



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

Fourth Sunday of Advent — 23 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 *Joan Pearson organist*

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Alfred V. Fedak

At the Procession: Hymn 56

O come O come Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Introit

Drop down ye heavens from above; and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open and bring forth a Savior. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Prayer Book p. 323

Summary of the Law

Prayer Book p. 324

Kyrie eleison

Sung by all, standing.

Insert

The Collect of the Day

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son Jesus Christ cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Please be seated.

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

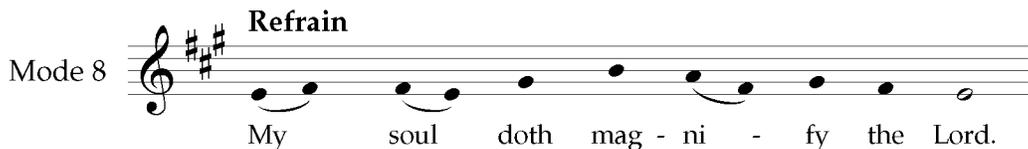
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: The Song of Mary

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

Magnificat



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

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden. R̄.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name. R̄.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek. R̄.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed forever. R̄.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Please be seated

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

Please stand.



Cantor Come O Lord and tarry not; forgive the misdeeds of thy people
All repeat Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Please stand.

Luke 1:39-55

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.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

The Sermon

The Rector

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing.

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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.

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The Confession & Absolution

Said by all.

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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 265

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

Gabriel's Message

Sursum corda

Hymnal, S 112

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sung by all.

Insert

Eucharistic Prayer II

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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.

. Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son; and his Name shall be called Emmanuel.

Anthem

Ave verum corpus (Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91)

Hymn 81

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

Es ist ein Ros

Post-Communion Prayer

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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: 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

Voluntary *Noel Suisse*

Grand jeu et Duo

Louis Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

Altar servers

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

Thurifer

Chris Henry

Lector

Joan Pearson

Greeters

Jim Wingate & Ann Duff

Offering Counters

Grant Jaquith & Sue Hartz

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.

Birthdays: Stephen Hartz 12/23, Isabelle Jaquith 12/27

Services this week at St. George's

December 30th Lessons and Carols -Coffee Hour following Lessons and Carols in the Great Hall

Next Sunday: The First Sunday after Christmas

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 plate), 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.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH Please join us after the Mass to decorate the Church for Christmas.

BIBLE STUDY Join us as we study the scripture of Handel's Messiah.

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.

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. You are invited to bring sweets & savories.

CHRISTMAS EVE "Sweets and Savories" Join fellow Georgians in the great hall after the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass to share fellowship and the joy of the season. Coffee, tea and punch will be provided. Contributions of sweets or savories would be a welcome addition. Food items should be plated and ready to serve (NO ONE WILL BE WORKING IN THE KITCHEN). A sign-up sheet is available in the great hall. Please indicate what you will be bringing. Thank you for your generosity.

The next gathering of the **BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM** will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday **February 2nd**. A breakfast will be provided and we will be discussing the book, *On the Incarnation* by Saint Athanasius. The version we recommend is from the "Popular Patristics" series with an introduction by C.S. Lewis. This is a classic of Christian theology written in the fourth century. It outlines the theological vision defended by the Nicene Creed. It is a brief but challenging book.

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