

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

EPIPHANY 6C - 16 FEBRUARY 2025

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:

Variation (Opus 18c)

Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

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 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

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

Now therefore fear the Lord; and serve him in sincerity and truth: put away the gods which your fathers served; and serve ye the Lord. Choose you this day whom ye will serve: but as for me and my house; we will serve the Lord. 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-90

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-201

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 Almighty.

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.

O GOD, the strength of all who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON*Jeremiah 17.5-10*

A READING from the Book of Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

V. The Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.****THE GRADUAL***Sung by the Choir and Congregation**Psalm 1*

Bless-ed | is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way | of sinners:

And | hath not sat in the | seat of the scornful.

But his | delight is in the law | of the Lord: And | in his law will he exercise him-|self day and night.

And he | shall be like a tree planted by the | water-side: That | will bring forth his | fruit in due season.

His | leaf also shall | not wither: And | look; whatsoever he | doeth it shall prosper.

As for | the ungodly it is not | so with them:

But | they are like the chaff which the wind scattereth away from the | face of the earth.

Therefore | the ungodly shall not be able to stand in | the judgment:

Nei-|ther the sinners in the congre-|gation of the righteous.

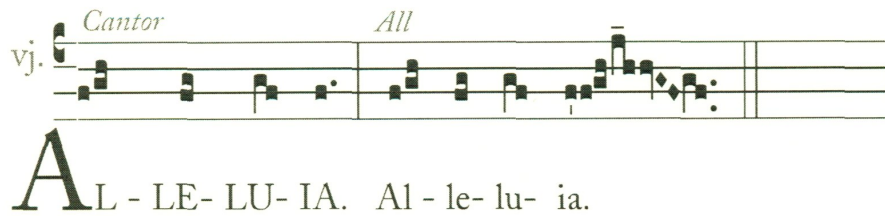
But the | Lord knoweth the way of | the righteous: And | the way of the | ungodly shall perish.

THE EPISTLE*1 Corinthians 15.12-20*

A READING from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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



ALLELUIA. **ALLELUIA.** Into thy hands I commend my spirit: for thou hast redeemed me; O Lord, thou God of truth. **ALLELUIA.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6.17-26

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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-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 Cantor & Choir

If we love one another; God dwelleth in us: and his love is perfected in us.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

O come, ye servants of the Lord

Christopher Tye (ca. 1505-1573)

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 447

The Christ who died, but rose again

St. Magnus

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Prelude and Fugue in E minor (BWV 533) *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Master of Ceremonies:	Kevin Decker
Organist	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Joan Pearson
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Boat Boy:	James Smigelski
Crucifer:	Daniel Miess
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, Eric Bassant
Lector:	Jim Wingate
Greeters:	Jim Wingate, Ann Duff
Counters:	Jeff Wengrovius, Jon Ewbank
Altar Guild:	Natasha Bassant
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., 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, Pastor Kent, Rick S., Bruce Whitcavitch, Autumn Tambasco

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: Stephanie Youmans (17), Cecily Bluegrass, Olive Ogonowski, Robert Burgess (18), George Roben (21)

Birthdays: Kevin Decker (10), Jonathan Pearson, IV (20)

Baptismal Anniversaries:

Wedding Anniversaries:

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 16 — 9:15 a.m. — The Rosary — Lady Chapel

10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Coffee Hour follows in the Great Hall

Tuesday, February 18 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer

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

Wednesday, February 19 — 9:00 a.m. — Requiem Mass — All Souls Chapel

Thursday, February 20 — 6:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Healing — feria

Theological Reading Group follows in Cranmer Hall

Friday, February 21 — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Peter Damian, Bishop, 1072

Sunday, February 23 — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

5:30 p.m. — Choral Evensong

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.

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.

Parish Life and Beyond

OUTREACH COMMITTEE meets today after Mass.

REQUIEM MASS — This Wednesday morning at 9 a.m., we will offer our quarterly Requiem Mass for the faithful departed. All are invited to come and pray for loved ones and others who have departed this life.

CHORAL EVENSONG — Next Sunday the St. Cecilia Choir, the parish choir of St. George's Church, will offer a Choral Evensong service at 5:00 p.m. Music includes the Evening Service in F (transposed to G) by John Blow (1649-1748) and the anthem, O how amiable, by Brian J. Taylor (b. 1958). Our guest speaker for this service is Gail Truechard, from the Loaves and Fishes Ministry at St. Francis Mission in Albany. Pre-service organ music begins at 4:45 p.m.

LITURGY FORA — Over the course of three Sundays in March our Rector will be offering three presentations on the liturgy after Sunday Mass. The first will be on March 2nd in conjunction with our annual Pancake Breakfast. This is an opportunity to find out why we do what we do in our worship. The other dates will be March 16th and March 30th. Orange index cards will be found in the back of the church on which one can write questions about liturgy for Fr. Tom to incorporate into his talks.

LENTEN OFFERINGS — As part of the observation of Lent, a time of both penitence and renewal, St. George's will have several special opportunities for worship and education.

- **Ash Wednesday** — Masses with Imposition of Ashes at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- **Stations of the Cross** — Fridays, 5:00 p.m., March 7th — April 11th
- **New book for Thursday Night Study Group** — Corpus Christi, by E. L. Mascall, Thursdays, 6:45 p.m.
- **Lenten Quiet Day** — Saturday, March 15th, 10:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

BOOK CLUB — The Book Club will meet after Mass on March 16th to discuss "Everyone in My Family has Killed Someone" by Benjamin Stevenson. This is a light-hearted mystery that enjoys making fun of the mystery genre. New members are always welcome! For any questions feel free to check with Meg Hughes or Pattie Wareh.

Outreach

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF — A great number of people continue to suffer from the devastating fires in Los Angeles, California, including family members of parishioners. St. George's is making a special collection of funds to help in the relief of those affected. If you would like to contribute, you may do so by placing a contribution in the Alms Box at the rear of the nave.

YWCA INGATHERING — The next ingathering for the YWCA Women's Shelter is Sunday, March 9th, the First Sunday in Lent. The shelter is once again in need of twin sheets as well as hygiene and sanitary products. In addition NEW children's underwear in any size is needed. To give some idea of the need, the emergency shelter has 20 rooms which are almost always occupied. Our generosity for this important service is greatly appreciated.

Looking Ahead

STOCKADE SIDEWALK SALE — It's not too late to start thinking about what you would like to donate to the Society of Mary table at the Stockade Sidewalk Sale on June 7th. All proceeds will go to the YWCA, the Society of Mary's designated charity. Keep your donations in a safe place at home and be ready to bring them to church the week before the sale.

