



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT I-C - 1 DECEMBER 2024

SUNG MASS - RITE I, 10AM

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

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY Sleepers, wake! (BWV 645) *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

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

THE GREAT LITANY *Sung responsively by all, standing* *Prayer Book, page 148*

INTROIT *Sung by the Choir*

Unto thee O Lord I lift up my soul; O my God in thee have I trusted; let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look to thee shall not be ashamed. Ps. Show me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths. Glory be.

THE TRISAGION, HYMNAL S-102 *Sung by all, repeated x3* *(people kneel)*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Advent I*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 33.14-16*

A READING from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

V. The Word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

Unto | thee O Lord will I lift up my soul; my God I have put my | trust in thee:

O | let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies | triumph over me.

For all | they that hope in thee shall not | be ashamed:

But | such as transgress without a cause shall be | put to con-fusion.

Show me | thy | ways O Lord: And | teach me thy paths.

Lead me | forth in thy truth | and learn me:

For | thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope | all the day long.

Call to | remembrance O Lord thy ten-|der mercies:

And | thy loving-kindnesses which have been | ever of old.

O re-|member not the sins and offenses | of my youth:

But | according to thy mercy think thou upon me O Lord, | for thy good-ness.

Gracious | and righteous | is the Lord: There-|fore will he teach | sinners in the way.

Them that | are meek shall he guide | in judgment: And | such as are gentle, them | shall he learn his way.

All the | paths of the Lord are mer-|cy and truth: Un-|to such as keep his covenant and his | testimon-ies.

THE EPISTLE READING*1 Thessalonians 3.9-13*

A READING from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God



AL - LE- LU- IA. Al - le- lu- ia.

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** Show us thy mercy O Lord: and grant us thy salvation. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21.25-36

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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 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.

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 PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

(people stand)

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Unto thee O Lord I lift up my soul; O my God in thee have I trusted; let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look to thee shall not be made ashamed.

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord. Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do."

The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface of Advent

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT, HYMNAL S-117 (MCGREGOR)

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

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

THE AGNUS DEI, HYMNAL S-157 (MERBECKE)

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

Choir

Sung by the Cantor &

The Lord shall show loving kindness: and our land shall give her increase.

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Sleepers, wake!"

Hans Sachs (1494-1576), Harm. J. S. Bach

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 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Chorale Prelude on "Helmsley"

Alan Ridout (1934-1996)

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:	Louisa Carr
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Crucifer:	Daniel Miess
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, J. J. Moran
Greeters:	Gloria Kishton, Meg Hughes
Lector:	Tarik Wareh
Counters:	Jeff Wengrovius & Kevin Decker
Altar Guild:	Wendy Madelone
Sacristans:	David & Anne Kennison



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

The Sick and those in need: Gabriella Rose, Katie, Fr. Michael Webber, Bishop Michael Curry, Father Charles King, Jane Ruzicka Pennacchia, Marianne Perez, John, Tai, Ruth S., Rachel, Doug, Ruth A., Francis C., Don Ingram, Suzy, Richard, Abby, Luca Taylor, Destiny & Chris Taylor, Stephanie Barr, Hooter Zimmerman, Eric, Pam, Sally, Linda S., Scott G., Sondra Lee, Robert, Linda, Michael, Jim, Crystal, Salli V., Mary Catherine, Susan, Kathleen Rose, Gwen, Alex, Alan, Doug, Ruth Nevells, Pedro, Isabella, Sarah Bringham, Monica Lusman & her unborn child.

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: Carol Rose

Birthdays: None

Baptismal Anniversaries: None

Wedding Anniversaries: Scott & Shannon Hartz (7)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 1 — 10:00 a.m. — The Great Litany & Sung Mass — The First Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 3 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer

Lectionary Study Group follows in Cranmer House at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 4 — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — John of Damascus

Thursday, December 5 — 6:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Healing — Clement of Alexandria

Theological Study Group follows in Cranmer House at 6:45 p.m.

Friday, December 6 — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — St. Nicholas of Myra

Sunday, December 8 — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — The Second Sunday of Advent

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.org.

COFFEE HOUR Please join us for coffee hour after Mass in the Great Hall. Snacks, along with hot and cold drinks are available during this time of fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Children in 1st through 6th grades are invited to go to Sunday School at the end of Mass. After coming to the rail for communion or a blessing children may go directly to the back of the church where their teacher, Mrs. Sharon Trant, will walk them over to the Shaw Lounge for their class.

Parish Outreach

INGATHERING SUNDAY — Our regular ingathering for the YWCA and the Sycamore Collaborative will take place during Mass **next Sunday, December 8th**. Non-perishable food items are collected for the Collaborative. The YWCA

requests hygiene and sanitary items, as well as NEW children's underwear in any size. Please bring your items to the back of the church any time between now and next Sunday.

SALVATION ARMY BELLRINGERS — Saturday, December 14th, is when St. George's Church takes its turn as Salvation Army bellringers at the Market 32 on Eastern Avenue here in Schenectady. A sign-up sheet is in the back for those who wish to volunteer, or one can go to the link on our church's website and sign up there. For more information speak with Jon Pearson.

Parish Life & Beyond...

Immaculate Conception Luncheon—The Society of Mary will host a luncheon to honor the Feast of the Immaculate Conception following Mass on Sunday, December 8th. All are invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND GREENS MEMORIALS/THANKSGIVINGS — Each year we decorate the church with poinsettias and Christmas greenery for the Christmas season. You are invited to make a contribution in memory or thanksgiving of someone to offset the costs of these decorations. Please send your memorial/thanksgiving names to the church office at office@stgeorgesschenectady.org and then either place a check in the collection plate or send a check to the church. Memorials and Thanksgivings will be listed in the bulletins for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please send your names and make your contributions by Thursday, December 19th.

CHRISTMAS GREENS — Also, those planning to trim evergreens on their home or property are asked that if they could, to time it so that the trimmings may be used for decorating the church for Christmas. For more information contact Kevin Decker, 518.569.6766

Looking Ahead

CHRISTMAS SERVICES — As you begin to make your plans for celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, here are the principal liturgies for Christmastide.

Tuesday, December 24th — Family Christmas Service: Low Mass with carols — 4:00 p.m. Lady Chapel

Tuesday, December 24th — Solemn Mass for Christmas Eve — 10:00 p.m. High Altar

Carol Concert precedes the Mass at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25th — Sung Mass for Christmas Day — 11:00 a.m. High Altar

Sunday, January 5th — A Feast of Lights for the Eve of the Epiphany — 5:00 p.m. High Altar

PRAYER LIST — If you have a name that you would like added to the prayer list please email the church office at office@StGeorgesSchenectady.org and we will insure that this person will be remembered in the prayers.

PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULES POSTED ONLINE — The most recent schedule of greeters, 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