

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 620: "Jerusalem, my happy home"

Land of Rest

POSTLUDE: Fugue in C

Frederic Wilhelm Marpurg (1718-1759)

Today's Celebrant & Servers:

Officiant-The Reverend Matthew R. Stromberg

Organist & Director of Music- Andrew Krystopolski

Crucifer-, Alice Pumbo, Steve Hartz, or Colton Jaquith

Thurifer- Chris Henry Acolytes: J.J Moran , Anna Thiessen

MC 10 AM-David Kennison, Lector 8:00 AM Kevin Grace or Alice Pumbo

Greeters: Johnnie & Nancy Angus

Lector 10 AM: David Kennison

Counters: Chris Henry & Ralph Palumbo

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 10:00am service upstairs in the Great Hall.

CHANGE IN STEWARDSHIP MEAL AND PROGRAM Sunday, November 19th after our 10:00 AM service we will hold a stewardship buffet meal in the Great Hall. We will have a sign up sheet for those who would like to attend. We would ask you to sign up to bring desserts only. The original dinner for the 18th has been changed due to the holiday parade in Schenectady.

NEW WEEKLY SHAPENOTE SINGING IN THE GREAT HALL. All are welcome (you don't need to know how to sing or read music) to experience the old harmonies of the Sacred Harp tunebook every Wednesday from 6-8pm. More information at albanysacredharp.org. Come join us, and let your friends who love to sing know about this new opportunity. Next meeting 11/15.

THEOLOGY ON TAP November 15th 8PM is an informal discussion of questions relevant to the Christian faith. All are welcome regardless of their religious affiliation. This month we are going to discuss the practice of Holy Communion or the Holy Eucharist. Does the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ? Is it just a symbol? How exactly is Jesus present in this meal?

THANKSGIVING EVENSONG Sunday, November 19 at 4pm. Plan to attend Choral Evensong in the spirit of Thanksgiving. Our own St. Cecilia Choir will be joined by friends to sing the music of Thomas Matthews, Richard Shephard, Charles Stanford, Alec Wyton and others.

BIBLE STUDY We encourage you to join us in reading and studying about the ministry of the prophets Elijah and Elisha as recorded in 1 Kings and 2 Kings. We will be meeting between services, 9:10 in the Library, for a brief discussion about

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE The current reading selection for St. George's book club is News of the World by Paulette Jiles, to be discussed on Sunday, November 12 immediately after the 10 AM Mass. It is a novel that takes place after the Civil War in frontier Texas. The main character, who makes his living reading newspapers aloud, reluctantly agrees to take a young passenger on a perilous journey.

SALVATION ARMY LUNCH SERVICE ASSISTANCE-

St George's will be assisting The Salvation Army, 222 Lafayette Street, on Wednesday, November 30th with its daily lunch service. A group of 5 or 6 volunteers is needed to serve lunch to approximately 120 to 150 needy individuals starting with preparation at 9:30 through to clean-up at 2:00 There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you would like to take part.

CHRISTMAS SPLENDOR Please consider a donation for the purchasing

of poinsettias for the high Altar, greens, and trees for this year's Christmas season. Memorial donations will be printed in our Christmas bulletins.

CITY MISSION FOOD PANTRY- St George's maintains ongoing support through donations to the City Mission Food Pantry. Please remember the food pantry when doing your grocery shopping as your contributions assist those who are not able to consistently realize proper nutrition for themselves or their families.

ST. GEORGE'S FALL COAT COLLECTION Bring your gently used coats to the rack in the foyer of the Great hall. All donated items will be delivered to The City Mission just before Thanksgiving. Thank you.

VISIT ST. JOSEPH'S PLACE. St Joseph's Place, 837 Albany St., Schenectady NY 12307 (just one mile from St. George's), is a drop-in ministry serving the Hamilton Hill neighborhood which provides a warm welcome, conversation, coffee, tea, snacks, daily prayer (9:30am), and other forms of help to all visitors. Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30am-12pm (except Tue.) and 1:30-3pm.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S

Sunday, November 12

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 AM Mass, Rite II

9:10 AM Bible Study

10:00 AM Mass, Rite I

11:30 AM Book Club

Monday, November 13

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Tuesday, November 14

Consecration of Samuel Seabury

8:30AM Morning Prayer

9:00AM Rite I Mass

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Wednesday, November 15

Albert the Great, Bishop of Ratibon

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:00PM Evening Prayer

6:00 PM Shape Note Singing in Great Hall

8:00 PM Theology on Tap (Van Dyck)

Thursday, November 16

Margaret Queen of Scotland

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Mass Rite I

6:30 PM Evening Prayer

7:00 PM VESTRY

Friday, November 17

Hugh Bishop of Lincoln

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

(Choir Room)

12:15 PM Mass, Rite I

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Saturday, November 18

Hilda Abbess of Whitby

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

Birthdays: Olivia Jaquith 11/13, Tara Forshaw 11/14, Nancy Angus 11/15, Olivia McCloskey 11/16, Dr. Paul Symolon 11/16

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November 12, 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE: "Gottes Sohn ist kommen" J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 462: "The Lord will come and not be slow" Alternate Tune: *Azmon*

INTROIT: *Therefore, keep these statutes and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding; and all nations shall say; surely this is a wise and understanding people. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Glory be...*

OPENING SENTENCE (BCP 323):

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP 323)

kneel

Celebrant begins: Let us pray

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: *Communion Service in Eb L.J. White

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: **This music is found on the card in your pew*

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Joshua 1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78: 1-7 *Attendite, popule*

Anglican Chant by Gerre Hancock

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments; *Repeat Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him

those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***SEQUENCE HYMN 53:** “Once he came in blessing” *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

ALLELUIA: *My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning; more than watchmen for the morning.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 1-13 *stand*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to thee, O Christ

THE SERMON

Fr. Matt Stromberg

NICENE CREED (BCP 327)

stand

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 (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.

Officiant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: *My eyes are awake before the watches oof the night; that I may meditate upon thy promise.*

***OFFERTORY HYMN 61:** “Sleepers, wake!” *Wachet auf*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP 333)

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: **This music is found of the card in your pew*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I: (BCP 334)

kneel

LORD’S PRAYER *This music is found on the card in your pew*

THE FRACTION (BCP 337):

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: Therefore Let us keep the feast

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And with thy spirit

AGNUS DEI: *This music is found on the card in your pew.*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP 337):

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: *Therefore the prudent shall keep silent in that time; for it is and evil time; seek good and not evil; that ye may live.*

COMMUNION MOTET: “Keep your Lamps trimmed and burning” Traditional Spiritual arranged by Andre Thomas.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 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,