



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

**St. John's Day— 27 December 2020**

**High Mass — Rite I, 11AM**

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

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**INTROIT**

*Chanted by the cantor.*

In the midst of the congregation he opened his mouth; and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding. In a robe of glory he arrayed him. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name O Most Highest.

*Celebrant* + Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

**KYRIE ELEISON** Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena Healey Willan (1880-1968)  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA** Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena Healey Willan (1880-1968)

**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 COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

Shed upon thy Church, we beseech thee, O Lord, the brightness of thy light; that we, being illumined by the teaching of thine apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING**

EXODUS 33:18-23

Moses said to God, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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

**THE GRADUAL**

Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die. Yet Jesus said, "Not unto him, he shall not die. But, if I will that he tarry till I come: follow thou me."

**THE EPISTLE READING**

1 JOHN 1:1-9

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

*Please Stand for the Gospel*



**CANTOR**            This is the disciple which testifieth of these things. And we know that his testimony is true.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

JOHN 21:19B-24

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

Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true.

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

**THE SERMON**

*Please be seated.*

**THE RECTOR**

**THE NICENE CREED***Please 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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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.

**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**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****OFFERTORY SENTENCE***Chanted by the cantor*

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree: and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.



**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.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER***Please 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, our selves, 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



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.

Music: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944)

## FRACTION

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

## AGNUS DEI

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

**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.**

## 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.

*Celebrant*

Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof but speak the word only and I shall be healed.**

## ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians may receive, regardless of age or denomination. Due to Social distancing, Communion will be distributed in one kind. An usher will direct your pew to come forward and receive standing, in the hand, at the altar rail. Thank you for your cooperation.*

## COMMUNION SENTENCE

*Chanted by the cantor.*

Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die. Yet Jesus said, "Not unto him, he shall not die. But, if I will that he tarry till I come

**1** Of the Father's love begotten,  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!

**2** O that birth forever blessed,  
when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Savior of our race;  
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore!

**3** Let the heights of heaven adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
powers, dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!

**4** Christ, to thee with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,  
and unwearied praises be;  
honor, glory and dominion,  
and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore!

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER***Said by all kneeling*

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**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.** And the blessing of God Almighty, the +Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

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*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

David Kennison: Master of Ceremonies, Thurifer  
Cantor: Jon Ewbank  
Greeter: Debbie Lambeth  
Altar Guild: Bard Wengrovius  
Lector: David Kennison  
Counters: Jeff Wengrovius & Rich Unger

At the end of the month we will start over with this prayer list, if you would like a name included contact [office@stgeorgesschenectady.org](mailto:office@stgeorgesschenectady.org)

The Sick and those in need: Larry P., Ed C., Maidie, Nellie, Peggy, Daria, Margaret, Peter, Theresa, Gail, Robert T., Richard, Jessica, Christian, Jesse, Leo, James, and Toni.

Birthdays: Isabelle Jaquith 12/27, Ralph Polumbo 12/31, Pattie Wareh 12/31

Anniversaries: Grant & Rosemarie Jaquith 12/30, Sean Albert & Cathy Gruyters 12/31

Morning Prayer: Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Evening Prayer: Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 p.m.

Compline: Saturday 8:30 p.m.

### PARISH NOTICES

**Feast of the Holy Name:** January 1, New Year's Day at 10 am.

**All on the Same Page** St. George's book club invites all in the parish to read the mystery novel *In The Bleak Midwinter* during the holiday season. The main character is Clare Fergusson, an ex-military helicopter pilot turned Episcopal priest, and the setting is the fictional upstate New York town of Millers Kill. It's the first in a series of nine mysteries by Julia Spencer-Fleming, so if you enjoy this book, you'll have fireside reading lined up for the rest of the winter! Zoom meeting Sunday January 3, after Church 12 pm.

**Zoom Coffee Hour** This is a new link that will be reoccurring every week through 12/27. You can simply click on the link sent around in the update (it will always be the same) or go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89554179853?pwd=Y3NEWURGeGVGNzA4OnlIRkQMy9aUT09>

Passcode: 557641

