

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

LENT 4C - 30 MARCH 2025

SUNG MASS - RITE I, 10AM

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

MASS SETTING

Fifth Communion Service

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Psalm-Prelude, (Opus 32, Set 1, no. 3) Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. -- Psalm 23.4

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 411

O bless the Lord, my soul

St. Thomas (Williams)

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

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may feed and be glad with the consolations from her bosom. Ps. I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of 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, SERVICE MUSIC BOOKLET 747

Sung by all

(people kneel)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lent IV

V. The Lord be with you. **R. And with thy Spirit.** V. Let us pray.

GRACIOUS 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.**

THE LESSON

Joshua 5.9-12

A READING from the Book of Joshua

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Psalm Chant - JAK

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for-**given**, * and whose sin is put a-**way**!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no **guilt**, * and in whose spirit there is no **guile**!
- 3 While I held my tongue my bones withered a-**way**, * because of my groaning all day **long**.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and **night**; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of **summer**.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to **you**, * and did not conceal my **guilt**.
- 6 I said "I will confess my transgressions to the **LORD**." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my **sin**.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of **trouble**; *
when the great waters overflow they shall not **reach them**.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from **trouble**; * you surround me with shouts of de-**liverance**.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should **go**; * I will guide you with my **eye**."
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule which have no under-**standing**; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle or else they will not stay **near you**."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the **wicked**; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the **LORD**.
- 12 Be glad you righteous and rejoice in the **LORD**; * shout for joy all who are true of **heart**.

THE EPISTLE*II Corinthians 5.16-21*

A READING from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

O be joyful in God all ye lands: sing praises unto the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.
Say unto God; O how wonderful art thou in thy works!

Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies bow down unto thee.
For all the world shall worship thee: sing of thee and praise thy Name.
Behold the works of God: how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

THE HOLY GOSPEL*Luke 15.1-3. 11-32*

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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.

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.

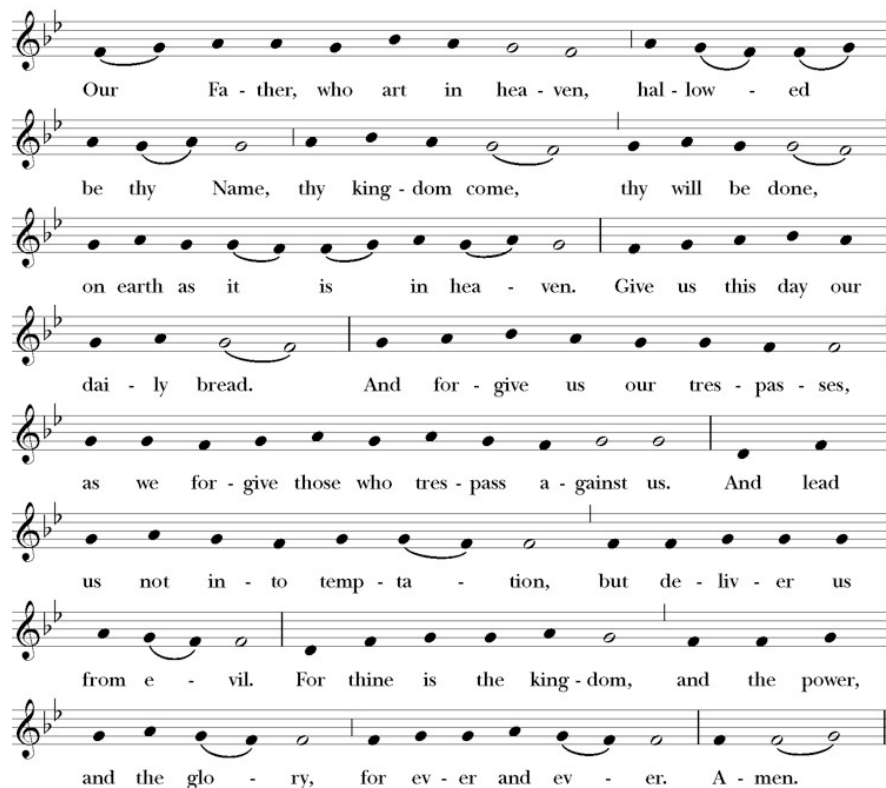
And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus 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.

