



# ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

30 North Ferry Street

Schenectady, NY 12305



## THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. GEORGE

3 May 2026, 10:00am

## WHO WAS ST. GEORGE?

**THROUGHOUT** Europe in the later middle ages, the legend of St George was well-known. We are told that St George was a Christian knight and that he was born in Cappadocia. It chanced, however, that he was riding one day in the province of Lybia, and there he came upon a city called Sylene, near which was a marshy swamp. In this lived a dragon "which envenomed all the country". The people had mustered together to attack and kill it, but its breath was so terrible that all had fled. To prevent its coming nearer they supplied it every day with two sheep, but when the sheep grew scarce, a human victim had to be substituted. This victim was selected by lot, and the lot just then had fallen on the king's own daughter. No one was willing to take her place, and the maiden had gone forth dressed as a bride to meet her doom. Then, St George, coming upon the scene, attacked the dragon and transfixed it with his lance. Further, he borrowed the maiden's girdle, fastened it round the dragon's neck, and with this aid she led the monster captive into the city. "It followed her as if it had been a meek beast debonair." The people in mortal terror were about to take to flight, but St George told them to have no fear. If only they would believe in Jesus Christ and be baptized, he would slay the dragon. The king and all his subjects gladly assented. The dragon was killed and four ox-carts were needed to carry the carcass to a safe distance. "Then were there well XV thousand men baptized without women and children." The king offered St George great treasures, but he bade them be given to the poor instead. Before taking his leave the good knight left behind four behests: that the king should maintain churches, that he should honor priests, that he should himself diligently attend religious services, and that he should show compassion to the poor.

There are other legends as well, including some under that occurred under the emperors Diocletian and Maximian, part of a great persecution against all Christians. George, having given witness by publicly crying out "My God made the heavens and is very God.". Whereupon he was arrested, hung and beaten with clubs, and tortured with red-hot irons. He was poisoned, crushed between two spiked wheels, and boiled in a cauldron of molten lead, all without any result. Each time, the LORD restored him to health. Finally, Censorius Datianus ordered George to be decapitated, though Datianus himself, returning from the scene, was consumed by fire from Heaven.

There is no way to know the line between legend and fact, although the story of the dragon did not appear until the 12<sup>th</sup> century. While George's fame had travelled to the British Isles long before the Norman Conquest, it is not clear how St George came to be chosen as the patron saint of England, which was declared by King Edward II in 1347. He is remembered as a martyr, having given his life in witness to the gospel during the persecution of the church in the early 4<sup>th</sup> century. Very few details of his life have survived, his story being replete with legend. By the middle of the 5<sup>th</sup> century he was commemorated in local calendars and historical records of the period.

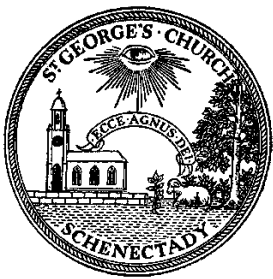
We know in fact that George was a soldier by vocation, serving as an officer in the Roman army. It is said that he "gave his goods to the poor, and openly confessed Christianity before the court."

George's initial notoriety may well have resulted from his faithfulness and witness to Christ during the Diocletian persecutions, 303-304, a particularly destructive period through which the Church suffered. Much of the legend of George dates back only to the 8<sup>th</sup> century, and more of it developed in the centuries that followed. The infamous story of George slaying the dragon, probably developed from Greek mythology, is not associated with him until the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

The inclusion of George's story in the 13<sup>th</sup> century manuscript, The Golden Legend, accounts for his growing popularity in the Middle Ages.

In the 12<sup>th</sup> century, George was recognized as the patron saint of soldiers and he was called upon in support of those who would fight in the Crusades. The shield under which his soldier's fought became a symbol of national pride for the English and in time was adapted into the national flag. Interestingly, the "St. George's Shield"—white shield emblazoned with a red cross—is the basis of the Episcopal Church flag and seal.

