

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 28C - 16 NOVEMBER 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

Voluntary in A

William Selby (1738-1798)

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 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

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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

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies: and seek him with their whole heart. Ps. I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart: when I shall have learned the judgments of thy righteousness. Glory be

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE ELEISON, HYMNAL S-91

Sung by all

(people kneel)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, HYMNAL S-202

Sung by all

(people stand)

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee,

we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Al-
mighty.**

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father,**

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;

thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost,

✠ art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

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

BLESSED LORD, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Malachi 4.1-2

A READING from the Book of Malachi

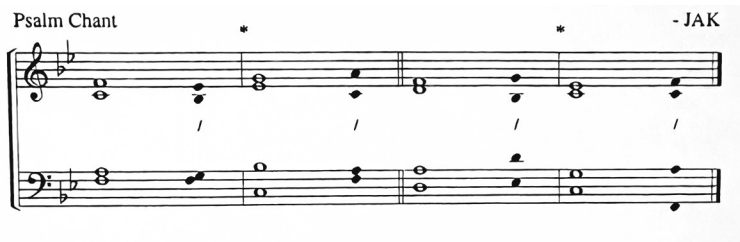
See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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**.

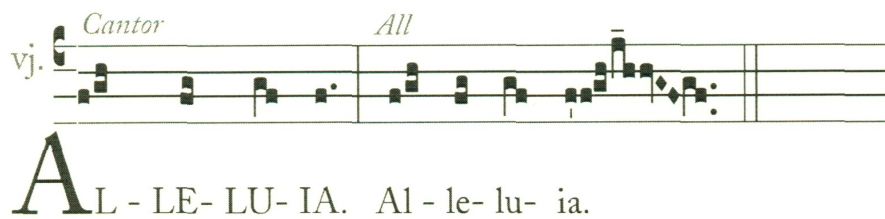
THE EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

A READING from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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



Alleluia. **Alleluia.** The Lord loves those who hate evil: and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21.5-19

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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)

I am God and there is none like me: My counsel shall stand; and I will do all my pleasure.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 665

All my hope on God is founded

(people stand)

Michael

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 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

There shall come in the last day scoffers saying: "Where now is the promise of his coming?" But one day is with the Lord as a thousand years; the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation.

THE COMMUNION, HYMN 632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Munich

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 598

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth

Mit freuden zart

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Rondeau

John Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Deacon:	The Reverend Abigail Bee
Subdeacon:	Chris Henry
Master of Ceremonies:	David Kennison
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Joan Pearson
Thurifer:	Kevin Decker
Boat Boy:	Aidan Bassant
Crucifer:	Eric Bassant
Acolytes:	Daniel Miess, Paul Smigelski
Greeters:	Jim Wingate, Ann Duff
Lector:	Jim Wingate
Counters:	Rich Unger, Jerry Trant
Altar Guild:	Wendy Madelone
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: Dorothy Zullo Merrick (18)

Birthdays: Olivia McCloskey, Sean Albert (16)

Baptismal Anniversaries:

Wedding Anniversaries:

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 16 — 9:00 a.m. — Sunday School — Acolyte Vesting Room

9:15 a.m. — The Rosary — Lady Chapel

10:00 a.m. — Solemn High Mass – Pentecost 23 — High Altar

Coffee Hour follows in the Great Hall.

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

5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong for Thanksgiving — High Altar

Tuesday, November 18 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Hilda of Whitby — Lady Chapel

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

Wednesday, November 19 — 9:00 a.m. — Elizabeth of Hungary — feria — Lady Chapel

Thursday, November 20 — 6:00 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist w/ Healing — Edmund of East Anglia — Lady Chapel

Friday, November 21 — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Lady Chapel

Sunday, November 23 — 10:00 a.m. — Solemn High Mass – Christ the King — High Altar

THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASS DURING THANKSGIVING WEEK

Sunday, November 30 — 10:00 a.m. — The Great Litany & Solemn High Mass – Advent 1 — 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.

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

BOOK CLUB meets today after Mass in the (new) library to discuss the book, *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by Jennifer Ryan. All are welcome to join in this discussion

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THANKSGIVING will be offered by the St. Cecilia Choir this afternoon 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.

YWCA DAY CARE — The YWCA Day Care Center has now begun operations in the Great Hall/Parish House building. As per the terms of our lease, we have access to the **first floor** on weekends and evenings after 6:00 p.m. During the day when the center is operating, church members are not allowed to enter the building. If it is absolutely essential for someone to go into the building during the day please call the church office in advance so that arrangements with the YWCA can be made.

Parish Outreach

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.
Tuesday, January 6th: Solemn High Mass for the Epiphany, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 20th: Compline, 7:30 p.m.

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

