

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

LENT 5C - 6 APRIL 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 Prelude on *Rockingham*

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

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 473

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

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

Behold my servant whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon Him; and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles. Ps. Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness; O God of our salvation: thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth. Glory be.

THE DECALOGUE *(The Book of Common Prayer, page 317)*

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 V

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

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Isaiah 43.16-21

A READING from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

Psalm Chant * * - JAK

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, chant-like style with quarter and eighth notes. There are two asterisks above the staff indicating specific points in the chant. The piece concludes with the initials '- JAK'.

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of **Zion**, *
then were we like those who **dream**.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with **laughter**, *
and our tongue with shouts of **joy**.
- 3 Then they said among the **nations**, *
"The LORD has done great things for **them**."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for **us**, *
and we are glad in-**deed**.
- 5 Restore our fortunes O **LORD**, *
like the watercourses of the **Negev**.
- 6 Those who sowed with **tears** *
will reap with songs of **joy**.
- 7 Those who go out weeping carrying the **seed**, *
will come again with joy shouldering their **sheaves**.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 3.4-14

A READING from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

The Lord is my strength and my shield: my heart trusts in him and I have been helped. Therefore my heart dances for joy: and in my song will I praise him. The Lord is the strength of his people: a safe refuge for his anointed. Save thy people and bless thine inheritance: shepherd them and carry them for ever.

THE HOLY GOSPEL*John 12.1-8*

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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 CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

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 ABSOLUTION

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sung by Cantor & Choir

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great: because he hath poured out his soul unto death; and was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many.

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

Rockingham

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT, SERVICE MUSIC BOOKLET 799

Sung by all

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.**

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law: but thanks be to God; which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

God So Loved the World, *from* The Crucifixion

John Stainer (1840-1901)

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: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 441

In the cross of Christ I glory

Rathbun

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Prelude and Fugue in F# minor

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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
Boat Boy:	James Smigelski
Crucifer:	J. J. Moran
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, Paul Smigelski
Lector:	Meredith Ewbank
Greeters:	Carol Gaige, Meg Hughes
Counters:	Jon Ewbank, Jerry Trant
Altar Guild:	Lea Crow
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, Mónica 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: Jennifer Wells (9), Jack Smith, Fred Krings (12)

Birthdays: Louisa Carr (8), Liam Weakley (9), Toni Cilberti (12)

Baptismal Anniversaries: William Gross (11)

Wedding Anniversaries:

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

Coffee Hour follows in the Great Hall

Tuesday, April 8 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer

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

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

Thursday, April 10 — 6:00 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Healing — Lenten feria

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

Friday, April 11 — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Lenten feria

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

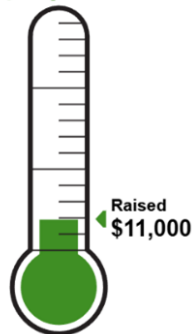
Sunday, April 13 — 10:00 a.m. — Liturgy of the Palms & Solemn Mass of the Passion —

The Sixth Sunday in Lent (The Liturgy begins in the Great Hall.)

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.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for a special coffee hour after Mass today in the Great Hall. We will celebrate the 100th birthday of long time parishioner, Toni Cilberti. Snacks, along with hot and cold drinks are available during this time of fellowship.

The LAST Boiler Campaign**\$82,500**

BY NOW, you have certainly heard of the imminent failure of the Cranmer House boiler. With daily care, we've made it through the winter but this boiler is on its last legs and will not survive another winter. The leaks and corrosion are bad. There isn't enough money in the church budget for a new boiler so we come to you, asking for generosity. Including installation, a new boiler costs \$82,500. So far, we have raised \$11,500. This week, the manufacturer has warned us the price will be going up by 30% very soon. We need your contributions NOW to be able to get a new boiler on order. 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children in 1st – 6th grades will meet today at 9:00 a.m. in the Acolyte Vesting Room behind the All Souls Chapel. Right now the class is focused on Holy Baptism.

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

PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK — We begin our journey through Holy Week next Sunday which is Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion. Our liturgy on this day will begin in the Great Hall. We also look forward to welcoming The Rev'd Keith Schmidt from Montreal as our guest preacher throughout Holy Week and Easter.

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY/GOOD FRIDAY WATCH — "Could ye not watch with me for one hour?" After the Maundy Thursday liturgy, watch is kept through the night with Jesus by meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. This year we will offer the opportunity to keep watch for one hour intervals from the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday liturgy, approximately 8:30 p.m. until Midnight, and again on Good Friday morning from 9:00 a.m. until noon when the Good Friday liturgy begins. A sign-up sheet is available in the back of the church for people to keep watch for one hour intervals in the Lady Chapel where the Blessed Sacrament reposes until the noon liturgy on Good Friday. Aids for prayer, meditation and devotion will be available. We hope many will sign up to watch with Jesus for one hour.

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.

EASTER LILY CONTRIBUTIONS — As is our custom we will be receiving memorial contributions for Easter lilies this year. A form is found in your bulletin which you may fill out and place in the alms basin along with a check. Alternatively you may send the form and check into the church office in the next week or so. Memorial names will be listed in the Easter bulletins.

EASTER FOOD — We are planning a reception after the Great Vigil of Easter Mass on Saturday, April 12th, and a grand coffee hour after our Easter Day Mass. There are sign up sheets in the Great Hall for reception food for these two events.

Looking Ahead

ADIRONDACK THRILLER UP FOR DISCUSSION — St. George's book club will meet Sunday, May 25 (the day before Memorial Day) to discuss *God of the Woods* by Liz Moore. It's a mystery set at an Adirondack summer camp, and comes highly recommended by Suzy Unger. Questions about the book or the club? See Meg Hughes. All are welcome.

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.