

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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Procession: 278 Sing we of the Blessed Mother Russtington

Voluntary "Praeludium in d" Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Altar servers: Steve Hartz, Alice Polumbo, JJ Moran, Anna Thiessen, Cora Wareh

Thurifer: Chris Henry

Lector: Rembert Hebert

Greeters: Judy DeLong & Anne Kennison

Offering Counters: Chris Henry & Paul Smigelski

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: Richard Forshaw 2/4, Isaac Furnish 2/4

Services this week at St. George's

Morning Prayer: Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m., Lady Chapel

Evening Prayer: Tuesday-Wednesday, Friday 5:00 p.m., Lady Chapel

Thursday: Evening Prayer at Union College, Interfaith room 6

Holy Eucharist Rite II: Friday 12:15 p.m., Lady Chapel

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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 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.

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

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE The club's next selection is *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver, to be discussed on March 10. It's a novel that contrasts many of today's issues with those of an equally turbulent time in America's history, the 1870s. Please contact Meg Hughes at (518) 694-1550 regarding any questions or reading recommendations.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY March 6th, Mass at 7 p.m.

LENTEN SERIES "The Seven Last Words of Christ"

Sunday nights 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper in the Great Hall, followed by talk/meditation about 7:10 p.m. in the Lady Chapel, and concluding with Stations of the Cross.

3/3- Luke 23:34: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Father Brad Jones, rector of Christ Church Schenectady)

3/10- Luke 23:43: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Father John Scott, retired priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, and former rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Burnt Hills)

3/17-John 19:26-27: "Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother." (Mother Judith Malioneck, curate at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany)

3/24- Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34: "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Father Scott Garno, rector of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church Delmar)

3/31- John 19:28: "I thirst." (Amy Lewis, deaconate candidate in Episcopal Diocese of Albany, member of Oaks of Righteousness in Troy)

4/7- John 19:30: "It is finished." (Rev. Peter J. B. Carman, pastor of Emmanuel-Friedens Church Schenectady)

4/14- Luke 23:46: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." (Rev. Heather Kirk Davidoff, Interim Campus Protestant Minister at Union College)

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St. George's Episcopal Church

in the heart of the historic Stockade District



Candlemas, 3 February 2019

Holy Eucharist Rite I,

The Rev'd Canon Matthew Stromberg, Celebrant & Preacher

David Kennison, Master of Ceremonies

Mass Setting: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena Healy Willan 1880-1968

Voluntary "Fuga in d" Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Procession: 257 O Zion open wide thy gates Edmonton

Introit

We have waited O God for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple; according to thy Name O God; so is thy praise unto the world's end; thy right hand is full of righteousness. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; in the city of our God; even upon his holy hill.

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity Prayer Book p. 323

Summary of the Law Prayer Book p. 324

Kyrie eleison Hymnal, S 91

Gloria in excelsis Hymnal, S 202

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson Please be seated Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Gradual: S-196 The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimitis*

Sung by the choir with the congregation joining on the antiphon, after the cantor sings it through once at the beginning.

Antiphon: mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson Please be seated Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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



Cantor : The old man carried the Child; but the Child govern'd the old man.

All repeat: Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel Please stand. Luke 2:22-40

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.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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 hereaf-

ter 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.)

Blessing of Candles

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And with thy Spirit

Celebrant addresses the congregation with these words:

Forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall the holy day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses and at the same time going to meet his faithful people.

Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the Spirit, may we now in the house of God welcome Christ the Lord. Here we shall recognize him in the breaking of bread until he comes again in glory.

Let us pray.

God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to Simeon and Anna your Light of revelation to the nations. Bless + these candles and make them holy. May we, illumined by their light, walk in the path of goodness and come to that Light that shines forever. Grant this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The candles are then aspersed and censed

Greeting & Announcements

Hymn: 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates Truro

Sursum corda Hymnal, S 112

Sanctus & Benedictus Sung by all. Hymnal, S 114

Eucharistic Prayer II Prayer Book p. 340

The Lord's Prayer Sung by all. Hymnal, S 119

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.

Communion Verse Sung by the choir.

It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's anointed.

Hymn 324 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Picardy