THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS'





ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

30 North Ferry St. In the historic stockade district

Schenectady, NY
Founded 1735

ALLHALLOWTIDE

The triduum of Allhallowstide consists of three days: All Saints' Eve (also known as All Hallows Eve, hence we get the name "Halloween"), All Saints' Day (All Hallows') and All Souls' Day. In the early centuries of the Church, Christians faced persecution, being accused among other things of atheism for not acknowledging the pantheon of gods worshipped by the Roman state, particularly when the emperor was declared divine. Sometimes they were persecuted for immorality, as non-Christians heard that Christians were gathered for "love feasts." This of course was a misinterpretation of Christians referring to their gathering as having an agape meal or feast, which literally translated means "love feast." Perhaps the most outrageous charge was cannibalism, as they were accused of eating human flesh and blood. Of course, this again is a misinterpretation of the Christian understanding of partaking in the flesh and blood of Christ in the sacrament. These early Christians refused to abandon their religion, and their fellow Christians recognized those who were persecuted and killed as witnesses to the faith. In Greek the word for witness is martyras, from which we anglicize to martyr. These martyrs, these witnesses, were remembered by their churches as people through whom Christ's light especially shone, and they were honored and revered by their fellow Christians for their courage and faithfulness in the face of persecution and difficulty. Overtime, as persecutions subsided, the Church began to recognize other forms of living witness to the faith, such as the ascetic monasticism of the Desert Fathers, the courageous evangelism of missionaries, the deep learning of theologians, or the manifest holiness of faithful Christians. We know that the earliest Christians would gather at the tombs of these heroes of the faith, especially on the day of their deaths to pray and give thanks to God for their lives, and to ask those Saints to join in prayer for them as they made their pilgrimage in this world. As Christians, we do no pray to the saints. But the long tradition and custom of the Church has been to ask that communion and fellowship of the Saints to join with us in praying to the Father for our needs and the needs of the whole world.

ALL SAINTS' DAY: Commemorates all saints, known and unknown, on Nov. 1. All Saints' Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of the four days recommended for the administration of baptism. All Saints' Day may also be celebrated on the Sunday following Nov. 1. (Source: <u>An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians)</u>

Asperges who? We began our service this morning differently than normal. Instead of a hymn and full procession, we began with an ancient preparatory rite called the *Asperges me*, which is from the Latin, "sprinkle me." It consists of the antiphon and a verse of Psalm 51, followed by responses and a collect asking God to send forth his holy Angel to protect us while we offer our worship. Besides connecting our own worship here on earth with the worship which ever-continues in heaven after we leave, the ceremony reminds us, as we enter in our worship today, of our Baptism, by which we have been brought into the body of Christ and adopted as children of God and heirs of the promise of eternal life, the food of which is Christ himself, and which we consume



MASS SETTING Missa Sancto Albano Healey Willan (1880-1968)

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude on "Sine nomine" Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

PRE-MASS Hymn, Hymn 293 I sing a song of the saints of God Grand Isle

THE ASPERGES ME Sung by the Choir (people stand)

As the choir sings the antiphon, the celebrant sprinkles congregation with holy water as a preparation for worship and a reminder of our Baptism.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. (Ps. 51) Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Thou shalt purge me..

The people join with the choir in the responses:

- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us, Alleluia.
- R. And grant us thy salvation, Alleluia.
- V. Lord, hear my prayer.
- R. And let my cry come unto thee.
- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

LORD, holy Father, almighty everlasting God, we beseech thee to hear us: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven, to guard and cherish, protect and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this place. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR

As the ministers make their preparatory prayers, the choir sings the anthem:

Give us the wings of faith

Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Rejoice we all and praise the Lord; celebrating a holy day in honor of all the Saints; in whose solemnity the Angels are joyful; and glorify the Son of God. Ps. Rejoice in the Lord O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be...

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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, Sung by the choir

(people kneel)

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, Sung by the choir

(people stand)

All Saints

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

A LMIGHTY GOD, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**.

The congregation may be seated for the reading of the lessons

THE FIRST READING

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18

A READING from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

THE GRADUAL Sung by the Choir

O fear the Lord all ye Saints of his; for they that fear him lack nothing; But they that seek the Lord; shall want no manner of thing that is good.

FOR THE EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1.11-23

A READING from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God



Alleluia. Alleluia. The Saints shall judge the nations and have dominion over the people; and their Lord shall reign forever. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 6.20-31

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE **R. Glory be to thee, O Lord**.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Nicene Creed, Hymnal S-103, sung by all

Announcements & Greetings

(people stand)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

Prayer Book, 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, *P 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

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; and there shall no torment touch them; in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die but they are at peace; alleluia.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O how glorious

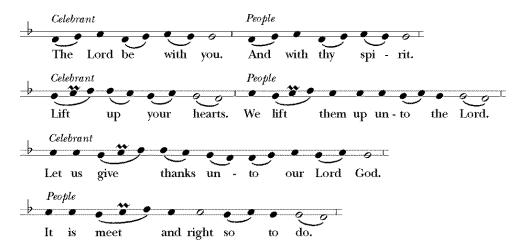
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN, HYMN 618

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Lasst uns erfruen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface of All Saints'

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT, sung by the choir

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.

