



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

Second Sunday of Advent — 9 December 2018

Holy Eucharist — Rite I, 10 A.M.

The Rev'd Canon Matthew Stromberg, *Celebrant & Preacher*

David Kennison, *Master of Ceremonies*

Setting of the Eucharist

Communion Service in G Minor

Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

Voluntary

Selected Choral Preludes

Georg P Telemann(1681-1767)

At the Procession: Hymn 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

Introit

O people of Sion; behold the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations, and in the gladness of your heart; the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel; thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Prayer Book p. 323

Summary of the Law

Prayer Book p. 324

Kyrie eleison

Sung by all, standing.

Insert

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Please be seated.

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: The Song of Zechariah *Please repeat the refrain at the start and where indicated by R̄. Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Refrain

Mode 4 

Pre - pare the way of the Lord.

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

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David, R̄.
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began: That we should
be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us; R̄.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *

and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather
Abraham, *
that he would give us, R̄.
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life. R̄.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
 to prepare his ways;
 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
 for the remission of their sins, R̄.
 Through the tender mercy of our God, *
 whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness
 and in the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace. R̄.

The Second Lesson

Please be seated

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.



Cantor I was glad when they said unto me; we will go into the house of the Lord.
All repeat Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Please stand.

Luke 3:1-6

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.
 People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
 People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rector

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing.

Prayer Book p. 326

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 worshipped 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.

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel.

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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: Hymn 60

Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum

Sursum corda

Hymnal, S 112

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sung by all.

Insert

Eucharistic Prayer II

Prayer Book p. 340

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.**

Communion Verse

Sung by the choir.

Jerusalem haste thee and stand on high; and behold the joy and gladness that cometh unto thee from God thy Savior.

Anthem

Teach me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Hymn 337

And now O Father

Unde et memores

Post-Communion Prayer

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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

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At the Procession: Hymn 53

Once he came in blessing

Gottes Sohn ist Komen

Voluntary

Nun Komm, Derr Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Heathen, Come)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Altar servers

Steve Hartz, Alice Polumbo, JJ Moran, Anna Thiessen, Cora Wareh

Thurifer

Chris Henry

Lector

Diane Reed

Greeters

Johnnie & Nancy Angus

Offering Counters

Anne Kennison & Ralph Polumbo

Our Intercessions

If there is no longer a need for a name to be present on this list, please notify parish administrator Bob McCloskey at office@stgeorgesschenectady.org **The Sick and those in need:** Dorothy, Larry, Bob, Jill, Aileen, Craig, Shirley, Nicholas, Robert H., Loren & family, Pat, Dagmar Mary, Douglas, Alice, Patricia, George, Katherine, Michele, Polly, Christian, Francis, Daniel, Richard, Andrea, Allen, Ed C., Bill, Rich R., Erin and Jane.

Birthdays: April Stromberg 12/15

Services this week at St. George's

Morning Prayer: Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m., Lady Chapel
Evening Prayer: Tuesday-Friday 5:00 p.m., Lady Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II: Friday 12:15 p.m., Lady Chapel

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

Next Sunday: The Third Sunday of Advent

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 plate), and please consider joining us for warm and lively fellowship at our coffee reception in the Great Hall after the service. Sunday school and nursery care are provided upstairs in our Great Hall.

CAROL SING AT KINGSWAY COMMUNITY St. George's has been invited to lead a holiday themed hymn sing at Kingsway Community, 323 Kings Road, Schenectady, NY, on Saturday, December 15th at 2 p.m. All are invited for some fellowship, singing, and holiday spirit.

BIBLE STUDY Starting this Sunday we are studying the scripture of Handel's Messiah.

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS FILMS During the month of December, St George's will be showing classic Christmas films in the Great Hall Sunday nights at 7 p.m. Tonight 12/9 we are showing *Shop Around the Corner* starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan, and 12/16 *Christmas in Connecticut* starring Barbara Stanwyck, Dennis Morgan, and Sydney Greenstreet.

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE Our latest book club selection is *Educated*, by Tara Westover. This memoir by the daughter of Mormon survivalist parents in Idaho comes highly recommended by Pauline Holmes. The club is planning to gather on January 13 after Mass in the Great Hall.

WEEKLY SHAPENOTE SINGING Every Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. in the Great Hall. All are welcome to drop in and sing hymns from the Sacred Harp tunebook. More information is available at albanysacredharp.org, or by speaking to Tarik Wareh.

STEWARDSHIP 2019 If you have not yet made a pledge it is not too late, and we encourage you to do so. Your generosity makes a tremendous difference. Everything that happens at St. George's depends on the giving of members of this congregation. Please consider what you can contribute for the coming year and put it in writing as a pledge to the Lord and to your parish family.

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 are needed now and will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Please be sure to email office@stgeorgesschenectady.org with the names of the individuals you would like included.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE Our Christmas Eve Family Pageant and Eucharist will be held at 3 p.m. 12/24. That is an earlier time than last year. Our solemn high Mass will happen at 10 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Great Hall for the festive reception following that service. You are invited to bring sweets & savories.

SAFTEY PRESENTATION Jim and Pam Turley have graciously agreed to share with us some of their insight and training, from their years of experience in law enforcement, about how to respond in the event of an active shooter or similar emergency. Join us after the Mass in the Great Hall.

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