*Almighty God, who didst commission thy holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross: Strengthen us in our battles against the great serpent of sin and evil, that we too may attain the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY- 3 MAY 2026  
SOLEMN HIGH MASS — RITE I, 10AM

The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, *Rector*  
The Reverend Abigail Bee, *Deacon*  
Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music*

## MASS SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

*Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

## PRELUDE

Bagpipes in the Courtyard

## THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

*The Sacred Ministers offer Preparatory Prayers prior to the Entrance Procession*

## THE ENTRANCE HYMN – Stowey ~ Traditional English Folk Tune     *Arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams*

*During this hymn the procession moves to the West Door to greet the members of the St. Andrew's Society.*

1. When a knight won his spurs in the sto-ries of old, He was gen-tle and brave, he was  
2. No\_\_\_ charg - er have I and no sword by my side Yet\_\_\_ still to ad - ven - ture and  
7 3. Let\_\_\_ faith be my shield and let joy be my steed, A - gainst drag - ons of an - ger the  
ga - lant and bold. With shield on his arm and a lance at his  
bat - tle I ride. Though back in - to sto - ry - land gi - ants have  
12 o - gres of greed. And let me set free with the sword of my  
hand, For\_\_\_ God and for val - or he rode through the land.  
fled, And the knights are no more and the dra - gons are dead.  
youth, from the cas - tle of dark - ness, the pow - er of truth.

*Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953) Music: Stowey English Folk Tune arr, RVW (1872-1958)*

## RECEPTION OF THE ST ANDREW'S SOCIETY

*The Celebrant welcomes the St. Andrew's Society  
and leads the procession of Tartans and banners into the Church with these words.*

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. On this day when we celebrate our Patron, St. George the Martyr, we welcome all members of the St. Andrew's Society who join with us today for our Patronal Festival. St. George's Church celebrates the roots of the Episcopal Church in both the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church. St. Andrew and St. George join in glorifying our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Welcome!

*As the following hymn is sung, the procession continues into the sanctuary.*

*The altar party proceeds to the High Altar.*

1. With glad - ness we com - mem - o - rate Saint George, who set his life a - side, and  
2. The spe - cial maj - es - ty of Christ con - fronts the world of self - ish pride, and  
3. The or - der of the pres - ent world is threat - ened by his God - ly claim, as  
4. Then let us choose, in faith and trust, to fol - low where Saint George has trod, and,

brave - ly faced the mar - tyr's death for fol - low - ing the Cru - ci - fied.  
those who choose the saint - ly way are called to suf - fer at his side.  
e - vil pow'rs are o - ver - come and poor ex - alt - ed in his name.  
in the world of con - flict, share the sor - row and the joy of God.

*Words* Michael Forster (b. 1946) ©Kevin Mayhew Ltd

*Music* *Deo Gracias*, English ballad melody, Trinity College MS., 15th cent.

## READING OF NAMES OF THE FOUNDERS AND RECTORS OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

*The People sit for the Reading of names. At the conclusion of the list, please stand.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### 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 Choir*

*(people stand)*

Thou hast hidden me, O God, from the conspiracy of the wicked, alleluia; from the insurrection of iniquity, alleluia, alleluia. Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer. Preserve my life from the fear of the enemy. Glory be to the Father...

#### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

**H**ear 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**

*(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  
Almighty.  
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 SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*St. George, Martyr*

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

**A**lmighty God, who didst commission thy holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross: Strengthen us in our battles against the great serpent of sin and evil, that we too may attain the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*People Amen.*

**THE FIRST READING**

*JOSHUA 1:1-9*

**A**fter the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

**B**e strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful.

**I** hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

*Lector* The Word of the Lord  
*People* **Thanks be to God**



1 Lord, how many adversaries I **have!** \*  
 how many there are who rise up **against me!**  
 2 How many there are who say of **me,** \*  
 "There is no help for him in his **God.**"  
 3 But you, O Lord, are a shield **about me;** \*  
 you are my glory, the one who lifts up my **head.**  
 4 I call aloud upon the **Lord,** \*  
 and he answers me from his holy **hill;**

5 I lie down and go to **sleep;** \*  
 I wake again, because the Lord **sustains me.**  
 6 I do not fear the multitudes of **people** \*  
 who set themselves against me all **around.**  
 7 Rise up, O Lord; set me free, O my **God;** \*  
 surely, you will strike all my enemies across the  
 face,  
 you will break the teeth of the **wicked.**  
 8 Deliverance belongs to the **Lord.** \*  
 Your blessing be upon your **people!**

