

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

LENT 2C - 16 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

Chorale (Opus 37, no. 4)

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

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 401

The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

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

Call to remembrance thy tender compassion and mercy O Lord; and thy lovingkindness towards us, which have been ever of old: neither suffer our enemies to triumph against us; deliver us O God of Israel; out of all our misery and trouble. Ps. Unto thee, O Lord, do I life up my soul: my God; in thee have I trusted; let me not be confounded. 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 II

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

O GOD, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Genesis 13.1-12, 17-18

A READING from the Book of Genesis

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of

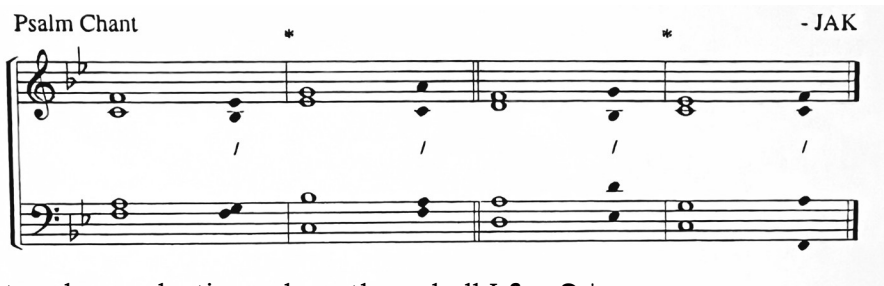
the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

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

THE GRADUAL

Sung by all

Psalm 27



- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I **fear?** *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be a-**fraid?**
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my **flesh,** *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and **fell.**
- 3 Though an army should encamp a-**gainst me,** *
yet my heart shall not be a-**fraid;**
- 4 And though war should rise up a-**gainst me,** *
yet will I put my trust in **him.**
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I **seek;** *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my **life;**
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the **LORD** *
and to seek him in his **temple.**
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his **shelter;** *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a **rock.**
- 8 Even now he lifts up my **head** *
above my enemies round a-**bout me.**
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great **gladness;** *
I will sing and make music to the **LORD.**
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I **call;** *
have mercy on me and **answer me.**
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my **face."** *
Your face, LORD, will I **seek.**
- 12 Hide not your face from **me,** *
nor turn away your servant in dis-**pleasure.**
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not a-**way;** *
do not forsake me, O God of my sal-**vation.**
- 14 Though my father and my mother for-**sake me,** *
the LORD will sus-**tain me.**
- 15 Show me your way, O **LORD;** *
lead me on a level path, because of my **enemies.**
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my **adversaries,** *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak **malice.**
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the **LORD** *
in the land of the **living!**
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your **heart;** *
wait patiently for the **LORD.**

Thy love O Lord reaches to the heavens: and thy faithfulness to the clouds.
 Thy righteousness is like the strong mountains;
 thy justice is like the great deep: thou savest both man and beast O Lord.
 How priceless is thy love O God: thy people take refuge under the shadow of thy wings.
 They feast upon the abundance of thy house: thou givest them drink from the river of thy delights.
 For with thee is the well of life: and in thy light we see light.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13.31-35

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dr. Taylor

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 EXHORTATION

Book of Common Prayer, page 316

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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 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

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish; but have everlasting life.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake

Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

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, INSERT

Firmly I believe and truly

Nashotah House

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

St. Patrick's Breastplate, fr. Organ Sonata no. 4

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:	Starrla Laris
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Crucifer:	Daniel Miess
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, J. J. Moran
Lector:	Tarik Wareh
Greeters:	Rich Unger, Mike Todt
Counters:	Rich Unger, Bob Paska
Altar Guild:	Sandra Hughes
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: John R. Sweet (11), John Joseph Sheehan

Birthdays:

Baptismal Anniversaries:

Wedding Anniversaries:

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — The First Sunday in Lent

Coffee Hour follows in the Great Hall

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

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

Wednesday, March 19 — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — St. Joseph

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

Vestry meeting follows in Cranmer House at 6:45 p.m.

(No Theological Reading Group this night)

Friday, March 21 — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Lenten feria

5:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross — Lady Chapel

Sunday, March 23 — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — The Second 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.

Parish Life and Beyond

BOOK CLUB — The Book Club will meet after Mass today 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!

VESTMENTS DEDICATION — This Wednesday, St. Joseph’s Day, at our 9:00 a.m. Mass we will dedicate a new set of black Low Mass to the Greater Glory of Almighty God and in memory of John Joseph Sheehan. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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.

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.

LITURGY FORUM — Father Pettigrew will be offering his next forum on the liturgy next Sunday during Coffee Hour.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — We continue to offer Sunday School classes for children in 1st – 6th grades. Right now the classes is focused on Holy Baptism. The class meets in the Acolyte Vesting Room behind the All Souls Chapel. The next classes are scheduled for March 30th and April 6th.

Outreach

LOAVES AND FISHES MINISTRY — Once again St. George’s House has been asked to assist in serving meals at the Loaves and Fishes Ministry located in St. Francis Mission in Albany on Saturday, March 29th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for hands-on ministry to those in need. A sign up sheet is in the back of the church for those who wish to volunteer their time for this special ministry.

Looking Ahead

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.

