



# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

**The Feast of the Epiphany— 6 January 2019**

**Holy Eucharist — Rite I, 10 A.M.**

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

David Kennison, *Master of Ceremonies*

Setting of the Eucharist

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healy Willan 1880–1968

**Voluntary**

*Dulci Jublio*

*Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau*

**At the Procession: Hymn 128**

We Three Kings

*Three Kings of Orient*

## Introit

Behold he appeareth; the Lord and Ruler; and in his hand the kingdom and power and dominion. Give the King thy judgments, O God; and thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

**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

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same 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.*

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*Lector*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

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

*Deus, iudicium*

**Refrain**

All na - tions shall be - hold the won - ders God has done.

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the  
people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness. R.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the  
oppressor.

- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
\*from one generation to another. R.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown  
field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the  
moon shall be no more. R.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay  
tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service. *R.*  
12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in  
distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and  
violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight. *R.*

### The Second Lesson

*Please be seated*

*Ephesians 3:1-12*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

*Please stand.*



*Cantor* We have seen his star in the East; and are come with offerings to worship the Lord.  
*All repeat Alleluia.*

### The Holy Gospel

*Please stand.*

*Matthew 2:1-12*

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*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****Epiphany Proclamation****Insert****At the Offertory: 117:**

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

*Morning Star**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****Pascha nostrum****Hymnal, S 152****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.*

Say to them that are of a fearful heart; be strong, fear not; behold your God will come and save you.

**Hymn 110**

The snow lay on the ground

*Venite adoremus***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 of Chalk****Insert****Blessing & Dismissal****Prayer Book p. 339****At the Procession: 119:**

As with gladness men of old

Dix

Altar servers	Steve Hartz, Alice Polumbo, JJ Moran, Anna Thiessen, Cora Wareh
Thurifer	Chris Henry
Lector	Jon Pearson
Greeters	Jon Pearson & Barb Wengrovius
Offering Counters	Rich Unger & Chris Henry

**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](mailto: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: Jim Wingate 1/5, Dr. Charles Stamm 1/9, Jonah Thiessen 1/11

Anniversaries: Grant and Rosemarie Jaquith 12/30

**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

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

Mass, followed by coffee hour in the Great Hall

**Next Sunday:** First Sunday after Epiphany

**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** 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](http://albanysacredharp.org), or by speaking to Tarik Wareh.

The next gathering of the **BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM** will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday **February 2**. 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.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** Thursday January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Van Dyck Restaurant at 7:00 PM.

**VESTRY NOMINATIONS** There is one open nomination for Junior Warden. Traditionally a Church Warden is nominated from the ranks of the Vestry. There are two open nominations for Vestry members (providing one Vestry Member is nominated to serve as Senior Warden. See the posting in the back of the Church.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The anticipated date for the annual meeting of St. George's Episcopal Church is January 27th, 2019. More details will be fourth coming.

**ANNUAL MEETING RAFFLE** The Annual Meeting raffle is back once again!! Tickets go on sale after worship Sunday, January 20th one week before the January 27th annual meeting. Once again you'll be able to win a fabulous prize and support St George's by purchasing tickets at 3 for \$5, 10 for \$10, and 25 for \$20.

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