

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY*Easter III**Celebrant* The Lord be with you.**People** **And with thy spirit.***Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON*Acts 2.42-47*

A READING from the Acts of the Apostles

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God**THE GRADUAL:** Brother James' Air*Sung by the Choir Psalm 23, Setting by Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)*

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
 He makes me down to lie
 In pastures green he leadeth me,
 The quiet waters by.
 My soul He doth restore again,
 And me to walk doth make
 Within the Paths of Blessedness,
 E'en for His own Name's sake.
 Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale,
 Yet will I fear no ill;
 For Thou art with me,
 And thy Rod and Staff me comfort still.
 My table Thou hast furnished
 In presence of my foes;
 My head with oil Thou dost anoint,
 And my cup overflows.
 Goodness and mercy all my days
 Will surely follow me;
 And in my Father's heart
 always My dwelling place shall be.

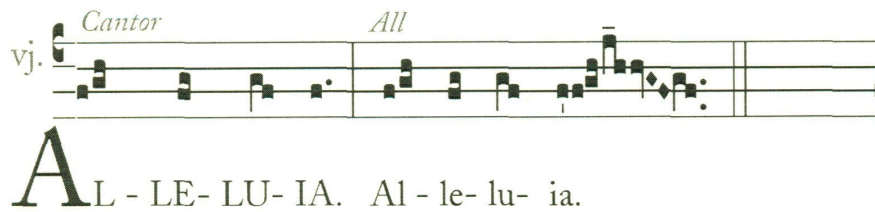
THE EPISTLE*1 Peter 2.19-25*

A READING from the First Letter of Peter

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God



Alleluia, **Alleluia**. I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and am known of mine. **Alleluia**. The Good Shepherd hath risen; who hath given his life for his sheep. **Alleluia**.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10.1-10

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

V. The Gospel of the Lord. **R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rector

THE NICENE CREED, said by all

(people stand)

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to Judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father (and the Son); who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV, The Book of Common Prayer, page 388

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

(people kneel)

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

(The Priest, alone, stands to give 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)

V. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

O God thou art my God; early will I seek thee; and lift up my hands in thy Name; Alleluia.

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 377

All people that on earth do dwell

Old 100th

Setting by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1952)

The congregation is invited to sing stanzas 1, 2 & 5

The choir will sing stanzas 3 & 4

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rite I, Eucharistic Prayer I

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

- Staff 1:** Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spi - rit.
- Staff 2:** Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up un - to the Lord.
- Staff 3:** Celebrant: Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.
- Staff 4:** People: It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT, SERVICE MUSIC BOOKLET 799

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
People

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE AGNUS DEI, SERVICE MUSIC BOOKLET 749 *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 TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant 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 am the Good Shepherd alleluia: and know my sheep and am known of mine; Alleluia, alleluia.

THE COMMUNION HYMN, HYMN 645 The King of Love my shepherd is *St Columba*

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 (people stand)

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! *Gelobt sei Gott*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Postlude in D minor (Opus 105, no. 6) *Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

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| Celebrant & Preacher: | The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector |
| Deacon: | The Reverend Abigail Bee |
| Subdeacon: | Dr. Kevin Decker |
| Master of Ceremonies: | Mr. Christopher Henry |
| Organist: | Dr. Brian J. Taylor |
| Cantor: | Tarik Wareh |
| Thurifer: | David Kennison |
| Boat Boy: | James Smigelski |
| Crucifer: | Paul Smigelski |
| Acolytes: | Daniel Miess & Eric Bassant |
| Greeters: | Rich Unger & Kim Polner |
| Lector: | Suzy Unger |
| Counters: | Jeff Wengrovius & Gloria Kishton |
| Altar Guild: | Natasha Bassant & Anne Kennison |
| Sacristans: | David & Anne Kennison |

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

The Sick and those in need: Jamie, Pat, Gabriella Rose, Katie, Chase, Pedro, Isabella, Dan Bornt, Dinorah Jimenez, Nancy, Karen Perretta, Sharon A. Wemtle, Lorna, Richard, Abigail, Suzanne, Ann, Josh, Den, Sherrie, Ann-Marie, Lynn Paska, Larry, Robbie, Aubrey, Tamara, Mtr. Lisa Schoonmaker, Fred, Anna, James, Suzie, Dennis, Warren Crow, Ruth, Simon, Shannon, Robert, Diane, Chelsea, Casey, and Lisa.

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: Alice Lawrence, Mayme L. Freeman (26) Catherine Johnson, Donald Nitcham, Albert Nisco (29) Violet Clarke (1)

Birthdays: Owen Green (27) Silas Hartz (30)

Baptismal Anniversaries: Jake Melanson, James Smigelski (28)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 26 - Easter IV

8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School for 1st-6th grade students — Acolyte Vesting Room

10:00 a.m. — Solemn High Mass - Easter 4 — High Altar

Coffee Hour follows in the Great Hall

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

Tuesday, April 28 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer & Low Mass —Feria— Lady Chapel

Lectionary Bible Study follows in Cranmer House

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

Wednesday, April 29 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer & Low Mass — Catherine of Siena - Lady Chapel

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer—Lady Chapel

Thursday, April 30 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

6:00 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Healing —Feria - Lady Chapel

Friday, May 1 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Lady Chapel

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

Sunday, May 3 - Saint George's Sunday

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

10:00 a.m. — Solemn High Mass — St. George — High Altar

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel

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.stgeorgeschenectady.com.

COFFEE HOUR follows in the Great Hall. Snacks, along with hot and cold drinks, will be offered as we enjoy this time of fellowship.

Parish Life and Beyond

ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY — Mark your calendars for May 3rd when we will celebrate our patronal feast day with a festive Mass and procession through the Stockade. A sign up sheet to bring food items will be forthcoming.

ROGATION DAY PROCESSION – following Mass on May 10th - Bring your seeds, seedlings, planting crosses, or gardening tools to be blessed!

Parish Outreach

“LITTLE RED WAGON SUNDAY” — The next collection of food for the Sycamore Collaborative Food Pantry will be May 10th.

LOAVES AND FISHES — The next opportunity to serve lunch to the community at St. Francis Mission will be Saturday, May 30th.

YWCA WOMEN'S SHELTER — The next collection of items for the YWCA Women's Shelter will be June 14th.

Looking Ahead

ASCENSION DAY is Thursday, May 14th, the 40th day after Easter. St. George's will offer a Solemn High Mass on this night at 7:00 p.m.

BOOK CLUB — The All on the Same Page Book Club will be reading *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. This book has surprised critics and delighted readers since it came out about one year ago. Its themes of aging, hope, anxiety and forgiveness have resonated particularly well with a mature audience. We will discuss the book after Mass on May 17th.

PRAYER LIST — If you have a name that you would like added to the prayer list please email the church office at office@StGeorgesSchenectady.org and we will insure that this person will be remembered in the prayers.

PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULES POSTED ONLINE — The most recent schedule of greeters, lectors, counters, and altar guild is published online. If you are interested in serving as a lector, greeter, counter, or acolyte, please speak to Fr. Pettigrew or email him at rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org for more information.

SHAPE NOTE SINGING: All are welcome to experience the joy of singing together the beautiful a cappella harmonies and stirring songs of the Sacred Harp, a tune book and hymnal published in Georgia in 1844 and used in community singing throughout the world. We sing in the Great Hall on Saturday afternoons from 1-3:30pm. For schedule updates or more information, please contact Tarik Wareh or visit www.albanysacredharp.org