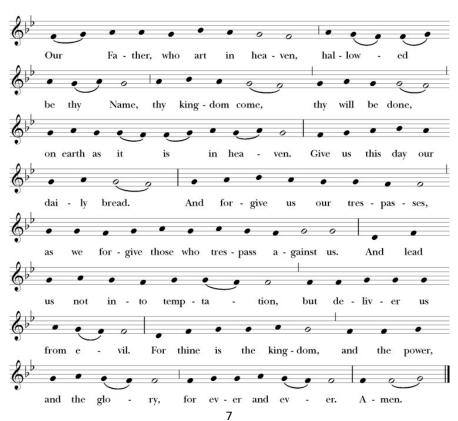
And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy \maltese 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



THE FRACTION, HYMNAL S-152

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE AGNUS DEI,

Sung by the choir (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 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

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

THE COMMUNION HYMN, HYMN 286

Who are these like stars appearing

Zeuch mich, zeuch mich

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, *\mathcal{H}\$ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 287

For all the saints

Sine Nomine

Stanzas 5 & 6 are sung slower.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Westminster Carillon (Opus 54, no. 6)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Abigail Bee

Subdeacon: Chris Henry
Master of Ceremonies: David Kennison
Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor: Jonathan Ewbank
Thurifer: Kevin Decker
Boat Boy: James Smigelski
Crucifer: Daniel Miess

Acolytes: Paul Smigelski, J. J. Moran Greeters: Jonathan Pearson, Meg Hughes

Lector: Jon Ewbank

Counters: Jonathan Pearson, Jerry Trant

Altar Guild: Carol Gaige

Sacristan: 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, Mtr. Lisa Schoonmaker

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: James Swisher, Hazel Whitehouse, Robert Tupper (2), Madeline Maxon, William Broomhall, Helen Doris (3), Julia Burgess, Judith Smith (5)

Birthdays:

Baptismal Anniversaries: Margaret Enilla (2), Lilliana Bertinetti (6)

Wedding Anniversaries: David & Anne Kennison (7)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 2— 10:00 a.m.— Solemn High Mass— Sunday of All Saints

Coffee Hour follows in the Great Hall

11:30 a.m.— Confirmation Class — Cranmer House

Tuesday, November 4 — NO MORNING PRAYER OR LECTIONARY STUDY GROUP THIS DAY

7:00 p.m. All Souls Requiem Mass

Wednesday, November 5 — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — Elizabeth & Zechariah

Thursday. November 6 — NO MASS THIS NIGHT

Friday, November 7 — 12 o'clock noon— Low Mass — feria

Sunday, November 9—10:00 a.m— Solemn High Mass— Pentecost 22

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.org.

COFFEE HOUR Please join us for coffee hour after Mass in the Great Hall. Snacks, along with hot and cold drinks are available during this time of fellowship.

Parish Life and Beyond

ALL SOULS REQUIEM MASS — This Tuesday, November 4th, we will have our annual Requiem Mass at 7:00 p.m. The Mass will be chanted by the St. Cecilia Choir and the Necrology will be read. We encourage all to attend this Mass to remember all who have gone before us and especially departed loved ones.

BREAKFAST AND FORUM — Next Sunday, November 9th, we will offer another Breakfast Forum after Mass. Our guest speaker will be Kerrie Wolf-Piechota, Volunteer and Community Engagement Coordinator of the Sycamore Collaborative. We invite all to remain for a delicious breakfast prepared by Bob and Meg Falco as well as hear about the many ministries of Sycamore Collaborative.

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.

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THANKSGIVING will be offered by the St. Cecilia Choir on Sunday, November 16th, at 5:00 p.m. The St. Cecilia Choir will sing the Evening Service in Bb by Charles Villiers Stanford and the anthem, The Lord hath been mindful of us by Samuel Sebastian Wesley. In addition the congregation will have the opportunity to sing many of the great Thanksgiving hymns. Mr. Mike Sacoccio, Executive Director of the Schenectady City Mission, will be our guest speaker at this service. We encourage all to begin your Thanksgiving celebrations with this special service.

Parish Outreach

"LITTLE RED WAGON SUNDAY," when we collect non-perishable food for the Sycamore Collaborative Food Pantry will be Sunday, November 9th. You may bring non-perishable food to the back of the church any time between now and then. The food will be blessed at Mass and then taken to the pantry for distribution to their clients.

LOAVES AND FISHES is the feeding ministry at St. Francis Mission in Albany. St. George's Church takes its turn serving meals to those in need at St. Francis on the fifth Saturday of the month. The next opportunity to participate in this ministry is Saturday, November 29th. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church for those who wish to volunteer.

YWCA INGATHERING — The next quarterly ingathering for the YWCA Women's Shelter will be Sunday, December 14th. The shelter is in need of hygiene and sanitary products as well as NEW children's underwear in any size. Contributions may be left at the back of the church.

Looking Ahead

BISHOP'S VISITATION — The Rt. Rev'd Jeremiah Williamson, Bishop of the Diocese of Albany, will make his formal visitation to St. George's Church on Sunday, December 14th. He will preach, confirm and receive new members, and celebrate the Mass on this day.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Wednesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Family Mass, 4:00 p.m.

Solemn High Choral Mass 10:00 p.m. (Carol Concert begins at 9:30 p.m.)

Thursday, December 25th: Christmas Day Mass, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 4th: Epiphany Feast of Lights Service, 5:00 p.m.

Around the Diocese

Organ Recital and Choral Evensong — This afternoon our own Brian Taylor will be playing a pre-Evensong Organ Recital at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany beginning at 3:30 p.m. This will be followed by Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m. sung by the Cathedral Choir.