

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

EPIPHANY 1C - 12 JANUARY 2025

SUNG MASS - RITE I, 10AM

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

MASS SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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 117

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

Morning Star

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 INTROIT

Sung by Cantor & Choir

Therefore shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation: and in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord; call upon his name. Ps. Sing unto the Lord for he hath done excellent things; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee. Glory be.

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.

THE KYRIE ELEISON, HYMNAL S-91

Sung by all

(people kneel)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, HYMNAL S-202

Sung by all

(people stand)

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee,

we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Al-
mighty.**

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father,**

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;

thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost,

✠ art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

FATHER IN HEAVEN, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSON*Isaiah 43.1-7*

A READING from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

THE GRADUAL*Sung by the Choir and Congregation**Psalm 29*

Ascribe | unto the Lord O | ye mighty: As-|cribe unto the Lord | worship and strength.

Ascribe | unto the Lord the honor due un-|to his Name: Wor-|ship the Lord | with holy worship.

The voice | of the Lord is upon | the waters: It | is the glorious God that | maketh the thunder.

It is | the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in o-|peration:

The | voice of the Lord | is a glorious voice.

The voice | of the Lord breaketh the | cedar-trees: Yea | the Lord breaketh the cedars | of Liban-on.

He mak-|eth them also to skip | like a calf: Le-|banon also and Sirion like a | young uni-corn.

The voice | of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the | wilderness:

Yea | the Lord shaketh the wilder-|ness of Ka-desh.

The voice | of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and strippeth bare | the forests:

In | his temple doth every thing | speak of his honor.

The Lord | sitteth above the | water-flood: And | the Lord remaineth | a king for ever.

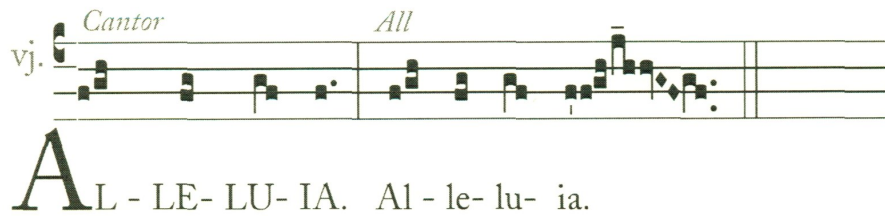
The Lord | shall give strength unto | his people: The | Lord shall give his people the | blessing of peace.

THE EPISTLE*Acts 8.14-17*

A READING from the Acts of the Apostles

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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



ALLELUIA. **ALLELUIA.** He shall come down like rain upon the mown field:
like showers that water the earth. **ALLELUIA.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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

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-158

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 Cantor & Choir

And he showed me a pure river of water of life: clear as crystal, and proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Arise, shine, for thy light is come Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

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 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Postlude in D minor (Opus 105, no. 6)

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Master of Ceremonies:	David Kennison
Organist	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Louisa Carr
Thurifer:	Paul Smigelski
Boat Boy:	James Smigelski
Crucifer:	Daniel Miess
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, J. J. Moran
Lector:	Daniel Miess
Greeters:	Carol Gaige, Meg Hughes
Counters:	Rich Unger, Jeff Wengrovius
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 Lasman & her unborn child, Lilly Griffiths, Josh, Belinda Brown

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: Sarah Gage (13), Vivian Finch (14), Virginia Krings (17), Marjorie Deubel (18)

Birthdays: Sean Albert, Ryan Smigelski (16), Christopher Henry (18)

Baptismal Anniversaries: Ava Weakley (12)

Wedding Anniversaries:

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 12 — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — The First Sunday after the Epiphany
Brunch and Annual Meeting follow in the Great Hall

Tuesday, January 14 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer
Lectionary Study Group follows in Cranmer House at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 15 — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — Paul of Thebes

Thursday, January 16 — 6:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Healing — feria
Vestry Meeting follows in Cranmer House at 6:45 p.m.
(No Theological Reading Group this week)

Friday, January 17 — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Confession of St. Peter (tr.)

Sunday, January 19 — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes today with an abbreviated session. Children may meet their teacher, Mrs. Trant at the back of the church after coming to the rail for communion or a blessing. They will meet in the Shaw Lounge until the end of Mass at which time children may join their families for the brunch.

Parish Life and Beyond

TODAY IS LITTLE RED WAGON SUNDAY, our monthly ingathering of non-perishable food for the Sycamore Collaborative food pantry. Please bring your contributions to the back of the church. They will be blessed at Mass and then taken to the pantry for distribution to their clients.

TODAY IS BRUNCH AND ANNUAL MEETING after Mass. All are welcome to come to the brunch and meeting. Church members will be voting on new members for the Vestry.

THE ROSARY — Next Sunday, January 19th, the Society of Mary will gather in the Lady Chapel at 9:15 a.m., just before Mass, to pray the Rosary. All are invited to join in this devotion in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

BOOK CLUB TO HOST LOCAL HISTORIAN — How did they “call the midwife” before telephones? It’s a good question, and one that might best be answered by Anne Clothier! An historical reenacting colleague of Fr. Tom’s, Anne has chosen maternal health in the Colonial era as her area of focus. When she learned that several St. George’s parishioners are reading “Frozen River,” Anne eagerly volunteered to attend the discussion and share insights on the life of Martha Moore Ballard, an American midwife and the heroine of the historical novel. **All are invited to sit in on the session, next Sunday, January 19th after worship, even if you have not read “Frozen River.”** It’s a great opportunity to make Anne’s acquaintance and learn more about the challenges our 18th century predecessors faced.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, February 2nd — Candlemas Procession and Solemn High Choral Mass — 10:00 a.m. High Altar

Sunday, February 23rd — Choral Evensong — 5:00 p.m. High Altar

Pre-service organ music begins at 4:45 p.m.

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

Around the Diocese

CATHEDRAL IN BLOOM, the cathedral’s annual flower festival is this weekend, starting Friday, January 17th and running through Sunday, January 19th. On Friday at noon our Director of Music, Brian Taylor, will present a short organ recital in conjunction with the festival. For ticket information visit www.cathedralofallsaints.org.

