



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

EASTER IV-C - 11 MAY 2025

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

A Meditation on *Brother James' Air*

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

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 174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

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

The loving kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia. 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, 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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON*Acts 9.36-48*

A READING from the Acts of the Apostles

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

THE GRADUAL

Brother James' Air

Psalm 23, setting by Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie
In pastures green. He leadeth me, The quiet waters by.
My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make
Within the Paths of Blessedness, E'en for His own Name's sake.
Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, And thy Rod and Staff me comfort still.
My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head with oil Thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my days Will surely follow me;
And in my Father's heart alway My dwelling place shall be.

— *Metrical version by the composer*

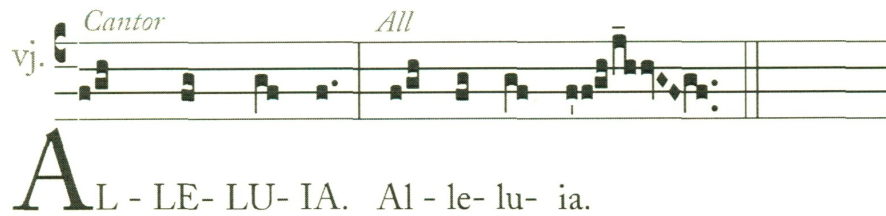
THE EPISTLE*Revelation 7.9-17*

A READING from the Revelation to John

I 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



Alleluia. **Alleluia.** I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and am known of mine. **Alleluia.**
The Good Shepherd hath risen; who hath given his life for his sheep. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10.22-30

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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 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

O God thou art my God; early will I seek thee; and lift up my hands in thy Name; Alleluia.

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 377

All people that on earth do dwell

Old 100th

Setting by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The congregation is invited to sing stanzas 1, 2 & 5

The choir will sing stanzas 3 & 4

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 written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second is for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant, and the fourth is for the People. The lyrics are: The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord. Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God. 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)

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 & Choir

I am the Good Shepherd alleluia: and know my sheep and am known mine; alleluia, alleluia.

THE COMMUNION, HYMN 645

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

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 Alleluia Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia.**

THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 205

Good Christian all, rejoice and sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Postlude in D minor (Opus 105, no. 6)

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Master of Ceremonies:	Chris Henry
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Joan Pearson
Thurifer:	David Kennison
Boat Boy:	James Smigelski
Crucifer:	J. J. Moran
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, Daniel Miess
Greeters:	Gloria Kishton, Barb Wengrovius
Lector:	David Kennison
Counters:	Rich Unger, Kevin Decker
Altar Guild:	Sandra Hughes
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, 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

The Departed: Beatrice Fanella (13), Johnnie Angus (16)

Birthdays: Peter Hughes (11), Brian Taylor, Chris Kettles (12), Diane Hannahs (14)

Baptismal Anniversaries: Sullivan Graham, Simon Medina, Owen Medina (11), Logan Bertinetti (17)

Wedding Anniversaries: Paul Smigelski & Louisa Carr (16)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 11 — 9:00 a.m. — Sunday School for 1st-6th grade children

10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass – Easter 4, “Good Shepherd Sunday”

Coffee Hour follows in **Cranmer House** today

Tuesday, May 13 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

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

Wednesday, May 14 — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — Lady Chapel

Thursday, May 15 — 6:00 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Healing — Lady Chapel

Vestry Meeting follows in Cranmer House at 6:45 p.m.

(No Theological Reading Group this night)

Friday, May 16 — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Lady Chapel

Sunday, May 18 — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — Easter 5, “St. George’s Sunday” — 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.

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. We'll be enjoying fellowship in Cranmer House until weather permits we can be outdoors. We plan to return to the Great Hall when renovations are complete.

Parish Life and Beyond

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets today. We have started 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. Our last class after today is June 1st. We will take a break over the summer. Enjoy! Please contact Sharon Trant at Sharontrant928@gmail.com with any questions you may have. Please let us know what you think about this earlier time!

Looking Ahead

ST. GEORGE'S DAY is next Sunday, May 18th. Our special Mass for our Patronal Festival will include a pipe band playing on the lawn before Mass, and joining us in our annual procession around the Stockade Neighborhood at the end of Mass. Following Mass we will have a picnic lunch on the lawn.

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 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 on Saturday afternoons from 1-3:30pm. For schedule updates or more information, please contact Tarik Wareh or visit www.albanysacredharp.org

