

Saint George's Church

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July 30, 2017

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12

PRELUDE: "Minuet" from Berenice George Frederic Handel

HYMN 388: "O worship the King" Hanover

INTROIT: *Thou art the Lord God that havest them bread from heaven; and broughtest forth water out of the rock, and promised that they should possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them. Thy mercy, O Lord, is the heavens and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Glory be...*

OPENING SENTENCE:

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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" by L.J. White

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

kneel

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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: *"Seek ye first the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you," saith the Lord.*

COMMUNION HYMN 321: "My God, thy table now is spread" *Rockingham*

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 419: "Lord of all being throned afar"

Mendon

POSTLUDE: "Sinfonia" from Solomon

George Frederic Handel

Today's Celebrant & Servers:

Officiant-The Reverend Matthew R. Stromberg, Rector

Organist & Director of Music: Mr. Andrew Krystopolski

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

Thurifer- Chris Henry

MC 9 AM-David Kennison, MC & Lector 11:15 AM Alice Pumbo

Greeters: Lynn Paska & Ann Duff

Lector 9 AM: Greg Thomas

Counters: Chris Henry, Greg Thomas

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 9:00am service upstairs in the GreatHall.

GARDEN MEETING THIS MORNING—Anyone interested in helping to maintain the gardens at St. George's is welcome to attend a meeting immediately following the 9 AM service in the library. We will be putting together a plan that will keep our grounds looking good. If you are interested, but cannot attend, please contact Suzy Unger at Suzanne.unger@gmail.com or call 630.5604

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION will be celebrated next Sunday.

Our guest preacher will be Robert Edward Armidon who will begin his studies at Nashotah House this fall.

BOOK STUDY: *What Is the Bible?: How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything* is a new book by Rob Bell. It challenges readers to take a fresh look at the Bible and discover its continual relevance for modern life. Fr. Matt would like to host a "Theology on Tap" discussion of the book. If you are interested in participating there is a sign up sheet in the back. We will meet **September 14** 7PM at the Van Dyck.

CANVAS, CORKS AND FORKS FUNDRAISER— 402 Union St, August 23rd 7-9PM. We'll be painting a specially created depiction of St George's façade. The tickets are \$45 which include all the painting supplies, artistic instruction and access to the renown Macaroni and cheese bar. Drinks are separate. You may reserve a spot by seeing either Chris Henry or Alice Pumbo or visiting their website www.canvascorksandforks.com. Invite a friend and join us!

SUMMER LUNCH VOLUNTEERS -We'll be distributing lunches for Inner City Ministries at Wallingford Park, 5th and Congress Streets the week of August 14 to August 18th from 12:30 to 1:45.

BOOK CLUB The club is reading the Colson Whitehead novel "The Underground Railroad." All are welcome to participate in the discussion September 17 in the library between Masses.

CONFIRMATION CLASS— Have been Confirmed in the Episcopal Church? Have you been Confirmed in another church but never formally received as an Episcopalian? Are you interested in participating in an Episcopal Church 101 type class? We are interested in putting something together. Email us at office@stgeorgesschenectady.org

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.

STOCKADE ART SHOW ORGAN FESTIVAL On September 9, St. George's will be in the center of The Stockade Art Show. Our Café will boom with hungry art lovers, the church doors will be open to visitors, and our Moller Pipe Organ will be heard throughout the day in six half hour concerts played by different organists. The schedule of organists is: 10:30-Jeff Wengrovius; 11:30-Edee Silva ; 12:30- Justan Foster 1:30- Brian Hoffman; 2:30- Joan Pearson; 3:30- Andrew Krystopolski

This Week at St. George's

Sunday, July 30

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Mass, Rite I

11:15 AM Mass, Rite I

Monday, July 31 (Rectors day off)

Ignatius of Loyola

Tuesday, August 1

Joseph of Arimathea

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Mass, Rite I

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Wednesday, August 2

Feria

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Mass, Rite II

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Thursday, August 3

Nicodemus, Teacher of Israel

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 Am Mass, Rite II

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Friday, August 4

Jean-Baptiste Vianney

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

12:15 PM Mass, Rite II

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Saturday, August 5

Oswald, King of Northumbria

Parish Intercessions-Dorothy, Larry, Bob H., Joan P., Jill, Aileen, Craig, Shirley, Nicholas, Kate, Robert H., Martha, Loren & family, Pat, Dagmar Mary, Pat R., Amelia, Andrea, Carolyn, Douglas, Louisa, Alice, Patricia, Christian, and Chuck.

Anniversaries: Jean and Owen Greenspan 8/5

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THE FIRST READING: Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call u/pon his / Name; * make known his / deeds a/mong the / peoples.**
- 2 Sing to him, sing / praises to / him, * and speak of / all his / marvelous / works.**
- 3 Glory in his / holy / Name; * let the hearts of those who / seek the / Lord re /joice.**
- 4 Search for the Lord / and his / strength; * con/ tinal-ly / seek his / face.**
- 5 Remember the marvels / he has / done, * his wonders and the / judgments / of his / mouth,**
- 6 O offspring of / Abraham his / servant, * O / children of / Jacob his / chosen.**
- 7 He is the / Lord our / God; * his judgments pre/vail in / all the / world.**
- 8 He has always been mindful / of his / covenant, * the promise he / made for a / thousand gene/rations:**
- 9 The covenant he / made with / Abraham, * the oath / that he / swore to / Isaac,**
- 10 Which he established as a / statute for / Jacob, * an everlasting / cove/nant for / Israel,**
- 11 Saying; "To you will I give the / land of / Canaan * to be your allotted inheritance." / Ha / a le / lujah!**

THE EPISTLE: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called;

and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 635: “If thou but trust in God to guide thee”

ALLELUIA: O Israel wait upon the Lord from this time forth forevermore.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52 stand

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to thee, O Christ

THE SERMON**NICENE CREED**

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**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: So teach us to number our days; that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

OFFERTORY HYMN 573: Father eternal, Ruler of creation” Langham

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: This music is found on the card in your pew

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I: (BCP 333)

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

THE FRACTION:

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:

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.