

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 24C - 19 OCTOBER 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*

MASS SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Solemn Melody

H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

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 372 Praise to the living God!

Leoni

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 give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his Name: make known his deeds among the peoples. Ps. The Word of the Lord also is tried with fire: He is the defender of all that trust in him. 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

Proper 24

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

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Genesis 32.22-31

A READING from the Book of Genesis

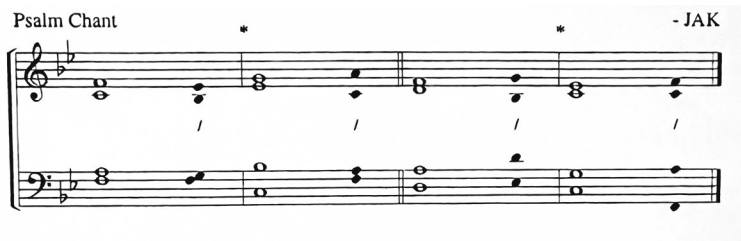
The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

THE GRADUAL

Sung by all

Psalm 121



- 1 I lift up my eyes to the **hills**; * from where is my help to **come**?
- 2 My help comes from the **LORD**, * the maker of heaven and **earth**.
- 3 He will not let your foot be **moved** * and he who watches over you will not fall a-**sleep**.
- 4 Behold he who keeps watch over **Israel** * shall neither slumber nor **sleep**;
- 5 The **LORD** himself watches over **you**; * the **LORD** is your shade at your right **hand**,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by **day**, * nor the moon by **night**.
- 7 The **LORD** shall preserve you from all **evil**; * it is he who shall keep you **safe**.
- 8 The **LORD** shall watch over your going out and your coming **in**, * from this time forth for ever-**more**.

THE EPISTLE

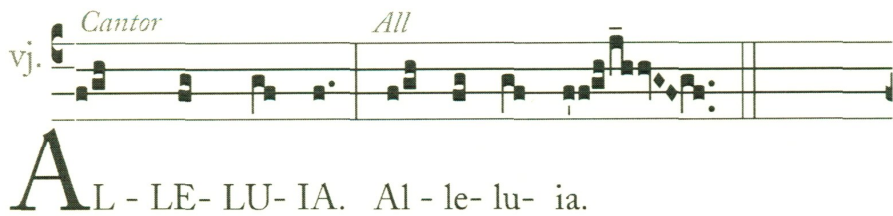
2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

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. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will

not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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



Alleluia. **Alleluia.** I waited patiently upon the Lord: he stooped to me and heard my cry. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18.1-8

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

Prayers of the People, Form IV, The Book of Common Prayer, page 388

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.

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

(people sit)

O Lord I call to thee; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to thee: let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Blessed are the pure in heart

H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 709

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

(people stand)

Dundee

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). 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 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

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

“I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you: yet a little while and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me.”

THE COMMUNION, HYMN 337

And now, O Father, mindful of thy love

Unde et memores

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

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RETIRING PROCESSION HYMN 534

God is working his purpose out

Purpose

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Prelude and Fugue in E minor (BWV 533)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Deacon:	The Reverend Abigail Bee
Subdeacon:	Kevin Decker
Master of Ceremonies:	David Kennison
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Louisa Carr
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Boat Boy:	James Smigelski
Crucifer:	Eric Bassant
Acolytes:	J. J. Moran, Paul Smigelski
Greeters:	Jim Wingate, Ann Duff
Lector:	Joan Pearson
Counters:	Jonathan Ewbank, Gloria Kishton
Altar Guild:	Barb Wengrovius
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, 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: Susan Burgess (21), Anna Zuk (23), Gordon Lebeure (24), Gerald Gemmette, Aileen Caruso (25)

Birthdays: James Moore (24), Anne Kennison (25)

Baptismal Anniversaries:

Wedding Anniversaries:

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 19 — 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. — Sung Mass – Pentecost 19 — High Altar

Coffee Hour follows in the Great Hall.

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

Tuesday, October 21 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — feria — Lady Chapel

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

7:30 p.m. — Compline — feria — High Altar

Wednesday, October 22 — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — feria — Lady Chapel

Thursday, October 23 — 6:00 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist w/ Healing — James of Jerusalem — Lady Chapel

Friday, October 24 — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Raphael the Archangel — Lady Chapel

Sunday, October 26 — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass – Pentecost 20 — High Altar

Coffee Hour follows in the Great Hall.

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

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 ROOMS in the Great Hall are once again available and may be accessed through the patio doors.

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

ALBANY BLOOMS — There is no Albany Bloom spirituality course this Wednesday. Next Wednesday, October 29th, Jonathan Kimmel of the Cathedral of All Saints returns to talk about Theological Reading as a spiritual discipline.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES begins today in Cranmer House after Mass. Those who wish to be confirmed or received by the Bishop on December 14th are asked to attend these classes. The dates of the remaining classes will be: October 26, November 2, 16, & 23, and December 7. **If you are unsure if you need to be Confirmed or received, please speak to a member of the clergy.**

COMPLINE — Compline will be chanted by the St. Cecilia Choir this 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.

Looking Ahead

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

BREAKFAST AND FORUM — On 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. Mr. Mike Sacoccio, Executive Director of the Schenectady City Mission, will be our guest speaker at this service.

Around the Diocese

CATHEDRAL BIBLE SYMPOSIUM — On Saturday, November 1st, the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, will be offering its annual Bible Symposium. The guest speaker this year is Dr. Khaled Emmanuel Anatolios of Notre Dame University. Topic: The Nicene Creed turns 1700. Flyers are at the back of the church with more information or visit the cathedral web site at cathedralofallsaints.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 and we will insure that this person will be remembered in the prayers.

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

