

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

HOLY CROSS DAY - 14 SEPTEMBER 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

Hymn Prelude on *Rockingham*

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

The Sacred Ministers, Servers & Choir offer Preparatory Prayers prior to the Entrance Procession

THE OPENING HYMN, HYMN 473 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Crucifer

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

But as for us; it behoveth us to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: in whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection; by whom we were saved and obtained our freedom. Ps. God be merciful unto us and bless us: shew us the light of his countenance; and be merciful unto us. 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Holy Cross Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And with thy spirit.** *Celebrant* Let us pray.

ALmighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

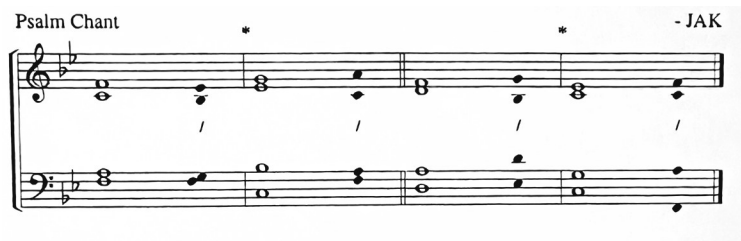
THE LESSON

Isaiah 45.21-25

A READING from the Book of Isaiah

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

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



THE GRADUAL

Sung by all

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new **song**, * for he has done marvelous **things**.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy **arm** * has he won for himself the **victory**.
- 3 The LORD has made known his **victory**; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the **nations**.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of **Israel**, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our **God**.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD all you **lands**; * lift up your voice, rejoice and **sing**.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the **harp**, * with the harp and the voice of **song**.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the **horn** * shout with joy before the King the **LORD**.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is **in it**, * the lands and those who dwell there-**in**.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their **hands**, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the **earth**.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the **world** * and the peoples with **equity**.

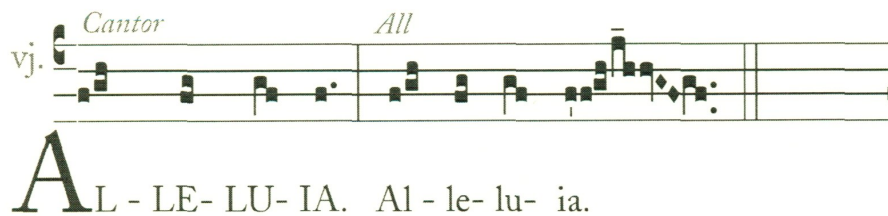
THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2.5-11

A READING from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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



Alleluia. **Alleluia.** Sweetest wood; sweetest iron; that bare so sweet a Burden: which only was counted worthy to sustain the King of heaven and its Lord. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12.31-36

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

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

Form I, The Book of Common Prayer, page 383

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

By the sign of the holy Cross; defend O Lord thy people from all snares of our enemies: that the service which we render may be pleasing unto thee; and our sacrifice acceptable in thy sight, Alleluia.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Saviour of the world

George Alexander MacFarren (1813-1887)

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 441

In the cross of Christ I glory

Rathbun

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

By the sign of the Cross deliver us from our enemies: O Lord our God alleluia.

THE COMMUNION, HYMN 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

Rockingham

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 598

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth

Mit Freuden zart

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Carillon

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Deacon:	The Reverend Abigail Bee
Subdeacon:	David Kennison
Master of Ceremonies:	Kevin Decker
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Louisa Carr
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Boat Boy:	James Smigelski
Crucifer:	J. J. Moran
Acolytes:	Paul Smigelski, Eric Bassant
Greeters:	Carol Gaige, Meg Hughes
Lector:	Jonathan Pearson
Counters:	Jonathan Pearson, Alyssa DePaula
Altar Guild:	Sandra Hughes
Sacristans:	David & Anne Kennison

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

The Sick and those in need: Gabriella Rose, Katie, Chase, Pedro, Isabella, Dan Bornt, Dinorah Jimenez, Lula Fite, Nancy, Karen Perretta, K. C. Hersey, Sharon A. Wemtle, Lorna, Mike T., Richard, Abigail, Suzanne, Ann, Josh, Vernon-Frederic Decker, Den, Sherrie, Ann-Marie, Lynn Paska, Larry, Robbie, Aubrey, Tamara

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: Mary Costa, Diane Bedell (15), Charles Stamm (18), Larry Elliott (step-brother of Jeff Wengrovius, 9/9/25)

Birthdays: Susan Hussar (19)

Baptismal Anniversaries: Jerry Trant (16)

Wedding Anniversaries:

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 14 — 10:00 a.m. — Solemn High Mass – Exaltation of the Holy Cross — High Altar
Cookout on the lawn follows. All are welcome.

Tuesday, September 16 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Ninian of Galloway — Lady Chapel
Lectionary Study Group follows in Cranmer House at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 17 — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — Hildegard of Bingen — Lady Chapel

Thursday, September 18 — 6:00 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Healing — E. B. Pusey — Lady Chapel

Friday, September 19 — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Theodore of Tarsus — Lady Chapel

Sunday, September 21 — 9:00 a.m. — Church School for grades 1st-6th — Cranmer House

9:15 a.m. — The Rosary — Lady Chapel

10:00 a.m. — Solemn High Mass – St. Matthew the Apostle — 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.

COOKOUT! After Mass today we will have a cookout lunch on the lawn. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available along with other goodies and cold drinks. All are welcome to remain and join in this time of food and fellowship. There is no charge for lunch. Donations will be gratefully received.

Parish Life and Beyond

WEEKDAY SERVICES RESUME — The full schedule of weekday services resumes this week. The calendar on the preceding page has the complete schedule. Also, the lectionary study group resumes this week at 9:00 a.m. in Cranmer House following Morning Prayer

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH SCHOOL — We hope you enjoyed your summer! Church School will resume on September 21st. All students 1st-6th grade are welcome. Older students are welcome to assist. This year we will be meeting in Cranmer House at 9:00 a.m. Teachers: Mrs. Sharon Trant and Mr. Bob Lemmerman.

THE ROSARY — As it ordinarily does on the third Sunday of every month, the Society of Mary will gather next Sunday in the Lady Chapel to pray the Rosary just before Mass at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome to join in this devotion in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ALBANY BLOOMS — St. George's is partnering this Fall with the Albany Blooms Thriving Parish initiative to present three introductory classes on Benedictine Spirituality. Albany Blooms is a diocesan program focused on strengthening our spiritual lives through Benedictine principles and practices. These classes are open to all ages. See the enclosed flyer for more information about this exciting opportunity.

Looking Ahead

BOOK CLUB — England, WWII. The men are called to fight, but life goes on at home, so the women keep calm and carry on! The book is *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by Jennifer Ryan, and discussion takes place November 16 during coffee hour. If you like a mystery, blended with historical fiction, wrapped in drama, and leavened with a touch of romance and even a bit of humor, you won't want to miss it.

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

ONLINE GIVING — If you would prefer to make a donation or your regular offering electronically, please use the QR code provided. You will also find a link to PayPal on our parish website, www.StGeorgesSchenectady.com. St. George's is currently considering other means for online and electronic giving. We would like to hear your feedback about having this as an additional option for giving to St. George's Church. Please send your thoughts to Rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org

