



**ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 in the heart of the historic Stockade District  
**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost — 23 September 2018**  
**Holy Eucharist — Rite I, 10AM**  
 The Rev'd Matthew Stromberg, *Celebrant & Preacher*  
 David Kennison, *Master of Ceremonies*

**Setting of the Eucharist**

*Communion Service in E-flat*

L. J. White 1910–1970

**Voluntary**

*Prière à Notre Dame, from Suite Gothique*

Léon Boëllmann 1862–97

**At the Procession:** Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Lobe den Herren*

**Introit**

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts; neither are your ways my ways; For as the heavens are higher than the earth; so are my ways higher than your ways,” saith the Lord. Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way, and walk in the law of the Lord. Gloria patri...*

**Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity**

**Prayer Book p. 323**

*Kyrie eleison*

*Sung by all, standing.*

**INSERT**

*Gloria in excelsis*

**INSERT**

**The Collect of the Day**

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

*Please be seated.*

*Wisdom of Solomon 1:16–2:1, 12–22*

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, “Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God’s child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**At the Gradual:** Psalm 54      *Please repeat the refrain at the start and where indicated by  $\bar{R}$ .*

*Deus, in nomine*

**Refrain**

Mode 7

God is my help-er; the Lord sus-tains my life.

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

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.  $\bar{R}$

4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.  $\bar{R}$

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

## The Second Lesson

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

*Cantor* *Choir & Congregation*



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

*Cantor* And being but one; she can do all things; conveyed herself into holy souls; and maketh them the friends of God and prophets. (*Wisdom of Solomon 7:27*)

*All repeat Alleluia.*

## The Holy Gospel

*Please stand.*

Mark 9:30–37

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rector

## The Nicene Creed

*Sung by all, standing.*

**Hymnal, S 103**

## The Prayers of the People

*Please kneel.*

**Prayer Book p. 328**

## The Confession & Absolution

*Said by all.*

**Prayer Book p. 330**

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

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.** (*Please exchange a sign of peace with those near you.*)

### Greeting & Announcements

**At the Offertory:** Anthem *Sung by the choir.* Adrian Batten c1591–c1637  
*Lord, we beseech thee, give ear unto our prayers, and by thy gracious visitation lighten the darkness of our hearts, by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.* (Collect for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, 1549 BCP)

*Sursum corda* Hymnal, S 112

*Sanctus & Benedictus* *Sung by all.* INSERT

**Eucharistic Prayer I** Prayer Book p. 334

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

*Pascha nostrum* Hymnal, S 152

*Agnus Dei* *Sung by all.* INSERT

**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 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.**

### During Communion:

Communion verse *Sung by the choir.*  
*The ways of Wisdom are ways of pleasantness; And all her paths are peace; she is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her.*

Hymn 482 Lord of all hopefulness *Slane*

**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

**At the Procession:** Hymn 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness *Finnian*

**Voluntary** *Fugue Sur le Thème du Carillon des Heures* Maurice Duruflé 1902–86

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

*Thurifer* Chris Henry

*Lector* Joan Pearson

*Greeters* Judy DeLong & Nancy Angus

*Offering Counters* Jon Pearson & Grant Jaquith

**Our Thanksgivings** Robert McCloskey 9/29, James Moran 9/29, Anna Thiessen 9/30, Jamie Taft 9/28

**Our Intercessions** *If there is no longer a need for a name to be present on this list, please notify parish administrator Robert McCloskey at office@stgeorgesschenectady.org*

*The Sick and those in need:* 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, Polly, Christian, Francis, Daniel, Richard, Melissa, Andrea, Allen, Ed C., Bill, and Rich R, Erin and Michele.

### Services this week at St. George's

Low Mass (Rite II): Friday 12:15 p.m., *Lady Chapel*

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

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

**Next Sunday: The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study, *Shaw Lounge*  
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Lady Chapel*

10:00 a.m. High Mass, *followed by coffee hour in the Great Hall*

### 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 plates), and please consider joining us for warm and lively fellowship at our coffee reception in the Great Hall after the service.

Come out for an evening extravaganza and enjoy **CARIBBEAN CUISINE** and **LIVE MUSIC** on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 online at [www.stgeorgesschenectady.org](http://www.stgeorgesschenectady.org) using PayPal or be purchased in person here at Saint George's. Paragon Jeweler (163 Jay Street) has graciously agreed to sponsor The Caribbean Rhythm Steel Drum Band.

Please join us for a **HYMN SING** today, 2PM in the Jameson Dining Hall at Kingsway Community (323 Kings Rd, Schenectady). All are welcome! If you plan on coming let us know by signing the sheet in the back of the church.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** will be held 7PM September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Van Dyck Restaurant and Lounge. The topic will be, "What about Angels?"

In honor of the Feast of Saint Francis, St. George's church hosts an annual **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** 10/7 at 3PM. You are invited for a brief service of prayer. Come give thanks for the beauty and diversity of God's good creation. Bring your animal companions to be blessed at the conclusion of the service.

Are you interested in going deeper into the tenets of the faith? Father Matt would like to start a group to read and discuss theology together. He is calling it the **BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM**. The first meeting will be October 20th at 9:30 A.M. in the Great Hall. We will discuss *The Apostle's Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism* by Ben Meyers.

**BIBLE STUDY** meets each Sunday at 9am in the Shaw Lounge. We are currently reading 1 Timothy.

On Saturday, October 6, from 10-11:30, the children's ministry of St. George's Episcopal Church will welcome local children to a free **WELCOME FALL PARTY** in our Sunday school classroom and nursery. If you would like to help with preparing crafts, snacks, or welcoming guests, please contact April Stromberg at (610) 247-6557, or [awstromberg@gmail.com](mailto:awstromberg@gmail.com). Please also help to spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors with children ages 0-10!

**HOSPITALITY** We are looking for volunteers to help with three "Georgian" traditions. Christmas Eve mass: "sweets and savories". Arrive early to organize food contributions to be shared after mass. Limited clean-up. (No cooking or use of ovens). Easter Eve mass: same as Christmas Eve. St. George's Day luncheon: set up great hall for luncheon. Organize food contributions for lunch. Cleanup involves some washing of silverware and tables. Sign-up sheets in the Great Hall. You may also sign up to bring food items to share with coffee after Sunday mass. Calendar/sign-up sheets are also in the Great Hall. Thank you to all who have already provided food!

**ALL ON THE SAME PAGE** St. George's reading group will discuss *Varina* by Charles Frazier in the Great Hall immediately following today's Mass. The next meeting of the book club will be November 11, with *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles as the selection. It is an amusing and uplifting story of an aristocrat who finds a new life purpose following the Bolshevik revolution of 1917. Contact Meg Hughes at 518-694-1550 if you have questions.

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