

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH SCHENECTADY, NY EST. 1735



March 4, 2018 Third Sunday in Lent
A Service of Confirmation

PRELUDE:

HYMN 370 "I bind unto myself today"

St. Patrick's Breastplate

INTROIT: *The Lord give thee wisdom and understanding; that thou may'st keep the law of thy God; be strong and of good courage; dread not nor be dismay'd. Blessed are those that are undefil'd in the way; and walk in the law of the Lord. Glory be...*

OPENING SENTENCE:

Bishop: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

People: His mercy endureth for ever

The Bishop then continues:

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY:

kneel

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the

Sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,

more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleansing me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 488 “Be Thou My Vision”

Slane

TRACT: *Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore, he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right, and teaches his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness, to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

stand

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under

construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Celebrant: *The Gospel of the Lord*

People: **Praise to thee, O Christ**

THE SERMON

Bishop William Love

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop *The candidates for confirmation and reception will now be presented.*

Presenters I present (Tarik Wareh, Steve Hartz, Paul Smilgelski) for confirmation/ reception

Bishop *Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?*

Candidates I do

Bishop *Do you renew your Commitment to Jesus Christ?*

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop *Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?*

People **We will**

Bishop (Paul)., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT:

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**
Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all
 people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant (Steve, Tarik, Paul) with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. Amen.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: *The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart. Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb; moreover by them is thy servant taught.*

OFFERTORY HYMN 569 “God the Omnipotent!” Russia

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *stand*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings:

Celebrant *The Lord be with you.*

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant *Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: *It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS S-114

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I: (BCP 340)

AGNUS DEI S-164

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.

Celebrant: *Behold the lamb of God who takes 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 I shall be healed.**

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION:

(All baptized Christians may receive, regardless of age or denomination.)

COMMUNION SENTENCE: *The sparrow hath found her a house; and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; even thine altars O Lord of hosts; my king and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be always praising thee.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM: “Thou knowest Lord” Henry Purcell (1650-1695)

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

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.

FINAL HYMN 665 “All my hope on God is founded”

Michael

POSTLUDE:

Today's Celebrant & Servers

Officiant-The Reverend Matthew R. Stromberg

Organist & Director of Music – Andrew Krystopolski

Crucifer/Acolytes-, Alice Polumbo, Steve Hartz, JJ Moran

Thurifer–Chris Henry, MC-David Kennison

Greeters: Jon Pearson & Anne Dillenbeck, Lector: Alice Polumbo

Counters: Jon Pearson & Paul Smigelski

WELCOME GUESTS-We are glad that you are with us today! Please complete a visitor card and give it to Father Matt as you leave and please consider joining us for a coffee reception in the Great Hall after the service. Please note that Sunday School is available for children ages 3-8 during Mass upstairs in the Great Hall.

WELCOME BISHOP WILLIAM LOVE William Love is the Ninth Bishop of Albany. He was born and raised in Texas. Following his graduation from Southwest Texas State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, he served as an Air Intelligence Officer in the United States Air Force. Following his discharge, he earned a Master

of Science in Education and following a call to ordained ministry, he attended Nashotah House Seminary graduating in 1991 with a Master of Divinity. He was ordained deacon June 1991 and served as the Dean's Vicar at the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, NY. He was ordained a priest in 1991, and later that year, he became Rector of St. Mary's Church, Lake Luzerne. He served as their Rector for 14 years until his election as Bishop on September 16, 2006. He became the Ninth Bishop of Albany on February 1, 2007. Bishop Love's ministry and service with the Diocese has included Dean of the Southern Adirondack Deanery; member of the Standing Committee; Diocesan Council; Healing Ministry Team at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center; Greenwich, NY; Priest Associate of the Community of St. Mary, Greenwich, NY; Happening Spiritual Director; and Clerical Deputy to General Convention. He has been on short term mission trips to Uganda, Peru, Bolivia, and until February 2011, he served on the Sharing of Ministries Abroad (SOMA) Board of Directors. Bishop Love serves as the President of Episcopal Charities of Albany and on the Nashotah Seminary Board of Trustees. Bishop Love and his wife, Karen, have been married 32 years and have two grown children, Chris (Lauren) and Catie (Doug) and have two grandsons, Peter and Caleb. (originally published on <http://www.stgeorgescp.org>)

CONGRATULATIONS to Tarik Wareh and Steve Hartz for making their confirmation today and Paul Smilgelski for being received into the Episcopal Church!

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY Welcome St. George's New Director of Music Ministry! Brandon Dumas is a gifted, accomplished, musician and choir director as well as being an all-around nice guy. He has served as our organist and choir director in several large Episcopal congregations and cathedrals around the world, but the capital district here in New York is his home. Brandon grew up worshipping and serving at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany where his parents are still active members. Brandon will begin his role as Director of Music Ministry on March 1, 2018 and take up residency in St. George's house sometime shortly after that date.

BIBLE STUDY Join us Sundays at 9am in the Shaw Lounge (Great Hall) as we study the Book of Hebrews.

THEOLOGY ON TAP Our next date for theology on tap are Mar 8th at the Van Dyck 7:30 PM. The topic will be, "Bad Habits: How we form them, how to break them." "

LENTEN SUPPER SERIES Running throughout Lent St. George's will be hosting a Lenten discussion series Sunday evenings at 6PM based on Anglican Bishop NT Wright's Surprised by Hope. In six transforming, faith-inspiring sessions, Wright, a premiere biblical scholar, opens your eyes to the amazing full scope of what God's Word has to say about the world to come and the world that is. Sessions will include a potluck supper. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church with each date listed separately.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Stations of the Cross will be offered on Fridays at 5PM during the season of Lent.

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE St. George's book club will meet on April 8th following the 10AM Mass. The title is "Behold the Dreamers"

CITY MISSION St George's maintains ongoing support through donations to the City Mission. Please remember to donate when doing your grocery shopping . This food goes toward providing regular meals for the poor. You are encouraged to commit to placing forty items in the City Mission food pantry during Lent - one for each day!

WEEKLY SHAPENOTE SINGING All are invited to sing from the Sacred Harp tunebook every Wednesday in the Great Hall, 6-8pm. More information and schedule updates at albanyshapedharp.org (Not 8:30 -- We had a bunch of schedule irregularities in February, but we're back to the predictably rhythm of every Wed. 6-8 in the Great Hall now. Thanks for bearing with us!)

EASTER FLOWERS & St. GEORGE DAY DONATIONS-Collections have started for Easter flowers and for St. George's Day.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S

Sunday, March 4 *THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT*

9:00 Bible Study

9:30 AM Prayer

10:00 AM Mass, Rite I Bishops Visit and Confirmation

11:15 Reception

6:00 PM Dinner

Monday, March 5 Lenten Feria

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8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Rite I Mass

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 7 Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Thursday, March 8 Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Friday, March 9 Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

12:15 PM Mass, Rite I

4:30 Evening Prayer

5:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 10 Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

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, and Sam.

Birthdays: Sandra Hughes 3/8, Logan Bertinetti 3/9

Anniversaries: Ralph & Alice Polumbo 3/8

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