THE AGNUS DEI, SERVICE MUSIC BOOKLET 749

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

Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: and thy blessing is upon thy people.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Like as the hart

Vincent Novello (1781-1861)

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:

Psalm-Prelude (Opus 32, Set 2, no. 3)

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Sing unto Him a new song: play skillfully with a loud noise. — Psalm 33.3

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Master of Ceremonies:	David Kennison
Organist	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Joan Pearson
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Crucifer:	Daniel Miess
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, J. J. Moran
Lector:	Mike Todt
Greeters:	Gloria Kishton, Rich Unger
Counters:	Paul Smigelski, Mike Todt
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., 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, Pastor Kent, Rick S., Bruce Whitcavitch, Autumn Tambasco, Wendy, Den, Sherri, Pope Francis, Matt Zippler, Olivia McCloskey

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: JoLee Schirk (30), Robert Todt (31), Louise Waterman (2), Eleanor Snell (4)

Birthdays:

Baptismal Anniversaries:

Wedding Anniversaries:

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 30 — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Coffee Hour and Town Hall Meeting follow in the Great Hall

Tuesday, April 1 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer
Lectionary Study Group follows in Cranmer House at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 2 — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — Lenten feria

Thursday, April 3 — 6:00 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Healing — Lenten feria
Theological Reading Group follows in Cranmer House at 6:45 p.m.

Friday, April 4 — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Lenten feria
5:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross — Lady Chapel

Sunday, April 6 — 9:00 a.m. — Sunday School for children 1st-6th grade
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.

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.

The LAST Boiler Campaign

TWO WEEKS AGO — You heard of the imminent failure of the boiler that heats Cranmer House. It is a virtual twin of the former Church boiler and is exhibiting the same weaknesses and failures. The leaks and corrosion foretell its demise. Major expenses like this are not included in the church budget so we have to raise money separately. The good news is that this is the final boiler that needs replacement and so this is the LAST boiler campaign. Including installation, a new boiler costs \$82,500.00. So far, we have raised \$11,000.00. We need your contributions now to be able to get a new boiler on order. Installation will occur over the summer months when heat isn't needed. **Mark your check with BOILER 2025** TO BE SURE YOUR DONATION GOES TO THE RIGHT PLACE. We will keep you informed of the progress each week. Thank you!

Parish Life and Beyond

TOWN HALL MEETING — Today after Mass during Coffee Hour, we will have a Town Hall Meeting regarding the future of the Parish House. We hope all will stay to hear all of the current information on our building.

ON THIS LAETARE SUNDAY a new set of floral damask vestments will be blessed for use during Eastertide. They are given to the Greater Glory of God and in memory of the Rev'd Frederick C. McQuade, J., SSC (1933-2014), a curate of St. George's Church and one time rector to numerous parishes within the Diocese of Albany.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS is offered every Friday in Lent at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to walk the way of the cross with Our Lord at this devotion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — We continue to offer Sunday School classes for children in 1st – 6th grades. Right now the class is focused on Holy Baptism. The class meets in the Acolyte Vesting Room behind the All Souls Chapel. The next class is scheduled for April 6th.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR — Next Sunday, April 6th, we have a special coffee hour planned to celebrate the 100th birthday of parishioner Toni Cilberti. We look forward celebrating this milestone birthday with her.

PASCHAL CANDLE — We will be purchasing a new Paschal Candle for Easter this year. Any who wish to make a contribution in memory or honor of someone may do so. Please send an email to office@stgeorgesschenectady.org indicating the name(s) you wish remembered, and place a check in any amount in the offering plate or send by mail to the church. The names will be listed in our bulletins from Easter through Pentecost.

Outreach

“LITTLE RED WAGON SUNDAY” — We have moved Little Red Wagon Sunday forward by one week. Please bring non-perishable food for the Sycamore Collaborative food pantry **next Sunday, April 6th**. The food will be blessed at Mass and then taken to the pantry for distribution to their clients.

Looking Ahead

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 13th — Liturgy of the Palms and Solemn Mass of the Passion — 10:00 a.m.

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday, April 14th, 15th & 16th — Low Mass — 12:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 17th — Solemn Mass — 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18th — Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday — 12:00 p.m.

Easter Even, April 19th — The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter — 7:00 p.m.

Easter Day, April 20th — Solemn High Mass — 10:00 a.m.

STOCKADE SIDEWALK SALE — It's not too early 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.

