St. George's Church

30 North Ferry Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

The Solemnity of the Martyrdom of Saint George
May 5, 2019
10:00 AM
Prelude
Bagpipes in the Courtyard
The Schenectady Pipe Band

Hymn – Stowey ~ Traditional English folk tune
Arranged by R. Vaughan Williams
[During this hymn the procession moves to the West Door to greet the members of the St. Andrew’s Society and St. George’s Lodge No. 6.]

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953) Music: Stowey English Folk Tune arr, RVW (1872-1958)

Reception of The St Andrew’s Society and Saint George’s Lodge
[The Celebrant now welcomes the St. Andrew’s Society and St. George’s Lodge No. 6, and leads the procession of Tartans and banners into the Church with these words.]

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. On this day when we celebrate our Patron, St. George the Martyr, we welcome all members of the St. Andrew’s Society who join with us today for our patronal festival. St. George’s Church celebrates the roots of the Episcopal Church in both the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church. St. Andrew and Saint George join in glorifying our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are also very pleased to welcome representatives of St. George’s Lodge No. 6 of Free & Accepted Masons. Not only do we share a common patron in St. George, but St. George’s Lodge has a historical connection with St. George’s Church which goes back to the Lodge’s founding in 1774. We honor together the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man. Welcome!

As the following hymn is sung, the procession continues into and around the sanctuary, then the altar party proceeds to the High Altar.
Reading of Names of the Founders and Rectors of St. George's Church

Introit sung by the Choir

Thou hast hidden me, O God, from the conspiracy of the wicked, alleluia; from the insurrection of iniquity, alleluia, alleluia. Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer. Preserve my life from the fear of the enemy. Glory be to the Father...

Collect for Purity

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.

Summary of the Law

Prayer Book p. 324

Kyrie eleison

Hymnal, S 91

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal, S 202

The Collect of the Day
Lord Jesus Christ, whose cross didst seal thy servant George: Grant that we, strengthened by his example and prayers, may triumph to the end over all evils, to the glory of thy Name; for with the Father and Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Lesson**

**Joshua 1:1-9**

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying, ‘My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.’

Please repeat the refrain at the start and where indicated by ṅ.

**PSALM 3 Domine, quid multiplicati**

1 Lord, how many adversaries I have! *
how many there are who rise up against me!

2 How many there are who say of me, *
“There is no help for him in his God.” ṅ.

3 But you, O Lord, are a shield about me; *
you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

4 I call aloud upon the Lord, *
and he answers me from his holy hill; ṅ.

5 I lie down and go to sleep; *
I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

6 I do not fear the multitudes of people *
who set themselves against me all around. ṅ

7 Rise up, O Lord; set me free, O my God; *
surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face,
you will break the teeth of the wicked.
**The Epistle**  
*Revelation 12:7-12*

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

**Alleluia**

Verse: Thou hast set, O Lord, a crown of pure gold upon his head. *Alleluia.* The righteous shall be joyful in the Lord and shall put his trust in him and the upright of heart shall be thankful. *Alleluia.*

**The Holy Gospel**  
– *John 8:21-29*

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

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

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

The Reverend Fr. Keith Schmidt

The 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.

The Prayers of The People

Confession of Sin

Celebrent: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. people kneel

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

Welcome and Announcements people sit

Presentation of the Tartans (Kirkin’ O the Tartans)
Members of the Saint Andrew Society say together:
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: O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works: and thy truth in the congregation of the saints, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory Anthem: God be in my head (The Knight’s Prayer) Walford Davies (1869-1941)
Offertory Hymn: – “My Ancient Church! I see thee now”
Text by The Rt. Rev. John Williams, Rector, St. George’s Church, 1842-1848
Bishop of Connecticut, 1851-1887
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, 1887-1899

Tune: St. Anne

1. My An - cient Church! I see thee now, a - midst the no - ble
2. The moon - light on thy low - ly walls pours down in chast - ened
3. I see thee when the snows with - out in glit - tering white - ness
4. I see thee when the church - yard sword, in spring - tide's green grew

5. trees, whose fol - lage 'round thy grace - ful spire waves in the even - ing breeze.
glow, and gleams on man - y'a stone that tells what pil - grim sleeps be - low!
spread, and fir, and pine, and box, with - in their Christ - mas fra - grance shed.
fair, and burst - ing buds their sweet - ness lent to eve - ry pass - ing air.

