

# ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

30 North Ferry Street

Schenectady, NY 12305



## Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018 10:00 am



# The Sunday of the Resurrection

## Easter Day

April 1, 2018

### PRELUDE

*Played by Signature Brass*

*Air on the G String*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*12 Marches héroïques 'Heldenmusik', BWV 50*

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681–1767)

### PROCESSION

*Please stand.*

**HYMN 207**

Jesus Christ is Risen today

*Easter Hymn*

### INTROIT

*I am risen and am still with thee, alleluia; thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia. Thy knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, alleluia, alleluia. O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me: Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine uprising. Glory be.*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Sung by the choir*

*Communion Service in F*  
Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.

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.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

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.

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 THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(chanted by the Celebrant)*

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

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end.

*People*                **Amen.**

## THE LESSON

*Please be seated.*

*Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

*Sung by the choir.*

George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

*1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;\**  
*His mercy endures for ever.*

*2. Let Israel now proclaim, \**  
*"His mercy endures for ever.*

*14. The Lord is my strength and my song, \**  
*And he has become my salvation.*

*15. There is a sound of exultation and victory\**  
*In the tents of the righteous.*

*16. "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!\**  
*The right hand of the Lord is exalted!*  
*The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"*

*17. I shall not die but live, \**  
*And declare the works of the Lord.*

*18. The Lord has punished me sorely, \**  
*But he did not hand me over to death.*

*19. Open for me the gates of righteousness;\**  
*I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.*

*20. This is the gate of the Lord;\**  
*He who is righteous may enter."*

*21. I will give thanks to you, for you answered me\**  
*And have become my salvation.*

*22. The same stone which the builders rejected\**  
*Has become the chief cornerstone.*

*23. This is the Lord's doing, \**  
*And it is marvelous in our eyes.*

*24. On this day the Lord has acted;\**  
*We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

## THE EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

## AT THE SEQUENCE,

HYMN 208

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

*Victory*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Please stand.*

*John 20:1-18*

*Celebrant  
People*

+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Celebrant  
People*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 328

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Please kneel.*

**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.**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

### AT THE OFFERTORY,

*Sung by the choir*

**Sentence** *The earth trembled and was still when God arose to judgment, Alleluia*

#### **Anthem**

Ernest Bullock (1890–1979)

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

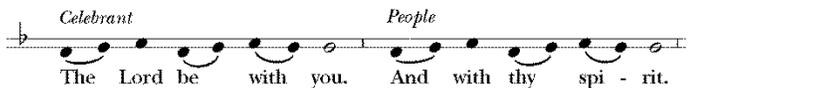
*The Lord of life is ris'n today;  
death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let ev'ry tongue rejoice and say:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

*We praise in songs of victory  
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

—Cyril A. Alington (1872–1955)

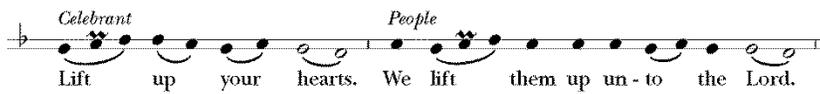
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*                      *People*



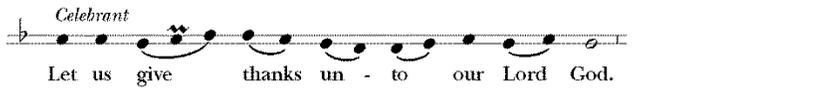
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant*                      *People*



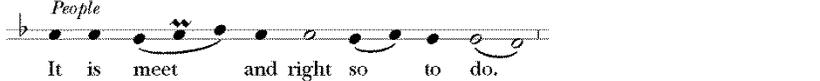
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*



Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*



It is meet and right so to do.

## SANCTUS

*Communion Service in F*

Darke

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

*Please kneel.*

BCP 334

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....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.

*Celebrant*                      *People*



A-men.

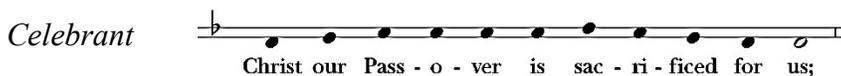
*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, S 119

## THE FRACTION

*Celebrant*



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People*



There-fore let us keep the feast.

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

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

## AGNUS DEI

*Communion Service in F*

Darke

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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 HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who taketh away the sins of the world.

