

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

EASTER VI-C - 25 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

Andante, fr. Sonata VI (Opus 65, no. 6)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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 212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Richmond

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

O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God alleluia: he healeth those that are broken in heart, and giveth medicine to heal their sickness alleluia, alleluia. Ps. Great is our Lord and great is his power; yea and his Wisdom is infinite. 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, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Acts 16.9-15

A READING from the Acts of the Apostles

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

THE GRADUAL

Sung by all

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and **bless us**, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to **us**.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon **earth**, *
your saving health among all **nations**.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you O **God**; *
let all the peoples **praise you**.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for **joy**, *
for you judge the peoples with equity,
and guide all the nations upon **earth**.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you O **God**; *
let all the peoples **praise you**.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her **increase**; *
may God our own God give us his **blessing**.
- 7 May God give us his **blessing**, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of **him**.

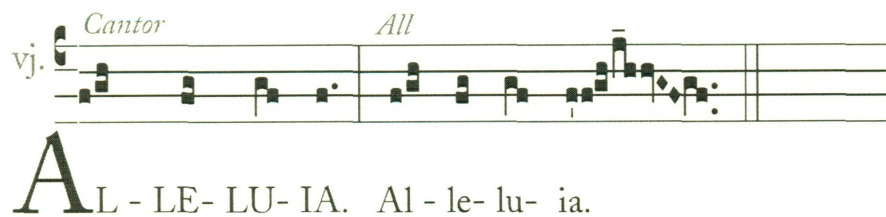
THE EPISTLE

Revelation 21.10, 22-22.5

A READING from the Revelation to John

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

V. The Word of the Lord **2 R. Thanks be to God**



Alleluia. **Alleluia.** These things have I spoken unto you: that my joy might remain in you; and that your joy might be full. **Alleluia.**

This is my commandment: that ye love one another; as I have loved you. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 5.1-9

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield: O Lord let thy loving-kindness be upon us; as we have put our trust in thee; Alleluia.

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 400

All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

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, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the staves. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.' (Staff 1), 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.' (Staff 2), 'Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.' (Staff 3), and 'It is meet and right so to do.' (Staff 4).

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

And this is the record; that God hath given us eternal life alleluia: And this life is in his Son; alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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 292

O Jesus crowned with all renown

Kingsfold

THE ROGATION PROCESSION *(See insert)*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia Alleluia.
People: **In the name of Christ. Alleluia Alleluia.**

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Master of Ceremonies:	David Kennison
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Jonathan Ewbank
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Crucifer:	Daniel Miess
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, Eric Bassant
Greeters:	Carol Gaige, Meg Hughes
Lector:	Rich Unger
Counters:	Rich Unger, Jonathan Ewbank
Altar Guild:	Natasha Bassant
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, 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, Nancy Angus, Karen Perretta, K. C. Hersey, Sharon A. Wemtle

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: Dorothy Dever (30)

Birthdays: Shannon Hartz (30)

Baptismal Anniversaries: Giovanni Bergami, Tucker Ceci (26), Liam Weakley (27)

Wedding Anniversaries: Gloria Kishton & Robert Lemmerman (29)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 25 — 9:15 a.m. — The Rosary — Lady Chapel

10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass – Easter 6, “Rogation Sunday” — High Altar
Coffee Hour follows in Cranmer House

Tuesday, May 27 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

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

Wednesday, May 28 — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — Lady Chapel

Thursday, May 29 — **7:00 p.m.** — Choral Mass for Ascension Day — High Altar
(No Theological Reading Group this night)

Friday, May 30 — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Lady Chapel

Sunday, June 1 — 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for children in 1st-6th grades

10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — The Sunday after the Ascension — 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. Hot and cold beverages, along with snacks will be available as we enjoy fellowship with one another.

Parish Life and Beyond

CONGRATULATIONS to Tyndale Perseghian and Olivia Jaquith on the birth of a baby boy this past Thursday.

ADIRONDACK THRILLER UP FOR DISCUSSION — St. George's book club will meet after Mass today 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. The meeting will be in the new Cranmer House Library.

ASCENSION DAY is this 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 — This Saturday, 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children in 1st through 6th grades will meet next Sunday, June 1st, in the Vesting Room behind the All Souls Chapel. The class will continue working on "A Eucharistic Manual" in order to learn more about the worship of St. George's Church and the wider Episcopal Church.

INGATHERING SUNDAY is two weeks from today, on June 8th. We will be having our monthly "Little Red Wagon Sunday" in which we collect non-perishable food for the Sycamore Collaborative Food Pantry. We will also have our quarterly ingathering of items for the YWCA Women's Shelter. The shelter needs hygiene and sanitary products as well as **new** children's underwear in any size. Please bring your contributions to the back of the church any time between now and then.

Around the Diocese

THE VIGIL OF PENTECOST will be celebrated at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany on Saturday, June 7th. Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev'd Jeremiah Williamson will be the Celebrant and our Rector, The Rev'd Thomas Pettigrew will be giving the sermon. Our own Brian Taylor will be the organist for this Mass. The Vigil Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

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.

