

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

LENT II-B - 25 FEBRUARY 2024

SUNG MASS - RITE I, 10AM

The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, *Rector*
Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music Ministry*

MASS SETTING First Communion Service *John Merbecke (1505-1585)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Adagio*, from Sonata no. 1 (Opus 65, no. 1) *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

The Sacred Ministers, Servers & Choir offer Preparatory Prayers prior to the Entrance Procession

THE ENTRANCE HYMN, HYMN 401 The God of Abraham praise *Leoni*

INTROIT *Sung by the Choir*

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding: in all thy ways acknowledge him; and he shall direct thy paths. Ps. The Lord is my strength and my shield: my heart trusteth in him and I am helped; and therefore in my song will I praise him. Glory be.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *(people kneel)*

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.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON, HYMNAL S-90 *Sung by all* *(people kneel)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Lent II*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A READING from the Book of Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

THE GRADUAL

Sung by the Choir and Congregation

Psalm 22.22-30

O praise | the Lord ye | that fear him:

Mag-nify him all ye of the seed of Jacob; and fear him all ye | seed of Isra-el.

For he | hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate | of the poor:

He | hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto | him he heard him.

My praise | is of thee in the great con-gregation:

My | vows will I perform in the sight of | them that fear him.

The poor | shall eat and be satisfied; they that seek after the Lord | shall praise him:

Your | heart | shall live for-ever.

All the | ends of the world shall remember themselves and be turned un-to the Lord:

And | all the kindreds of the nations shall | worship before him.

For the | kingdom | is the Lord's:

And | he is the Governor | among the nations.

All such | as be fat upon earth have eaten | and worshiped:

All | they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him; and no man hath | quickened his own soul.

My__ | seed | shall serve him:

They | shall be counted unto the Lord for a | genera-tion.

They shall | come and shall declare his | righteousness:

Un-to a people that shall be born | whom the Lord made.

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 4.13-25

A READING from Paul's Epistle to the Romans

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

One thing have I desired of the Lord; which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. To be hold the fair beauty of the Lord: and to visit his temple.

THE HOLY GOSPEL*Mark 8.31-38*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.**THE SERMON**

Dr. Brian J. Taylor

THE NICENE CREED*(people stand)*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***As Announced***THE EXHORTATION** THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, PAGES 316-317

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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 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 OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

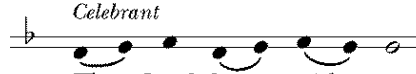



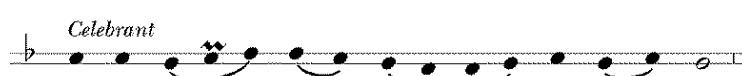

He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter: and as a sheep that before its shearers is dumb; so he opened not his mouth.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN, HYMN 142

Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
<p>The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.</p>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
<p>Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.</p>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	
	
<p>Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.</p>	
<i>People</i>	
	
<p>It is meet and right so to do.</p>	

The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface of Advent

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT, HYMNAL S-113

Sung by All

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(people kneel)

ALL GLORY BE TO THEE, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy ✠

grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung by All

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE PEACE

(people stand)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

THE AGNUS DEL, HYMNAL S-157

Sung by All

(people kneel)

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Said by All

(people kneel)

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians may receive communion. If you wish to not receive, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms, indicating that you wish to receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts are available.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCE

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

So Jesus suffered without the gate: that he might sanctify the people with his own blood.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake

Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by All

(people kneel)

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.

THE BLESSING

(people kneel)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

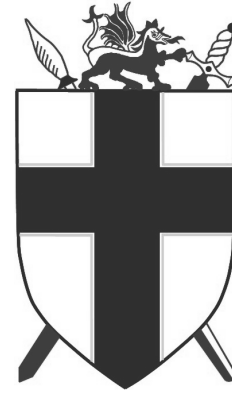
Bourbon

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Allegro moderato e serioso, from Sonata no. 1 (Opus 65, no. 1) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Master of Ceremonies: David G. Kennison
Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor: Joan Pearson
Thurifer: Chris Henry
Crucifer: J. J. Moran
Acolytes: Anne Kennison
Greeter: Carol Gaige
Lector: John Ewbank
Counters: Jeff Wengrovius, Gloria Kiston
Altar Guild: Carol Gaige
Sacristan: David & Anne Kennison



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

The Sick and those in need: Christine L, Leslie P, Ed C, Karen S, Scott W, Suzy T, Kevin, Jesse, Pamela, Dom, Wanda Z, Dustin, Susan, Jamie Taft, Donna T, Sam, Alexander, James L, Gabriella Rose, Sharon C, Hooter Z, Mtr Lisa S, Katie, Alessandro, Debra, Fr Michael Webber, Rev. Susan Kohlmeier, Crystal, The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Donna, Katherine, Sondra, Carol, Father Charles King, Jenna, Kyle Harris, Ramona Collins, Janet Simone, Luca Taylor, Jane Ruzicka Pennacchia, Maggie, Roasa Maria Rodriguez, Marianne Perez, John.

