



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

First Sunday of Advent — 2 December 2018

Holy Eucharist — Rite I, 10 A.M.

The Rev'd Canon Matthew Stromberg, *Celebrant & Preacher*

David Kennison, *Master of Ceremonies*

Setting of the Eucharist

Communion Service in G Minor

Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

Voluntary

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr(Alone to God in the Highest be glory)

J Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The Great Litany

Insert

Introit

Unto thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God in thee have I trusted; let me not be confounded; neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed. Show me thy ways, O Lord; and teach me thy paths.

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Prayer Book p. 323

Kyrie eleison

Sung by all, standing.

Insert

Gloria in excelsis

Insert

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Please be seated.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At the Gradual: Psalm 25:1-9

Please repeat the refrain at the start and where indicated by R.

Ad te, Domine, levavi

Refrain

Mode 2

My God, I put my trust in you.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,=nor let my enemies
triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their
schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you
have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
*for they are from everlasting.

- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness
*to those who keep his covenant and his
testimonies.

The Second Lesson*Please be seated***1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Please stand.

Cantor Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.
All repeat Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel*Please stand.*

Luke 21:25-36

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.** (*Please exchange a sign of peace with those near you.*)

Greeting & Announcements

At the Offertory: Hymn 59 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding Merton
Sursum corda Hymnal, S 112
Sanctus & Benedictus Sung by all. Insert
Eucharistic Prayer II Prayer Book p. 340
The Lord's Prayer Sung by all. Hymnal, S 119
Pascha nostrum Hymnal, S 152
Agnus Dei Sung by all. Insert
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.**

Communion Verse Sung by the choir.

Unto thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God in thee have I trusted; let me not be confounded; neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look to thee shall not be made ashamed.

Anthem Come I pray Thee W.H. Anderson (1882-1955)
Hymn 301 Bread of the world Rendez a Dieu

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

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At the Procession: Hymn 57 Lo! He comes with clouds descending Helmsley
Voluntary *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Altar servers Steve Hartz, Alice Polumbo, JJ Moran, Anna Thiessen, Cora Wareh
Thurifer Chris Henry
Lector David Kennison
Greeters Rosemary Pannone & Lynn Paska
Offering Counters Grant Jaquith & Rich Unger

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, Jill, Aileen, Craig, Shirley, Nicholas, Robert H., Loren & family, Pat, Dagmar Mary, Douglas, Alice, Patricia, George, Katherine, Michele, Polly, Christian, Francis, Daniel, Richard, Andrea, Allen, Ed C., Bill, Rich R., Erin and Jane.

Those who have died: Joan Bessarab

Birthdays: Beverly Noxon 12/8, Barb Wengrovius 12/8

Services this week at St. George's

Morning Prayer: Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m., *Lady Chapel* 9:00 a.m. Bible Study, *Shaw Lounge*
Evening Prayer: Tuesday-Friday 5:00 p.m., *Lady Chapel* 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Lady Chapel* 10:00 a.m. High Mass, **followed by coffee hour in the Great Hall**
Holy Eucharist Rite II: Friday 12:15 p.m., *Lady Chapel*

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday of Advent

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. Sunday school and nursery care are provided upstairs in our Great Hall.

Please join us in the Great Hall after the 10 am mass this week (12/2) to make an **ADVENT CENTERPIECE** for your home. Lighting the candles and offering prayers each week is a great devotion for families, couples, or individuals. Let us prepare our hearts for the coming King of Kings! You are also invited to join us this evening at 5:30 p.m. for the **STOCKADE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**. A reception will follow in the Great Hall.

CAROL SING AT KINGSWAY COMMUNITY St. George's has been invited to lead a holiday themed hymn sing at Kingsway Community, 323 Kings Road, Schenectady, NY, on Saturday December 15th at 2 p.m. All are invited for some fellowship, singing, and holiday spirit.

BIBLE STUDY Sunday at 9AM in the Shaw Lounge. We are currently reading the Book of Ruth.

The next gathering of the **BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM** will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday **December 8 (DATE CHANGE)**. A breakfast will be provided. We will be discussing the book, *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer* by former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. It can be purchased on Amazon in Kindle, audio, hardback, and paperback and should be available from other sellers as well.

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS FILMS During the month of December, St George's will be showing classic Christmas films in the Great Hall Sunday nights at 7 p.m. 12/2 Bells of St Mary starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman, 12/9 Shop Around the Corner starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan, and 12/16 Christmas in Connecticut starring Barbara Stanwyck, Dennis Morgan, and Sydney Greenstreet.

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE Our latest book club selection is *Educated*, by Tara Westover. This memoir by the daughter of Mormon survivalist parents in Idaho comes highly recommended by Pauline Holmes. The club is planning to gather on January 13 after Mass in the Great Hall.

CITY MISSION FALL COAT COLLECTION The fall coat collection for donation to the city Mission has concluded. Thank you to everyone who hung a coat on the Great Hall foyer rack to help those who struggle to keep warm in cold weather. A total of 11 coats were delivered to a grateful City Mission.

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 tunebook. More information is available at albanysacredharp.org, or by speaking to Tarik Wareh.

STEWARDSHIP 2019 If you have not yet made a pledge it is not too late, and we encourage you to do so. Your generosity makes a tremendous difference. Everything that happens at St. George's depends on the giving of members of this congregation. Please consider what you can contribute for the coming year and put it in writing as a pledge to the Lord and to your parish family.

CHRISTMAS SPLENDOR Please consider a donation for the purchasing of poinsettias for the high altar, greens, and trees for this year's Christmas season. Memorial donations are needed now and will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Please be sure to email office@stgeorgesschenectady.org with the names of the individuals you would like included.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE Our Christmas Eve Family Pageant and Eucharist will be held at 3 p.m. 12/24. That is an earlier time than last year. Our Solemn High Mass will happen at 10 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Great Hall for the festive reception following that service. Please sign up to bring sweets & savories.

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