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

*All Baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive at the altar rail.*

## AT THE COMMUNION,

### Sentence

*Sung by the Choir*

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia. Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

### Anthem

Healy Willan (1880–1968)

*Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.  
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear upon the earth.  
The time of singing of birds is come.  
Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.  
—Song of Songs 2: 10-13*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please kneel.*

Almighty and ever-living 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. *Ame*

## THE SOLEMN BLESSING

*May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen.*

*May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.*

*May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.*

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

## HYMN 180

He is Risen!

*Unser Herrscher*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

## VOLUNTARY

*Played by Signature Brass*

*Music for the Royal Fireworks, HWV 351  
IV. La Réjouissance*

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)



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**TODAY'S CELEBRANT & SERVERS**

*Celebrant: The Rev. Matthew R. Stromberg*  
*Organist & Director of Music: Brandon Dumas*  
*Crucifer: Anna Thiessen*  
*Thurifer: Christopher Henry*  
*M.C.: David Kennison*  
*Lector: Jonathan Pearson*  
*Greeters: Jon Pearson & Barb Wengrovius*  
*Counters: Jon Pearson & Bob Paska*  
*Acolytes: Steve Hartz & Alice Polumbo*

**SIGNATURE BRASS**

*Steve Weisse – Trumpet*  
*Patrick Lorini – Trumpet*  
*Susan Wheeler – French Horn*  
*Shaun Bazylewicz - Trombone*  
*Jeremy Pierson - Tuba*

**PARISH STAFF**

*Jeremy & Sondra Kravitz – Sexton*  
*Jonathan Pearson – Parish Treasurer*  
*Kristine Kessler – Parish Financial Secretary*  
*Robert E. McCloskey – Administrator*

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MUG SALE** Please consider purchasing a Saint George's mug for yourself and another for a visitor at \$10 apiece. The idea is to raise money for our parish and supply parishioners with a nice souvenir, but also to have a collection of mugs available at the back of the church to give to first time visitors. Each mug has been printed with our Church's name and logo as well as our website link. We have about 200 mugs available at this time.

**ALL ON THE SAME PAGE** Fellow readers, Due to various conflicts, we will be holding the discussion of "Behold the Dreamers" at **9 a.m. Sunday, April 15**, BEFORE the 10 a.m. service. I hope this will work out for those of you who had planned on attending. Please let me know if it is a problem for you.

**CITY MISSION** Please remember to donate when doing your grocery shopping. This food goes toward providing regular meals for the poor. During Lent St George's will be devoting special attention to this mission. You are encouraged to commit to placing forty items in the City Mission food pantry during Lent - one for each day! (**fresh vegetables, oil, butter, sugar, flour & even cereal**)

**WEEKLY SHAPENOTE SINGING** Every Wednesday, 6-8pm, in the Great Hall. All are welcome to drop in and sing hymns from the Sacred Harp tunebook. More information at [albanysacredharp.org](http://albanysacredharp.org)

**St. GEORGE DAY DONATIONS**-Collections have started for St. George's Day.

**St. GEORGE'S DAY LUNCHEON** - Sunday, April 29. It is almost time for our annual patronal festival and luncheon. Coffee and tea will be provided. We need other beverages, savories, salads (toss, chicken, tuna etc), veggies, fruit, rolls, and desserts. Please sign up with what you can contribute - a sheet is available at the back of the church. All items need to be plated and ready to serve (no one will be manning the ovens).

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S**

**Sunday, April 1** *EASTER*

9:00 Bible Study

9:30 AM Prayer

10:00 AM Mass, Rite I

**Monday, April 2** *Monday in EASTER Week*

**Tuesday, April 3** *Tuesday in EASTER Week*

**Wednesday, April 4** *Wednesday in EASTER Week*

**Thursday, April 5** *Thursday in EASTER Week*

**Friday, April 6** *Friday in EASTER Week*

**Saturday, April 7** *Saturday in EASTER Week*

**Parish Intercessions**-Dorothy, Larry, Bob H., Joan P., Jill, Aileen, Craig, Shirley, Nicholas, Kate, Robert H., Martha, Loren & family, Pat, Dagmar Mary, Pat R., Douglas, Alice, Patricia, George, Katherine, Michele, Ken, Polly, Christian, Francis, Richard, Sam, Andrea, Donna, Bruce