**THE EPISTLE**

REVELATION 12:7-12

**A**nd war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

**T**hen I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord  
*People*             **Thanks be to God**

**THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

*(people stand)*



**A**L - LE - LU - IA. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Cantor:** Thou has set, O Lord, a crown of pure gold upon his head. **Alleluia.** The righteous shall be joyful in the Lord and shall put their trust in him and the upright of heart shall be thankful. **Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John  
*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**J**esus said, ‘If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, “Servants are not greater than their master.” If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## THE SERMON

THE REVEREND CANON JOHN PERRIS  
*Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of New York, retired*

## THE NICENE CREED, SAID BY

*(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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *as announced*

*(people kneel)*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*(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

**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)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And with thy spirit.**

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE TARTANS (KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS)

On behalf of all Scots away from Scotland, and in the name of all the Scottish Clans folk that are here represented, we present these tartans before Almighty God in appreciation of our Heritage; and we ask his blessings upon us, his humble servants.

*The Celebrant then prays:*

Lord, Thou hast promised that in all places where Thou recordest Thy Holy Name, thou wilt meet with Thy servants, and bless them; fulfill now Thy Promise, and make us joyful in our prayer, so that our worship, being offered in the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and by the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, may be acceptable unto you, and profitable unto ourselves. Bless, we pray, these Tartans ✠ that they may be unto us and unto all people a token of the faith of our fathers; and a sign of our service unto Thee. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Sung by the Cantor*

Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works: and thy truth in the congregation of the saints, alleluia, alleluia.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God be in my head (The Knight's Prayer)

*Walford Davies (1869-1941)*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

"My Ancient Church! I see thee now"

*St. Anne*

1. My An - cient Church! I see thee now, a - midst the no - ble  
2. The moon - light on thy low - ly walls pours down in chast - ened  
3. I see thee when the snows with - out in glit - 'ring white - ness  
4. I see thee when the church - yard sward, in spring - tide's green grew

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trees, whose fol - iage 'round thy grace - ful spire waves in the eve - ning breeze.  
glow, and gleams on man - y'a stone that tells what pil - grim sleeps be - low!  
spread, and fir, and pine, and box, with - in their Christ - mas fra - grance shed.  
fair, and burst - ing buds their sweet - ness lent to eve - ry pass - ing air.

*Words* The Most Rev'd John Williams (1817--1899; Rector of *St. George's Schenectady* 1842-48), alt.  
*Music* *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727)

*Text is by The Rt. Rev. John Williams, Rector of St. George's Church, 1842-1848*

*Bishop of Connecticut, 1851-1887*

*Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, 1887-1899*



**THE LORD'S PRAYER***Sung by All**(people kneel)*

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 ANTHEM, HYMNAL S-152***Sung by All**This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

**THE AGNUS DEI, HYMNAL S-157***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*

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and put his trust in him, and all they that are true of heart shall be glad, alleluia, alleluia.

**THE COMMUNION HYMN**

Leader now on earth no longer

*Hyfrydol*

1. Leader now on earth no longer,  
Soldier of th' eternal king;  
Victor in the fight for heaven  
We thy loving praises sing. *R*.

3. Help us when temptation presses  
We have still our crown to win,  
Help us when our soul is weary  
Fighting with the powers of sin. *R*.

2. Praise him who in deadly battle  
Never shrank from foeman's sword  
Proof against all earthly weapons  
Gave his life for Christ the Lord. *R*.

4. Clothe us in thy shining armour,  
Place thy good sword in our hand;  
Teach us how to wield it, fighting  
Onward towards the heavenly land. *R*.

*R*.: Great Saint George, our patron, help us; in the conflict be thou nigh;  
Help us in that daily battle, where each one must win or die.

THE POST-COMMUNION HYMN

In our day of thanksgiving

St. Catherine's Court

1 In our day of thanks-giv - ing one psalm let us of - fer  
 2 In the morn - ing of life, and at noon, and at eve - ning,  
 3 These stones that have ech - oed their prais - es are ho - ly,  
 4 Sing praise, then, and thanks that God's love here has found them

for the saints who be - fore us re - ceived the re - ward;  
 they were gath - ered to heav'n from our wor - ship be - low;  
 and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;  
 whose jour - ney is end - ed, whose per - ils are past;

when the shad - ow of death fell up - on them, we sor - rowed,  
 but not till God's love, at the font and the al - tar,  
 yet here they con - fessed they were strang - ers and pil - grims,  
 they be - lieved in the light; and its glo - ry is round them,

but now we re - jice that they rest in the Lord.  
 had clothed them with grace for the way they should go.  
 and still they were seek - ing the cit - y of God.  
 where the clouds of earth's sor - row are lift - ed at last.

