

# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*in the heart of the Historic Stockade District*

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

LENT 3C - 23 MARCH 2025

SUNG MASS - RITE I, 10AM

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

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### MASS SETTING

Fifth Communion Service

*Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)*

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Three settings of A Mighty Fortress*

*Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706), Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)*

### 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 143

The Glory of these forty days

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

### 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*

For now we see through a glass darkly but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. Ps. Show us the light of thy countenance upon thy servant, and teach me thy statutes. 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)**

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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Lent III*

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

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE LESSON

*Exodus 3.1-15*

A READING from the Book of Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And

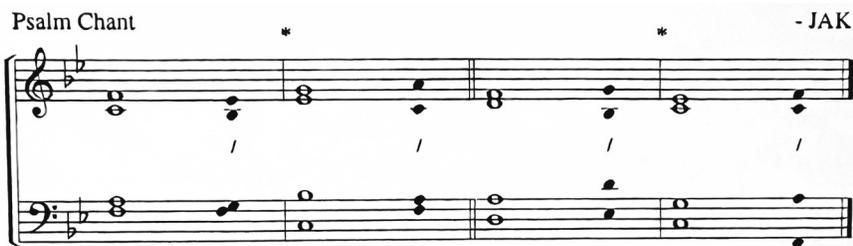
Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

**THE GRADUAL**

*Sung by all*

*Psalm 63*



- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I **seek you**; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no **water**.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy **place**, \* that I might behold your power and your **glory**.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life it-**self**; \* my lips shall give you **praise**.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I **live** \* and lift up my hands in your **Name**.
- 5 My soul is content as with marrow and **fatness**, \* and my mouth praises you with joyful **lips**,
- 6 When I remember you upon my **bed**, \* and meditate on you in the night **watches**.
- 7 For you have been my **helper**, \* and under the shadow of your wings I will re-**joice**.
- 8 My soul clings to **you**; \* your right hand holds me **fast**.

**THE EPISTLE**

*I Corinthians 10:1-13*

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

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree: and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord: shall flourish in the courts of our God.  
 They shall still bear fruit in old age: they shall be green and succulent.  
 That they may show how upright the Lord is: my Rock; in whom there is no fault.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL***Luke 13.1-9*

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

**R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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)*

**A**LL 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)*

**W**E 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*

Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood: to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts

*Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

## 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 688

A mighty fortress is our God

*Ein feste Burg*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY:** *Chorale Prelude on A mighty fortress is our God (Opus 67, no. 6) Max Reger (1873-1916)*

## MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Master of Ceremonies:	Chris Henry
Organist	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Tarik Wareh
Thurifer:	Paul Smigelski
Boat Boy:	James Smigelski
Crucifer:	J. J. Moran
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, Eric Bassant
Lector:	Diane Reed
Greeters:	Jim Wingate, Ann Duff
Counters:	Jon Ewbank, Gloria Kishton
Altar Guild:	Carol Gaige
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](mailto:rector@stgeorgesschenectady.org)*

**The Departed:** L. Clark Willsey, Ann Stamm (26)

**Birthdays:** Ann Duff (23), Gerri Moore (24), Mike Todt (26), Diane Nemir-Reed (27), James Smigelski, Mtr. Lisa Schoonmaker (28), Patricia Gibbons (29)

**Baptismal Anniversaries:**

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, March 23** — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — The Third Sunday in Lent  
Coffee Hour and Forum follows in the Great Hall

**Tuesday, March 25** — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer  
Lectionary Study Group follows in Cranmer House at 9:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m. — Sung Mass — Annunciation Day

**Wednesday, March 26** — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — Lenten feria

**Thursday, March 27** — 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, March 28** — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Lenten feria  
5:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross — Lady Chapel

**Sunday, March 30** — 9:00 a.m. — Sunday School for children 1st-6th grade  
10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — The Fourth 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](http://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**

**LITURGY FORUM** — Today after Mass Father Pettigrew will be offering his second forum on the liturgy. He will be addressing many of the questions submitted to him regarding our liturgical practices.

**ANNUNCIATION DAY MASS** — This Tuesday evening a Sung Mass will be offered for Annunciation Day at 7:00 p.m.

**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 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.

**TOWN HALL MEETING** — Next Sunday, March 30th, during Coffee Hour, we will have a Town Hall Meeting regarding the future of the Parish House.

**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](mailto: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**

**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 this 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**

#### **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.

