

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.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish; but have everlasting life.

**Anthem** *Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake* John Hilton (ca. 1599 -1657)

**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** Prayer Book p. 339

**Procession:** 598 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth Mit Freuden zart

**Voluntary** *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, from Organ Sonata No. 4 in C minor (Opus 153) Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

**David Kennison, Master of Ceremonies**

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

**Thurifer:** Chris Henry

**Lector:** Gregory P. Thomas

**Greeters:** Ann Dillenbeck & Meg Hughes

**Offering Counters:** Bob Paska & Meg Hughes

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., and Erin.

Birthdays: Ann Duff 3/23, Gerri Moore 3/24

Services this week at St. George's

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

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

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

Next Sunday: Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel 10:00 a.m. High Mass, followed by coffee hour in the Great Hall

11:45 Bible Study in the Shaw Lounge

## 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.

**CONFESSION?SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** Tuesday 4-5pm or by appointment with Fr. Matt. (rector@stgeorgesschenectady.org)

**BIBLE STUDY** Join us next Sunday as we continue to study the Book of Exodus

**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.

**THEOLOGY BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM** The next gathering will be on Saturday March 30 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall. We will be discussing *The Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Harrison Warren. You can find the book on Amazon or through most other book sellers.

**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. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church by date.

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

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** 3/28 7 p.m. "What should Christians believe about the devil? Is the devil real?"

**ALL ON THE SAME PAGE** St. George's book club is now reading *Dispatches from Pluto: Lost and Found in the Mississippi Delta* by Richard Grant. It's a funny and insightful look at life in a rural Southern community. Discussion will take place May 19 in the Great Hall following Mass. Please see Meg Hughes if you have questions.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2/14-23 2020** Saint George's Church is organizing an exciting opportunity to explore the roots of your faith with a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Visit our website for details. [www.mejditours.com/open-tour/stgpilgrimage/](http://www.mejditours.com/open-tour/stgpilgrimage/)

**EASTER FLOWERS & St. GEORGE DAY DONATIONS-** Collections have started for Easter flowers and for St. George's Day. Please send donations and memorial information to the office either by email or hard copy.

**THANK YOU** to all who have been providing breakfast treats for coffee hour after Mass. Spring is (almost) upon us and a new sign up sheet for March, April and May is available in the great hall. Separate sheets will be provided for Easter and St. George's Day. Thank you again for everyone's help.

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# St. George's Episcopal Church

in the heart of the historic Stockade District



## Second Sunday in Lent, 17 March 2019

### Holy Eucharist — Rite I

The Rev'd Canon Matthew Stromberg Celebrant & Preacher

Dr Brian J. Taylor AAGO, Director of Music Ministry

**Mass Setting:** *Verbum caro factum est* Hans Leo Hassler 1564-1612

Arr. James McGregor b.1930

**Voluntary** *Short Prelude no. 1* Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

**Procession** The God of Abraham praise *Leoni*

### Introit

Call to remembrance thy tender compassion and mercy O Lord; and thy lovingkindness towards us; which have been ever of old; neither suffer our enemies to triumph against us; deliver us O God of Israel; out of all our misery and trouble. Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; my God; in thee have I trusted; let me not be confounded.

**The Decalogue** Prayer Book p. 317

**Penitential Order** Prayer Book p. 319

**Kyrie eleison** Hymnal, S 89

### The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The First Lesson** Please be seated Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

**Gradual:** Psalm 27 Dominus illuminatio

Mode 2 **Refrain**

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.  
from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

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

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell. R̄.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him. R̄.

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple. R̄.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me. R̄.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me. R̄.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure. R̄.

13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the Lord will sustain me. R̄.

15 Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice. R̄.

17 What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord. R̄.

**The Second Lesson** Please be seated Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

**Tract :** *Sung by choir*

Thy love O Lord reaches to the heavens, and thy faithfulness to the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the strong mountains; thy justice is like the great deep; thou savest both man and beast O Lord. How priceless is thy love O God; thy people take refuge under the shadow of thy wings; They feast upon the abundance of thy house; thou givest them drink from the river of thy delights. For with thee is the well of life; and in thy light we see light.

**The Holy Gospel** Please stand. Luke 13:31-35

**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.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and

stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

**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.

**Prayers of the People** Please kneel. Prayer Book p. 328

**The Peace**

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

**People** And with thy spirit.

**Greeting & Announcements**

**Hymn 147** Now let us all with one accord Bourbon

**Sursum corda** Hymnal, S 112

**Sanctus & Benedictus** Sung by all. Hymnal, S 117

**Eucharistic Prayer I** Prayer Book p. 333

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

**Agnus Dei** Anglican Folk Mass Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
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O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
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O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

**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