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 POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Praise we now, St. George our patron

Westminster Abbey

1. Praise we now Saint George our Patron,  
Athlete in the heavenly race;  
Victor in the royal contest,  
He beholds his Master's face,  
Palm and laurel crown receiving  
In his own appointed place.

2. Long the conflict, fierce the torment,  
For his Lord he gained renown,  
Till the tyrant's last devices  
Mightier grace were forced to own,  
Till at last the ancient dragon  
Sees his power overthrown.

3. Trophy-bearer, now he beareth  
Trophies to his Captain's feet;  
Soldier-Martyr, now he leadeth

Heav'nly legions, as is meet,  
And for us, still fighting, pleadeth  
At Christ's holy mercy-seat.

4. Pray for us, Saint George our Patron,  
For this parish intercede,  
Till from error purged, forgiven,  
One in truth we chant our creed,  
Till the Sacrifice she offers,  
Catholic in word and deed.

5. Now to God the Father glory;  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Who, triumphant in the contest,  
In his Saint hath victory won;  
To the Holy Spirit glory,  
While eternal ages run.

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **PROCESSION THROUGH THE STOCKADE**

*The Procession will move through the streets of the Stockade and conclude at the entrance to the Church.*

*Following the Procession, we gather at the West Door of the church for the Blessing and Dismissal.*

#### **THE BLESSING**

**G**od the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.

**M**ay Our Lady, St. George, and all the saints pray for you,

**M**ay God's holy angels watch around you, and keep you in peace, this holy day, and always. Amen.

**A**nd the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

#### **THE DISMISSAL**

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

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

***Please proceed to the Great Hall through the patio doors.***

***A brunch follows in the Great Hall.***

***Everyone is cordially invited.***



Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Deacon of the Mass:	The Reverend Abigail Bee
Subdeacon of the Mass:	Mr. David Kennison
Preacher:	The Reverend Canon John Perris
Master of Ceremonies:	Dr. Kevin Decker
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Dr. Louisa Carr
Thurifers:	Mr. Christopher Henry, Mr. Paul Smigelski
Boat:	Master James Smigelski, Master Aiden Bassant
Crucifer:	Mr. Daniel Miess, Mr. JJ Moran
Banner Bearers:	Mr. Jon Pearson, Dr. Brian Taylor, Mr. Bob Lemmerman, Mr. Rich Unger
Icon Bearer:	Miss Chelsea Bassant
Acolytes:	Mr. Eric Bassant
Torch Bearers:	Mr. Ryan Smigelski, Mr. Matthew Smigelski, Mrs. Anne Kennison, Miss Arianna Bassant
Greeters:	Mrs. Meg Falco & Mrs. Meg Hughes
Lector:	Mr. Jon Ewbank
Counters:	Dr. Bill Dagget & Mr. Paul Smigelski
Altar Guild:	Mrs. Wendy Madelone & Mrs. Lea Crow
Sacristans:	Mr. David Kennison & Mrs. Anne Kennison

**Prayer List:**

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, Jo-Anne, Jeff, and Lisa.

**The Departed:** James Gartin (3), Philomena Panone (5), Johnnie Angus, Emily R. Polacheck (6), Joycelyne R. Adams, Shirley Ann Tinney (7), Helen Peterson, D. Delos Wampler, Virginia Stanton (8)

**Birthdays:** Sean Hartz (8), Alice Polumbo (9)

**Baptismal Anniversaries:** Eric Thiessen, Andrew Thiessen, Jennafer Thiessen (5), Tristan Perkins-Mesec (8)

## PARISH NOTICES

**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 Sunday Mass is at 10am. Details are on our website, [www.stgeorgesschenectady.org](http://www.stgeorgesschenectady.org).

### Parish Life and Beyond

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

**MAY CROWNING** – following Mass on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In honor and thanksgiving for the life and witness of the Blessed Virgin, we will crown an statue of her in the forecourt following Mass this day.

### 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](mailto:office@StGeorgesSchenectady.org) and we will insure that this person will be remembered in the prayers.

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

**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](http://www.albanysacredharp.org)



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