

# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*in the heart of the Historic Stockade District*

## SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

ST. MATTHEW'S DAY - 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNG MASS - RITE I, 10AM

The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, *Rector*

The Reverend Abigail Bee, *Parish Deacon*

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

Chorale Prelude on *Alles ist an Gottes Segen* (Opus 67. no.2) *Max Reger (1873-1916)*

### 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 234      The eternal gifts of Christ the King

*Gonfalon Royal*

### 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 mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom: and his tongue will be talking of judgement; the law of his God is in his heart. Ps. Fret not thyself because of the ungodly: neither be thou envious against the evil doers. 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

*St. Matthew's Day*

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

**W**E THANK THEE, HEAVENLY FATHER, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSON

*Proverbs 3.1-6*

A READING from the Book of Proverbs

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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

## THE GRADUAL

*Sung by all*

*Psalm 119.33-40*



- 33 Teach me O LORD the way of your **statutes**, \*  
and I shall keep it to the **end**.
- 34 Give me understanding and I shall keep your **law**; \*  
I shall keep it with all my **heart**.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your com-**mandments**, \*  
for that is my de-**sire**.
- 36 Incline my heart to your de-**crees** \*  
and not to unjust **gain**.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is **worthless**; \*  
give me life in your **ways**.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your **servant**, \*  
which you make to those who **fear you**.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I **dread**, \*  
because your judgments are **good**.
- 40 Behold I long for your com-**mandments**; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my **life**.

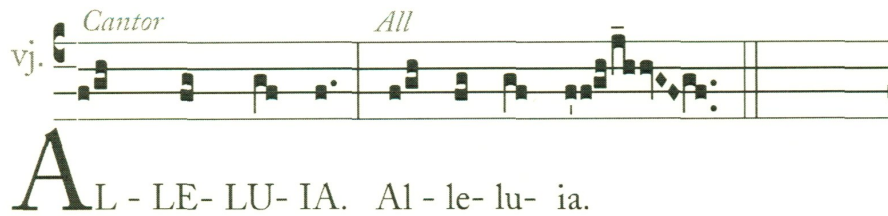
## THE EPISTLE

*2 Timothy 3.14-17*

A READING from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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



Alleluia. **Alleluia.** The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee, O God. **Alleluia.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 9.9-13*

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

Deacon Abby

## 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** *Prayer for the Whole State of Christ’s Church, The Book of Common Prayer, page 328*

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

**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*

Thou hast set, O Lord, a crown of pure gold upon his head: he asked life of thee, and thou gavest him a long life, Alleluia.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come sing, ye choirs exultant

*Melody by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)*

## THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 244

Come, pure hearts, in joyful measure

*Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

*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

*Sung by All*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE FRACTION

*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*

His honor is great in thy salvation: glory and great worship shalt thou lay upon him, O Lord.

## THE COMMUNION, HYMN 281

He sat to watch o'er customs paid

*Breslau*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Said by All*

*(people kneel)*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*(people kneel)*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## THE RETIRING PROCESSION HYMN 237

Let us now our voices raise

*Gaudeamus pariter*

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Improvisation on *Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

### MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Deacon:	The Reverend Abigail Bee
Subdeacon:	David Kennison
Master of Ceremonies:	Chris Henry
Organist & Cantor:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Thurifer:	Kevin Decker
Boat Boy:	Aidan Bassant
Crucifer:	J. J. Moran
Acolytes:	Paul Smigelski, Daniel Miess
Greeters:	Jean Greenspan, Ann Duff
Lector:	Robert Lemmerman
Counters:	Gloria Kishton, Jerry Trant
Altar Guild:	Carol Gaige
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, Sean

*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:** Marie Nitchman, Dorothy Stevens (26)

**Birthdays:**

**Baptismal Anniversaries:**

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, September 21** — 9:00 a.m. — Church School for grades 1st-6th — Acolyte Vesting Room  
9:15 a.m. — The Rosary — Lady Chapel  
10:00 a.m. — Solemn High Mass – St. Matthew the Apostle — High Altar  
Coffee Hour follows in Cranmer House.

**Tuesday, September 23** — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — feria — Lady Chapel  
Lectionary Study Group follows in Cranmer House at 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, September 24** — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — Our Lady of Walsingham — Lady Chapel

**Thursday, September 25** — 6:00 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist, with Healing — Sergius of Moscow — Lady Chapel

**Friday, September 26** — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Lancelot Andrewes — Lady Chapel

**Sunday, September 28** — 10:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass — Pentecost 16 — 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.

**LEMONADE HOUR** Please join us for lemonade and cookies outside in front of the church doors after Mass. Coffee is also available in Cranmer House.

## **Parish Life and Beyond**

**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. The first class on Centering Prayer will be this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. It will be led by Jonathan Kimmel, Director of Christian Formation at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany.

**FOYER DINNERS** — Foyer Groups are small groups of parishioners who gather for dinner on a regular basis, usually in each other's homes. Each year we reorganize the groups so that everyone has opportunity to better come to know a wide cross section of parishioners. For more information see the enclosed flyer or speak to Meredith Ewbank or Sharon Trant. A signup sheet is available in the back of the church for those wishing to participate this year.

## **Looking Ahead**

**COMPLINE** — Compline will be chanted by the St. Cecilia Choir on Tuesday, October 21st, at 7:30 p.m. Compline is the last office of prayer during the day. The choir will chant it in a similar fashion as monks, nuns and others have done for centuries. It is a lovely ending to the day as we offer our last word to God.

**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.

**ALL SOULS REQUIEM MASS** — On Tuesday, November 4th. We will have our annual Requiem Mass at 7:00 p.m. If you have names of departed loved ones for whom you would like prayers offered, please submit those names by email to the office at [secretary@stgeorgesschenectady.org](mailto:secretary@stgeorgesschenectady.org)

**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.

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