*The prayer list will be reset every 3 months. Did we miss an important date for our birthday and faithful departed intentions?
If you would like a name included on the prayer list or on the annual rota of intentions, send an email to
rector@stgeorgesschenectady.org*

The Departed: A. Darwin Kirby, Jr., priest (28), George Brown (2)

Birthdays: Karen Forshaw (27)

Baptismal Anniversaries: Tarik Wareh (25), William Thiessen (2)

Wedding Anniversaries: None

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 25 — 10 a.m.— Sung Mass— The Second Sunday in Lent

Tuesday— 8:30 a.m.— Morning Prayer

Wednesday— 9:00 a.m.— Low Mass—Lenten feria

Thursday — 6:00 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Healing — Lenten feria

Friday— 12:00 p.m.—Low Mass—Lenten feria

Friday — 5:00 p.m. —Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 3—10 a.m— Sung Mass—The Third Sunday of Lent

WELCOME VISITORS! We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. Whether you live in our area and decided to worship with us today or if you are visiting from out of town, we offer you a warm Georgian welcome! There are visitor cards in most of the pews and we ask that you fill one out and give it to the Greeters at the door or simply drop it in the offering plate. We'd love to see you again. Our website, www.stgeorgesschenectady.com.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY— Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in Cranmer House— We are reading Rowan Williams "Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer." To sign up or for more information speak to Fr. Pettigrew or email rector@stgeorgesschenectady.org. Our next meeting will be March 5th.

THURSDAY HEALING MASS— Throughout the Thursdays of Lent, St. George's will be offering an additional Mass on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. This Mass will include the Healing rite with Laying on of Hands and Anointing for those who desire it. All are welcome to attend this Mass.

Coming up soon...

PARISH QUIET DAY— MARCH 2, 2024— The newly forming chapter of the Daughters of the King will sponsor a Lenten Quiet Day. The theme is “Imagining the Passion” and is facilitated by Brynna Carpenter-Nardone, Director of Cathedral Arts for the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany. The day will begin with a Mass at 11:00 a.m. and conclude with an Evensong at 3:00 p.m. Registration deadline is **this Wednesday**, February 28th. You may send an email to office@stgeorgesschenectady.org or call the church office at 518.374.3163.

MARCH 10TH FORUM — On Sunday, March 10th, after Mass, we will have a short coffee hour forum in which Brian Taylor will teach us the Nashotah House hymn, “Firmly I believe and truly.” This hymn will then be sung at the Rector’s institution the following Friday.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Institution of the 20th Rector of St. George’s Church will take place on **Friday, March 15, 2024**. This will include a Solemn High Pontifical Mass with the Bishop of Albany as celebrant and a reception. More details will follow. Mark your calendars!

Parish Outreach

LITTLE RED WAGON SUNDAY— March 10 is our next monthly ingathering of food for Schenectady Community Ministries (SiCM). You may bring contributions of non-perishable food to the back of the church anytime between now and then. The food will be blessed on that day and then taken to SiCM for distribution to their clients.

YWCA SHELTER— March 17 is our next quarterly donation for the YWCA emergency shelter. Thank you to all who have contributed to our parish outreach. This continuing ministry supports women and children who have escaped from an unsafe environment and arrive with nothing. The need is great and is ongoing. At this time, the YWCA tells us they are in most need of personal hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, menstrual products, etc.

LOAVES AND FISHES— is a Diocesan supported feeding ministry housed at St Francis Mission, the old Grace and Holy Innocents Church on Clinton Ave. We are planning a second group trip in the new year. If you’re interested in participating in this hands on ministry opportunity please send an email to: rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org

Parish Life & Beyond...

2024 GIVING ENVELOPES are available in the rear of the church for those who have previously had envelopes. If you have not previously had envelopes or if you need a giving number but don’t want envelopes, please speak to Dr. Jeff Wengrovius, the Parish Treasurer.

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE book club will next meet on March 17th in the Shaw Lounge after Mass. The book to be discussed is “Foster” by Claire Keegan. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULES POSTED ONLINE — The most schedule of greeter, lectors, counters, and altar guild is published online. If you are interested in serving as a lector, greeter, counter, or acolyte, please speak to Fr. Pettigrew or email him at rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org for more information.

SHAPE NOTE SINGING: All are welcome to experience the joy of singing together the beautiful a cappella harmonies and stirring songs of the Sacred Harp, a tune book and hymnal published in Georgia in 1844 and used in community singing throughout the world. We sing in the Great Hall on Saturday afternoons from 1-3:30pm. For schedule updates or more information, please contact Tarik Wareh or visit www.albanysacredharp.org

Looking ahead...

DATE CHANGE! The Organ concert originally scheduled for St Patrick’s Day has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 9, 2024, the Feast of St Columba.