

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.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

HYMN 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness *Finnian*

POSTLUDE

Today's Celebrant & Servers

Celebrant: The Reverend Matthew Stromberg
Organist & Director of Music: Brandon Dumas
Crucifer: Steve Hartz, JJ Moran, Alice Polumbo, Anna Thiessen, Cora Wareh
Thurifer: Chris Henry
Acolytes: J.J Moran, Anna Thiessen, Steve Hartz, Alice Polumbo
MC: David Kennison
Greeters: Anne Kennison & Anne Dillenbeck
Lector: Rich Unger
Counters: Ralph Polumbo & Gregory P. Thomas

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 the 10:00 AM service upstairs in the Great Hall.

ASCENSION DAY May 10 7PM. Followed by refreshments and cocktails in the Great Hall. This marks the occasion on which the risen Christ is taken into heaven after appearing to his followers for forty days. The Ascension marks the conclusion of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances. It is the final elevation of his human nature to divine glory and the near presence of God.

ASCENSION PARTY FOR KIDS & PARENTS Please consider coming to the rectory for dinner at 5:30 and a brief teaching on the Ascension. Kids are welcome to stay and play if parents want to attend the service at 7pm.

MASS ON THE GRASS & ROGATION BLESSING Come join us Next week (weather permitting) for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist and a Rogation Sunday blessing in our parish Garden! The word "rogation" is from the Latin rogare, "to ask." Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and asked his forgiveness for our transgressions, including our misuse of creation. Bring your gardening tools to church to be blessed on Rogation Sunday. At that time, we will also be looking for volunteers to help put mulch out on the beds on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Come for an hour or longer as you like. Questions? Contact Suzy Unger at suzanne.unger@gmail.com. NOTE: beautiful gardening gloves to the first ones to volunteer!"

THEOLOGY ON TAP At the Van Dyck, May 24th @ 7:00 PM the topic will be "I've always wondered..." Come prepared with some theological, biblical, historical, or liturgical questions you have been curious about.

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.

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE St. George's Book Club is now reading *Claude and Camille* by Stephanie Cowell, a novel about the life of French impressionist painter Claude Monet. All are welcome to the discussion on June 3 in the Great Hall following 10 a.m. Mass.

CITY MISSION FOOD DONATIONS Please remember The City Mission when grocery shopping. The City Mission uses ALL donated food in its kitchen to prepare meals for those seeking nourishment. If you accepted St George's Lenten challenge of one food item for the City Mission per day consider continuing that level of giving. In addition to non-perishables fresh vegetables and fruit and baking staples can be donated. Thank you.

WEEKLY SHAPENOTE SINGING Every Wednesday, 6-8pm, in the Great Hall. All are welcome to drop in and sing hymns from the Sacred Harp tune book. More information at albansacredharp.org Wengrovius at 518-496-0764. We hope to kick off the spring and summer sessions of Foyers as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S

Sunday, May 6	THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:30 AM Morning Prayer	
10:00 AM Mass, Rite I	
Monday, May 7	Feria
Tuesday, May 8	Dame Julian of Norwich
8:30 AM Morning Prayer	
5:00 PM Evening Prayer	
Wednesday, May 9	Feria
8:30 AM Morning Prayer	
5:00 PM Evening Prayer	
Thursday, May 10	ASCENSION DAY
8:30 AM Morning Prayer	
5:00 PM Evening Prayer	
5:30 PM Dinner	
7:00 PM MASS	
Friday, May 11	Feria, Abstinence Dispensed
8:30 AM Morning Prayer	
12:15 PM Mass, Rite I	
5:00 PM Evening Prayer	
Saturday, May 12	BVM on Saturday

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

Birthdays: Alice Polumbo 5/9, Peter Hughes 5/11, Sean Hartz 5/8, Sam Hartz 5/10

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SOLEMN CHORAL MASS THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY MAY 6, 2018 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

HYMN 400 All creatures of our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*

INTROIT: *A new commandment I give unto you alleluia. That ye love one another as I have loved you; alleluia. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciple; if ye have love for one another.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 323
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. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON Hymnal S 91
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS Hymnal S 202

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino* Repeat the refrain after the cantor and where indicated.

Mode 2

Sing to the Lord a new song.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory. **REFRAIN**
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
REFRAIN
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD. **REFRAIN**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity. **REFRAIN**

THE EPISTLE: 1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA *Standing, please sing the responses marked "ALL"*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir The darkness is past; and the new light shineth.

Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir He who loveth his brother shineth in the light; and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15: 9-17 *please stand*

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON *Fr. Matt Stromberg*

NICENE CREED *please stand* BCP 327

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP 328

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 331

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not grievous, alleluia.*

HYMN 577 Here in Christ we gather *Ubi caritas (Murray)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings:

SANCTUS Hymnal S 114

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I *please kneel* BCP 334

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.

LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal S 119

THE FRACTION
Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Therefore Let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia.**
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

AGNUS DEI Hymnal S 158

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS BCP 337

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION
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.**

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

COMMUNION SENTENCE *And this is the record; that God hath given us eternal life alleluia. And this life is in his Son; alleluia.*

ANTHEM *O sacrum convivium* Brian Hoffman

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