



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in the heart of the historic Stockade District
Holy Cross Day (observed)— 13 September 2020
High Mass — Rite I, 10AM

The Rev'd Canon Matthew Stromberg, *Celebrant & Preacher*
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RECEPTION OF THE ST ANDREW'S SOCIETY

The Celebrant now welcomes the St. Andrew's and leads the procession of Tartans and banners into the Church

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. On this day, when we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross, we welcome all members of the St. Andrew's Society who join with us today. Let us Pray,

O Christ, our Lord, who didst beautify the most blessed Andrew with the grace of apostleship, and the crown of martyrdom, by granting to him this special gift, that by preaching the mystery of the cross, he should merit the death of the cross: grant us to become most true lovers of thy holy cross, and, denying ourselves, to take up our cross and follow thee; that by thus sharing thy sufferings in this life, we may deserve the happiness of obtaining life everlasting. Amen.

INTROIT

Chanted by the cantor.

But as for us; it behoveth us to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: in whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection; by whom we were saved and obtain'd our freedom. God be merciful unto us and bless us; shew us the light of his countenance; and be merciful to us.

Celebrant +Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father
Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE

Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

Christ became obedient for our sakes unto death; even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God hath highly exalted him; and given him the Name which is above ev'ry name.

Please Stand for the Gospel



CANTOR Sweetest wood; sweetest iron; that bare so sweet a burden; which only was counted worthy to sustain the King of heaven and it's Lord..

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:31-36a

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON


Please be seated.

THE RECTOR

THE NICENE CREED

Please 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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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 PEACE

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

PRESENTATION OF THE TARTANS (KIRKIN' O THE TARTANS)

On behalf of all Scots away from Scotland, and in the name of all the Scottish Clans folk that are here represented, we present these tartans before Almighty God in appreciation of our Heritage; and we ask his blessings upon us, his humble servants.

The Celebrant then prays:

O Lord, thou hast promised that in all places where thou recordest thy Holy Name, thou wilt meet with thy servants, and bless them; fulfill now thy Promise, and make us joyful in our prayer, so that our worship, being offered in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, and by the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, may be acceptable unto you, and profitable unto ourselves. Bless, we pray, these Tartans✱ that they may be unto us and unto all people a token of the faith of our fathers; and a sign of our service unto thee. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Chanted by the cantor

By the sign of the holy Cross; defend O Lord thy people from all snares of our enemies; that the service which we render may be pleasing unto thee; and our sacrifice acceptable in thy sight, alleluia.

OFFERTORY HYMN 473

Please Stand

Crucifer

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

till all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the proper preface.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please kneel.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Music: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944)

FRACTION

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

AGNUS DEI

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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.

Celebrant

Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof but speak the word only and I shall be healed.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians may receive, regardless of age or denomination. Due to Social distancing, Communion will be distributed in one kind. An usher will direct your pew to come forward and receive standing, in the hand, at the altar rail. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNION SENTENCE

Chanted by the cantor.

“Where two or three are gather’d together in my name; there am I in the midst of them.”

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Blessed be God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

O most blessed Savior, in union with the faithful at every altar of thy Church where thy blessed Body and Blood are being

offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving, I present to thee my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to thee. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart; I unite myself to thee and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesu, hear me.

Within thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy, defend me.

In the hour of my death, call me

And bid me come to thee

That with thy saints I may praise thee

For ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

At the cross her vigil keeping

Stabat Mater

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all kneeling

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.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Prayer Book p. 339

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

David Kennison: Master of Ceremonies, Thurifer, and Lector

Altar servers: Steve Hartz, JJ Moran

Ushers: Alice & Ralph Polumbo

At the end of the month we will start over with this prayer list, if you would like a name included contact office@stgeorgesschenectady.org

The Sick and those in need: Larry P., Ed C., Lynn, Donna V., Rick F., Maidie, Nellie, Peggy, Daria, Margaret, Jane, Alyson H., Peter, Theresa, Panee, Gail, Robert T., Richard, Jessica, Christian, Fern, Alex, and Leo

Anniversaries: Rich and Suzanne Unger 9/13

Morning Prayer: Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.

Evening Prayer: Tuesday-Friday 5:00 p.m.

Compline: Saturday 8:30 p.m.

PARISH NOTICES

Zoom Coffee Hour Although we cannot gather in person yet, several Georgians have been gathering on Zoom for a time of fellowship after Mass on Sunday. Join us at 12 noon on your device. Check your email for an invitation or join at:
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77323568400?pwd=VVQ2cjRialJQa2I0bWh1Q2Z0anRPUT09>

Meeting ID: 773 2356 8400

Passcode: 2iGMSz

Mere Christianity Beginning on September 20 and continuing on Sunday nights, 6:30 p.m. for eight sessions, we will be presenting a video based curriculum on C.S. Lewis' classic work, *Mere Christianity*. The videos will feature a number of Lewis scholars discussing the meaning, history, and contemporary application of the book.

Book Club Join us after church on September 20th for a discussion of *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. All are welcome.

