

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION:

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

**COMMUNION SENTENCE:** *Straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life and few there be that find it.*

**COMMUNION HYMN 313:** "Let thy blood in mercy poured"

### 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 345:** "Savior, again to thy dear name we raise" *Ellers*

### POSTLUDE: Improvisation on Ellers

#### Today's Celebrant & Servers:

Guest Officiant-The Reverend Matthew R. Stromberg, Rector

Director of Music & Organist: Mr. Andrew R. Krystopolski

Crucifer-Steve Hartz, Alice Polumbo, or Colton Jaquith

Thurifer-Christopher Henry

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

Lector 9 AM: Jon Pearson

Greeters:

Counters: Jon Pearson & Bob Paska

**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 Great Hall.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** is an informal discussion of religion, ethics, and spirituality over drinks and food. We will meet on July 13 to discuss "God and Country." Can Christians be patriotic? What is the proper relationship between Church and State? 7:30 at the Van Dyck: 237 Union St, Schenectady, NY 12305

**GERALD COOPER RETIREMENT** Our sexton for over a decade, Gerald, is retiring this summer. He and his partner, Penny, will be moving to Louisiana to be closer to family and friends. Be sure to thank Gerald for his many years of Service. Join us to say goodbye to Gerald and Penny, Sunday, July 16th, 3PM for a cookout in the back yard of the rectory, 23 Front Street. RSVP to office

**SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR-** On July 16th, we are privileged to have the beautiful soprano voice of Miss Carolina Medina with us. Miss Medina is has completed her freshman year at The Crane School of Music as a vocal performance major. In addition to performing a solo at the 9am Mass, Miss Medina will delight us with a short program of Arias and Art Songs from Spain, Italy, Germany, and England during Coffee Hour.

**CAMP INVITATION—PICNIC AT PEARSON CAMP 2017—July 22** 118 Fawn Lake Road, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108 near Speculator on Sacandaga Lake. You all are invited to a summer afternoon pick-me-up at the Pearson Camp! Bring your family and friends and let's enjoy ourselves. When you RSVP please tell us what you'll bring. Or just come and eat—there is always so much food! . **RSVP to Jon & Joan Pearson e-mail: [jpearson@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jpearson@nycap.rr.com) (home)399-9002, (camp) 548-3694, (Jon's cell)496-0155.**

**BOOK CLUB** The club is reading the Colson Whitehead novel "The Underground Railroad." All are welcome to participate in the discussion Septem-

ber 17 in the library between Masses.

**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. It is available from most book sellers in hardback and audio formats. If you are interested in participating there is a sign up sheet in the back. Let us know if you need help getting a copy.

**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. Please consider taking a day and signing up on the sheet located at the back of the church. Thank you for considering participating in this worthwhile, city-wide project.

**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.

### This Week at St. George's

#### Sunday, July 9

*The 5th Sunday after Pentecost*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Mass, Rite I

11:15 AM Mass, Rite I

**Monday, July 10 (Rectors day off)** *Feria*

**Tuesday, July 11** *Benedict*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Mass, Rite I

2:00 PM ALM @ Capital Living

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, June 28** *Feria*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Mass, Rite II

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

**Thursday, July 13** *Silas, Companion of Paul*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

2:00 PM ALM @ The Terrace at Glen Eddy

6:30 PM Evening Prayer

**Friday, July 14** *Bonaventure*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

12:15 PM Mass, Rite II

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

**Saturday, July 15** *St Swithun*

**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, Patrick, Susanna Sherwood, Alice King, Patricia, Christian, and Chuck.

**Birthdays:** Margaret Hu8ghes 7/9

**Anniversaries :** Rick & Karen Forshaw 7/10, James & Gerri Moore 7/11

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July 9, 2017

## Fifth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 9

**PRELUDE:** "Wachet auf ruft uns die stimme" (Sleepers Awake) J.S. Bach

**HYMN 609:** "Where cross the crowded ways of life" *Gardiner*

**INTROIT:** *Now is the time to awake from sleep, the night is far spent; our salvation is very near; the day is at hand. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; For he hath visited and redeemed his people. 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, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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: Genesis 24:34-48,42-49, 58-67 (NKJV)**

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. And my master made me swear an oath, and said, 'You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, but go to my father's family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son.'

"When I came to the spring today, I said, 'Lord, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, 'Please let me drink a little water from your jar,' and if she says to me, 'Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too,' let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master's son.'

"Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.'

"She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels also.

"I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?'

"She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him.'

"Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, and I bowed down and worshiped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn."

So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?"

"I will go," she said.

So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess

the cities of their enemies."

Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.

Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?"

"He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself.

Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Song of Solomon 2:8-13**



*(Cantor)* The voice of my beloved! \*

Look; he comes, leaping upon the mountains; bounding over the hills.

*(All)* My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look, there he stands behind our wall;

gazing in at the windows; looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;

for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come; and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

**THE EPISTLE: Romans 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 544 "Jesus shall reign" Duke Street**

**ALLELUIA:** *Who is like the Lord our God who sits enthroned on high, but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth. Alleluia.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 stand**

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

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*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:** *Behold I create new heavens and a new earth and the former things shall not be remembered. Behold I create Jerusalem a rejoicing and her people a joy.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN 693:** "Just as I am, without one plea" *Woodworth*

**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*

**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.**

*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**