

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

LENT III-B - 3 MARCH 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

Prelude in G (Opus 105, no. 3)

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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 419

Lord of all being, throned afar

Mendon

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir

The Lord give thee wisdom and understanding; that thou mayest keep the law of thy God: be strong and of good courage; dread not nor be dismayed. Ps. Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way; and walk in the law of the Lord. 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 III

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING from the Book of Exodus

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

THE GRADUAL

Sung by the Choir and Congregation

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

One day telleth another: and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language: but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun:

Which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again:

And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law converting the soul:

The testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart:

The commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endureth forever:

The judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant taught: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins; lest they get the dominion over me:

So shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in thy sight:

O Lord my strength and my redeemer.

THE EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 1.18-25

A READING from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gracious and upright is the Lord: therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right: and teaches his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness: to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE HOLY GOSPEL*John 2.13-22*

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

(people stand)

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

The sparrow hath found her a house; and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thine altars O Lord of hosts; my king and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Hear my prayer, O Lord

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

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 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

St. Petersburg

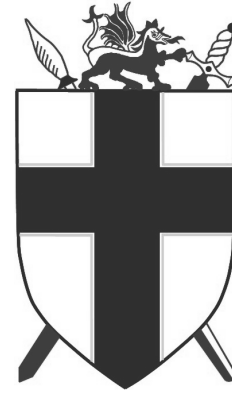
CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Allegro assai vivace, 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: Jeff Wengrovius
Thurifer: Chris Henry
Crucifer: J. J. Moran
Acolytes: Anne Kennison
Greeter: Meg Hughes
Lector: Joan Pearson
Counters: Paul Smigelski, Meg Hughes
Altar Guild: Sandee Hughes
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: Frances Spada (7), Alma King (7)

Birthdays: Sandra Hughes (8), Pamela Turley (9)

Baptismal Anniversaries: None

Wedding Anniversaries: Ralph & Alice Polumbo (8)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 3 — 10:00 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 10—10:00 a.m.— Sung Mass—The Third 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.

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 this Tuesday, 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS— This traditional Lenten devotion is offered every Friday in Lent at 5:00 p.m. It begins in the Lady Chapel before processing around the church to each station. Join us for this meditation on the Passion of Christ.

Coming up soon...

MARCH 10TH FORUM — Next 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** beginning at **5:00 p.m.** This will include a Solemn High Pontifical Mass with the Bishop of Albany as celebrant followed by a reception and dinner. Evites have been sent out by email. If you did not receive one email or call the church office.

Parish Outreach

LITTLE RED WAGON SUNDAY— Next Sunday, March 10th, is our 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 17th 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.

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 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.