



# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*in the heart of the historic Stockade District*

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

LENT IV-B - 10 MARCH 2024

SUNG MASS - RITE I, 10AM

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

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

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness* (Opus 122, no. 5) *Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

### 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 143** The glory of these forty days *Erhalt uns, Herr*

**INTROIT** *Sung by the Choir*

Call to remembrance thy tender compassion and mercy O Lord; and thy loving kindness towards us; which hath been ever of old: neither suffer our enemies to triumph against us; deliver us O God of Israel; out of all our misery and trouble. Ps. Unto thee O Lord do I lift up my soul: my God in thee have I trusted; let me not be confounded. 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.**

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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** *Lent IV*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**G**RACIOUS FATHER, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING from the Book of Numbers

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

**THE GRADUAL**

*Sung by the Choir and Congregation*

*Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22*

O give | thanks unto the Lord for he | is gracious:

And | his mercy en-|dureth for ever.

Let them | give thanks whom the Lord | hath redeemed:

And | delivered from the | hand of the enemy.

And ga-|thered them out of the lands from the east and | from the west:

From | the north | and from the south.

Foolish | men are plagued for | their offense:

And | be-|cause of their wickedness.

Their soul | abhorred all man-|ner of meat:

And | they were even | hard at death's door.

So when | they cried unto the Lord in | their trouble:

He | delivered them | out of their dis-tress.

He sent | his word | and healed them:

And | they were saved | from their de-struction.

O that | men would therefore praise the Lord for | his goodness:

And | declare the wonders that he doeth for the | children of men!

That they | would offer unto him the sacrifice of | thanksgiving:

And | tell out | his works with gladness!

**THE EPISTLE READING**

*Ephesians 2.1-10*

A READING from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion: which may not be removed; but standeth fast for ever. The hills stand round about Jerusalem; even so standeth the Lord round about his people; from this time forth for evermore.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL***John 3.14-21*

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

**R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Rector

**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 CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant:* Ye do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

**A**LMIGHTY 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**

**A**LMIGHTY 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*

O praise the Lord for he is gracious; sing praises unto his Name for it is lovely: whatsoever the Lord pleased; that he did in heaven and in earth.

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN, HYMN 339**

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

*Schmucke dich*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

- Staff 1:** Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spi - rit.
- Staff 2:** Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up un - to the Lord.
- Staff 3:** Celebrant: Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.
- Staff 4:** People: It is meet and right so to do.

*The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface*

**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)

**A**LL 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**R. And with thy spirit.**

*(people stand)*

## THE AGNUS DEI, 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*

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself; for thither the tribes go up; even the tribes of the Lord; to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Sicut cervus*

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525?-1594)*

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O Lord. —*Psalm 42.1*

## 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 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*Cwm Rhondda*

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

*Dialogue, from Suite on the 2nd tone for the Magnificat*

*Jean-Adam Guilain (1680-1739)*

## 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: Joyce Cockerham  
Thurifer: Chris Henry  
Crucifer: J. J. Moran  
Acolytes: Anne Kennison  
Greeter: Bob Lemmerman  
Lector: David Kennison  
Counters: Jon Ewbank, Jon Pearson  
Altar Guild: Wendy Madelone  
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, Susan D.

*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:** Katherine Schmidt (14), Gilbert Dannenberg (14), Paul Evans, Priest (6)

**Birthdays:** Stella Schultz (14), Kathleen Todt Ronesi (16)

**Baptismal Anniversaries:** None

**Wedding Anniversaries:** None

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, March 10** — 10:00 a.m.— Sung Mass— The Fourth 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**— NO NOON MASS or STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday** — 5:00 p.m. — Solemn Pontifical Mass for the Institution of a Rector

**Sunday, March 17**—10:00 a.m— Sung Mass—The Fifth Sunday in 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](http://www.stgeorgesschenectady.com).

**AFTER CHURCH FORUM TODAY** — During coffee hour today we will have a short 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 on Friday.

**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](mailto:rector@stgeorgesschenectady.org). Our next meeting will be this Tuesday, March 12th.

**THURSDAY HEALING MASS**— Throughout 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

**Coming up soon...**

**THE INSTITUTION OF THE 20TH RECTOR OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH** is this Friday, March 15th. The Solemn High Pontifical Mass with the Bishop of Albany as celebrant begins at 5:00 p.m. and is followed by a reception and dinner. RSVPs to the evites are due by Tuesday, March 12th. If you did not receive an evite, email or call the church office. We hope everyone will attend this important and festive occasion in the life of our parish.

**Parish Outreach**

**TODAY IS LITTLE RED WAGON SUNDAY**— Food and other items contributed will be blessed today and then taken to SiCM for distribution to their clients.

**YWCA SHELTER**— Next Sunday, March 17th is our 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](mailto:rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org)

**Parish Life & Beyond...**

**MARCH 17TH BOOK CLUB MEETING**— In honor of St. Patrick's Day, St. George's Book Club is reading *Foster*, a slim novella by popular contemporary Irish author Claire Keegan. Does the book deliver evocative descriptions of life in rural Ireland? Yes! Will it break your heart anyway? Likely. The club will discuss it after Mass on March 17th. Please see Meg Hughes if you would like to know more.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.albanysacredharp.org)

**Looking ahead...**

**HOLY WEEK, 2024**, with guest priest, The Rev. William W. Willoughby, III, from Savannah, Georgia.

**Palm Sunday, March 24** — 10:00 a.m.— Liturgy of the Palms & Mass of the Passion  
**Holy Monday, March 25** — 12:00 p.m.— Mass  
**Holy Tuesday, March 26** — 12:00 p.m.— Mass  
**Holy Wednesday, March 27** — 12:00 p.m.— Mass  
**Maundy Thursday, March 28** — 7:00 p.m. — The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Good Friday, March 29** — 12:00 p.m. —The Solemn Afternoon Liturgy  
**Holy Saturday, March 30** — 9:00 a.m. — Liturgy of the Word  
**Easter Eve, March 30** — 7:00 p.m. — The Great Vigil of Easter  
**Easter Day, March 31**—10:00 a.m.— Sung Mass—Mass of the Resurrection

**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.