Words: The Most Rev’d John Williams (1817–1899; Rector of St. George’s Schenectady 1842-48), alt.
Music: St. Anne, melody arr. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. Brandon Dumas (b. 1985)

The Great Thanksgiving – Rite I

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. Because thou art greatly glorified in the assembly of thy saints. All thy creatures praise thee, and thy faithful servants bless thee, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of thine only Son. 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

[The people kneel. Then the Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer]
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say;

Agnus Dei

The Invitation to Holy 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 shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Sentence: sung by the Choir
The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and put his trust in him, and all they that are true of heart shall be glad, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Hymn: “Leader now on earth no longer”

Hyfrydol

1. Leader now on earth no longer, Soldier of th’ eternal king, Victor in the fight for heaven, We thy loving praises sing. Refrain

2. Praise him who in deadly battle Never shrank from foeman’s sword, Proof against all earthly weapon, Gave his life for Christ the Lord. Refrain

3. Help us when temptation presses, We have still our crown to win, Help us when our soul is weary Fighting with the powers of sin. Refrain

4. Clothe us in thy shining armour, Place thy good sword in our hand; Teach us how to wield it, fighting Onward towards the heavenly land. Refrain

Great Saint George, our patron, help us; in the conflict be thou nigh; Help us in that daily battle, where each one must win or die.

Post-Communion Hymn: “In our day of thanksgiving” St. Catherine’s Court

people kneel

people stand
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.

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Procession around The Stockade
The Procession will move through the streets of the Stockade and conclude at the entrance to the Church.

The order of the Procession is as follows:

Christopher Henry
Steven Hartz
Robert Paska
Schenectady Pipe Band
Jeff Wengrovius

Thurifer
Crucifer/Gold Cross
Choir Banner
St. George’s Banner

The Choir

St. Andrew’s Society
St. George’s Lodge/Mason’s

Robert McCloskey

Silver Cross
Torch/Acolyte
Torch/Acolyte
Icon
Master of Ceremonies
Sub-Deacon
Deacon
Celebrant

The Blessing

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep you.
May Our Lady, St. George, St. Andrew and all the saints pray for you,
may God’s holy angels watch around you, and keep you in peace,
this holy day, and always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please proceed to the Great Hall through the patio doors.

A covered-dish follows in the Great Hall. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

WELCOME to all who are visiting St. George’s today.
If you do not have a parish church, we invite you to consider joining us.

The Rev’d Canon Matthew Stromberg, Celebrant
The Rev’d Keith Schmidt, Deacon and Preacher
Dr. Kevin Decker, Sub-Deacon
Dr Brian J. Taylor AAGO, Director of Music Ministry
David Kennison-Master of Ceremonies
Altar servers: Steve Hartz, Alice Polumbo, JJ Moran, Anna Thiessen, Cora Wareh
Thurifer: Chris Henry
Lector: Grant Jaquith (Old Testament only)
Greeters: Anne Kennison & Ann Dillenbeck
Offering Counters: Jim Turley & Paul Smigelski
Altar Guild: Sandee Hughes & Gerri Moore

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


Birthdays: Sean Hartz 5/8, Sam Hartz 5/10 Alice Polumbo 5/9, Peter Hughes 5/11, Chris Kettles 5/12
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: Friday 12:15 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.

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 reception in the Great Hall after the service. Sunday school and nursery care are provided upstairs in our Great Hall.

A REGIONAL CONFIRMATION is scheduled for Sunday, May 19 at 4 pm at St. Peter’s Church, 107 State Street, Albany 12207. Confirmands and those to be received should plan on being at St. Peter’s at 2:45 pm ready to meet with Bishop Love. From our own congregation, please pray for Audrey Pagan and Pam Turley who plan to be confirmed and Jim Turley who is planning to be received.

A CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF MARRIAGE will be held during our Friday 12:15 p.m. Mass for David McQuilling and Robyn Barber on May 19th. The couple welcome members of our congregation to join them.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2/14-23 2020 Saint George’s Church is organizing an exciting opportunity to explore the roots of your faith with a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Visit our website for details. www.mejditours.com/open-tour/stgpilgrimage/

THEOLOGY BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM The next gathering will be on Saturday May 25 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall. We will be discussing Flame of Love: A Theology of the Holy Spirit by Clark Pinnock.
ALL ON THE SAME PAGE St. George's book club is now reading *Dispatches from Pluto: Lost and Found in the Mississippi Delta* by Richard Grant. It’s a funny and insightful look at life in a rural Southern community. Discussion will take place May 12 in the Great Hall following Mass. Please see Meg Hughes if you have questions.

CHORAL EVENSONG AND ORGAN RECITAL by Brian J. Taylor Sunday, June 2, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

CHOIR CAMP Save the date. St. George's First Annual Choir Camp, August 19 - 24. Open to rising 3rd grade through rising 6th grade students. $100.00 registration fee. Anyone who would like to be involved in helping that week should contact Brian Taylor our Director of Music Ministry. More details to follow.

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 albany sacredharp.org, or by speaking to Tarik Wareh.

Flowers Given in Memory

Greg & Sheila Thomas
Wilbur & Victoria Wessing
Robert McCloskey
Ronald Edmondson

Nancy & Paul Thomas
Jason Edward Whitcavitch

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