



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 in the heart of the historic Stockade District
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost — 12 August 2018
Solemn Sung Mass — Rite I, 10AM
 The Rev'd Matthew Stromberg, *Celebrant & Preacher*
 David Kennison, *Master of Ceremonies*

Setting of the Eucharist

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healy Willan 1880–1968

Voluntary

Elévation

René Vierne 1878–1918

At the Procession: Hymn

Ancient of days

Albany



1. An - cient of Days, who sit - test throned in glo - ry,
2. O Ho - ly Fa - ther, who hast led thy chil - dren,
3. O Ho - ly Je - sus, Prince of Peace and Sav - ior,
4. O Ho - ly Ghost, the Lord and the Life-giv - er,
5. O Tri - une God, with heart and voice a - dor - ing,



To thee all knees are bent, all voic - es pray; Thy love has blessed the
 In all the a - ges with the fire and cloud, Through seas dry - shod, through
 to thee we owe the peace that still pre - vails, still - ing the rude wills
 thine is the quick - 'ning pow'r that gives in - crease; from thee have flowed, as
 praise we the good - ness that doth crown our days; pray we that thou wilt



wide world's won - drous sto - ry With light and life since E - den's dawn - ing day.
 wea - ry wastes be - wil - d'ring, to thee, in rev' - rent love, our hearts are bowed.
 of our wild be - hav - ior, and calm - ing pas - sion's fierce and storm - y gales.
 from a pleas - ant riv - er, our plen - ty, wealth, pros - per - i - ty, and peace.
 hear us, still im - plor - ing thy love and fav - or, kept to us al - ways. A - men.

Words William Crosswell Doane (1832–1913)
Music *Albany*, John Albert Jeffrey (1855–1929)

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Prayer Book p. 323

Kyrie eleison

Hymnal, S 91

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S 202

The Collect of the Day

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Please be seated.

Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At the Gradual: Psalm 34:15–22

Benedicam dominum

Sung by a cantor

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
 * and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
 * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 6: 10–20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Alleluia

Please stand.



Cantor Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
 (*Psalm 96:2*)

All repeat Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

John 6:56–69

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

The Sermon

The Rector

The Nicene Creed*Said by all, standing.***Prayer Book p. 326**

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 worshipped 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*Please kneel.***Prayer Book p. 328****The Confession & Absolution***Said by all.***Prayer Book p. 330**

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.

Greeting & Announcements*Please be seated, then stand for the following hymn.***At the Offertory: Hymn 460**

Alleluia! sing to Jesus

*Hyfrydol**Sursum corda***Hymnal, S 112***Sanctus & Benedictus**Sung by all.***Hymnal, S 114****Eucharistic Prayer I****Prayer Book p. 334****The Lord's Prayer***Sung by all.***Hymnal, S 119***Pascha nostrum***Hymnal, S 152****The Peace***Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* **And with thy spirit.****Agnus Dei***Sung by all.***Hymnal, S 158****The Prayer of Humble Access***Said by all.*

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 Communion*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takest away the sins of the world.*People* **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.****At Communion: Hymn 440**

Blessed Jesus, at thy Word

*Liebster Jesu***Post-Communion Prayer****Prayer Book p. 339**

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.

Blessing & Dismissal**Prayer Book p. 339****At the Procession: Hymn 408**

Sing praise to God who reigns above

*Mit Freuden Zart***Voluntary***Toccata*

René Vierne 1878–1918

Altar servers

Steve Hartz, Alice Polumbo, JJ Moran, Anna Thiessen, Cora Wareh

Thurifer

Chris Henry

Lector

Tarik Wareh

Greeters
Offering Counters

Johnnie & Nancy Angus
Grant Jaquith & Jeff Wengrovius

Our Thanksgivings

Birthday: Kevin Grace 8/28

Our Intercessions

If there is no longer a need for a name to be present on this list, please notify parish administrator Bob McCloskey at office@stgeorgesschenectady.org

The Sick and those in need: Dorothy, Larry, Bob H., Joan P., Jill, Aileen, Craig, Shirley, Nicholas, Kate, Robert H., Martha, Loren & family, Pat, Dagmar Mary, Douglas, Alice, Patricia, George, Katherine, Michele, Polly, Christian, Francis, Daniel, Richard, Melissa, Andrea, Allen, Ed C., Bill, and Rich R, Erin

Services this week at St. George's

Morning Prayer: Tuesday–Friday 8:30 a.m., *Lady Chapel*
Evening Prayer: Tuesday–Friday 5:00 p.m., *Lady Chapel*
Low Mass (Rite II): Friday 12:15 p.m., *Lady Chapel*

Next Sunday: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Bible Study, *Shaw Lounge*
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Lady Chapel*
10:00 a.m. High Mass, ***followed by coffee hour in the Great Hall***

PARISH NOTICES

- **WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!** We are glad that you have chosen to be with us today. Please complete a visitor card and hand it to Father Matt as you leave (or drop it in the offering plates), and please consider joining us for warm and lively fellowship at our coffee reception in the Great Hall after the service.
- **CITY MISSION FOOD DONATIONS** Please remember The City Mission when grocery shopping. The City Mission uses ALL donated food in its kitchen to prepare meals for those seeking nourishment.
- **WEEKLY SHAPENOTE SINGING** Every Wednesday, 6–8 p.m. in the Great Hall. All are welcome to drop in and sing hymns from the Sacred Harp tune book. More information at albanyshapedharp.org, or by speaking to Tarik Wareh.
- **MUMS SALE!** Put in your order now! \$6 each 2 for 10. You can find an order form in the back of the church or email jpearson@nycapp.rr.com (518-399-9002)
- **BIBLE STUDY** meets each Sunday at 9am in the Shaw Lounge. We are currently reading 1 Timothy.
- The **ANNUAL STOCKADE ART SHOW** is coming on Sept. 8! St. George's Café will be open and hundreds of people will visit our beautiful church. We need your help. First, we rely on donations to cover the cost of the food we sell. (Our chowder/chili benefactor has relocated to Miami.) Please consider making a special donation to help defray our expenses. Also, we need people outside and inside! If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. This is a day of smiles as everyone who comes by loves the Art Show and St. George's. Questions? Joan Pearson jpearson@nycapp.rr.com or Audrey Pagan cielopagan@gmail.com.
- **ALL ON THE SAME PAGE** New meeting date! St. George's book club members are reading *Varina* by Charles Frazier. All are welcome to attend the discussion of the book in the Shaw Lounge following the 10 a.m. Mass on **September 23**. Please see Meg Hughes if you have questions.

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