfulness**?"
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy up-**on me**; \* O LORD, be my **helper**."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into **dancing**; \* you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with **joy**.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without **ceasing**; \* O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for **ever**.

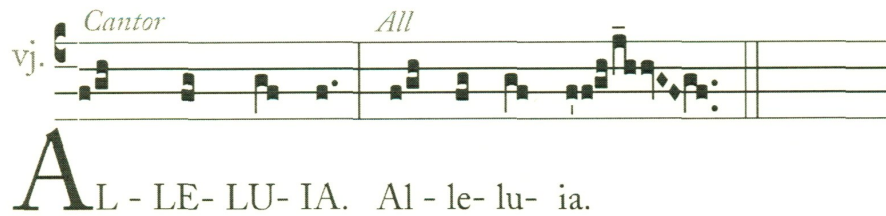
**THE EPISTLE**

*Revelation 5.11-14*

A READING from the Revelation to John

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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



**A**lleluia. **Alleluia.** Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my Name; ask and ye shall receive. **Alleluia.** Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. **Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 21.1-19*

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

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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 CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant:* Ye do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

**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**

*(people stand)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**R. And with thy spirit.**

**THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

O praise our God ye people; and make the voice of his praise to be heard: who holdeth our soul in life; and suffereth not our feet to slip Alleluia.

**THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 200**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

*Gaudeamus pariter*

**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:

- Staff 1:** *Celebrant* (The Lord be with you. *People* (And with thy spi - rit.
- Staff 2:** *Celebrant* (Lift up your hearts. *People* (We lift them up un - to the Lord.
- Staff 3:** *Celebrant* (Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.
- Staff 4:** *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 the Cantor & Choir*

O sing unto the Lord alleluia; sing unto the Lord and praise his Name; be telling of his salvation from day to day alleluia alleluia.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Rise up, my love, my fair one

*Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

## 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 POST COMMUNION HYMN, HYMN 278** Sing we of the Blessed Mother

*Rustington*

**CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** *(See insert)*

## 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
Boat Boy:	James Smigelski
Crucifer:	Daniel Miess
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, Paul Smigelski
Greeters:	Mike Todt, Meg Hughes
Lector:	Jonathan Ewbank
Counters:	Jonathan Pearson, Robert Paska
Altar Guild:	Carol Gaige
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., Suzy, Richard, Abby, Luca Taylor, Destiny & Chris Taylor, Stephanie Barr, Hooter Zimmerman, Eric, Pam, Sally, Linda S., Sondra Lee, Robert, Linda, Michael, Jim, Crystal, Salli V., Mary Catherine, Susan, Kathleen Rose, Gwen, Alex, Alan, Doug, Ruth Nevells, Pedro, Isabella, Sarah Bringham, Lilly Griffiths, Josh, Pastor Kent, Rick S., Bruce Whitcavitch, Autumn Tambasco, Wendy, Den, Sherri, Pope Francis, Matt Zippler, Olivia McCloskey, Dan Bornt, Dinorah Jimenez, Vianna Fite

*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:** Helen Petersen, D. Dleos Wampler, (8), Barbara Todt, Eugene Dexter DeLong (10)

**Birthdays:** Sean Hartz (8), Alice Polumbo (9), Sam Hartz (10)

**Baptismal Anniversaries:** Erin Thiessen, Andrew Thiessen, Jennafer Thiessen (5), Tristan Perkins-Mesac (8)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Christian Reed & Rachel Maher (6)

**THE FLOWERS AT THE HIGH ALTAR** are given to the greater glory of Almighty God  
and in loving memory of Celeste L. Shear.

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, May 4** — 9:00 a.m. — Sunday School for 1st-6th grade children  
10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass – Easter 3, “Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary”  
Coffee Hour follows in **Cranmer House** today

**Tuesday, May 6** — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel  
Lectionary Study Group follows in Cranmer House at 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 7** — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — John of Beverly, Bishop of York — Lady Chapel

**Thursday, May 8** — 6:00 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Healing — Dame Julian of Norwich — Lady Chapel  
(No Theological Reading Group this night)

**Friday, May 9** — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople — Lady Chapel

**Sunday, May 11** — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — Easter 4 — High Altar

**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).

**THE REST ROOM** is available in Cranmer House. A key is necessary to get in. Please ask a Greeter who will happily assist you.

**COFFEE HOUR** will be in Cranmer House today after Mass. This is a special coffee hour hosted by the Society of Mary in honor of the May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### **Parish Life and Beyond**

**COFFIN PALL** — On this Sunday, being the Feast of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, a violet coffin pall is given as a thank offering to honor their sacrifice for the Faith together with their Companions and the Holy Martyrs of Ireland and Companions who are commemorated on 20 June.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets today and next Sunday. We will be starting a new workbook entitled ‘A Eucharistic Manual for Children’ It is a study guide that was designed to help youth participate in the Liturgy. It is intended to encourage responding, praying and singing during mass. We will look forward to finishing it in the Fall! Topics include: The Processional, Gathering in the Lord’s name, listening to the word of God, Proclaiming and Responding to the Word of God, the Eucharist, and the Recessional. Also included are the Seasons of the Church Year, the Priest’s vestments, and the mystery of the altar. Remaining dates for Sunday School are May 4th, May 11th and June 1st. We will take a break over the summer. Enjoy! Please contact Sharon Trant at [Sharontrant928@gmail.com](mailto:Sharontrant928@gmail.com) with any questions you may have. Please let us know what you think about this earlier time!

**EASTER LESSONS AND CAROLS** — will be offered at the Cathedral of All Saints this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Parish choirs from around the diocese, including our own St. Cecilia Choir, will be joining the Cathedral Choir to offer this special service.

### **Looking Ahead**

**“LITTLE RED WAGON SUNDAY”** — The next ingathering of non-perishable food for the Sycamore Collaborative Food Pantry will be next Sunday, May 11th. Please bring your contributions to the back of the church any time between now and then.

**ADIRONDACK THRILLER UP FOR DISCUSSION** — St. George’s book club will meet Sunday, May 25 (the day before Memorial Day) to discuss *God of the Woods* by Liz Moore. It’s a mystery set at an Adirondack summer camp, and comes highly recommended by Suzy Unger. Questions about the book or the club? See Meg Hughes. All are welcome.

**ASCENSION DAY** is Thursday, May 29th, the 40th day after Easter. St. George’s will offer a Solemn High Mass on this night at 7:00 p.m. The choir will be singing *Missa quinti toni* by Orlando di Lasso.

**LOAVES AND FISHES MINISTRY** — May 31st is the fifth Saturday of the month. It has become our custom to assist with the feeding ministry, known as Loaves and Fishes, at the St. Francis Mission in Albany. We will be looking for volunteers to go to the mission and help serve lunch on this day. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church for those interesting in volunteering for this hands-on ministry.

**STOCKADE SIDEWALK SALE** — It’s not too early to start thinking about what you would like to donate to the Society of Mary table at the Stockade Sidewalk Sale on June 7th. All proceeds will go to the YWCA, the Society of Mary’s designated charity. Keep your donations in a safe place at home and be ready to bring them to church the week before the sale.

**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)

