

# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*in the heart of the Historic Stockade District*

## THE CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER

SAINT PETER'S CONFESSON - 18 JANUARY 2026  
SOLEMN HIGH MASS - RITE I, 10AM

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

### MASS SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

*Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prayer of Our Lady, fr. Gothic Suite (Opus 25, No.3)

*Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)*

### THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

*The Sacred Ministers, Servers & Choir offer Preparatory Prayers prior to the Entrance Procession*

### THE OPENING HYMN, HYMN 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

*Westminster Abbey*

### 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 the Cantor & Choir*

Now I know of a surety that the Lord hath sent his Angel: and hath delivered me from the hand of Herod; and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. Ps. O lord thou hast searched me out and known me: thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising. Glore be.

### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### THE KYRIE ELEISON, HYMNAL S-91

*Sung by all*

*(people kneel)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)**

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, HYMNAL S-202

*Sung by all*

*(people stand)*

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People****And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**A**lmighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE LESSON***Acts 4:8-13*

A READING from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

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

**THE GRADUAL***Sung by all**Psalm 29*

Psalm Chant

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD you **gods**, \* ascribe to the LORD glory and **strength**.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his **Name**; \* worship the LORD in the beauty of **holiness**.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory **thunders**; \* the LORD is upon the mighty **waters**.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful **voice**; \* the voice of the LORD is a voice of **splendor**.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the **cedar trees**; \* the LORD breaks the cedars of **Lebanon**;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a **calf**, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild **ox**.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the **wilderness**; \* the LORD shakes the wilderness of **Kadesh**.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees **writhe** \* and strips the forests **bare**.
- 9 And in the temple of the **LORD** \* all are crying "**Glory!**"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the **flood**; \* the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever-**more**.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his **people**; \* the LORD shall give his people the blessing of **peace**.

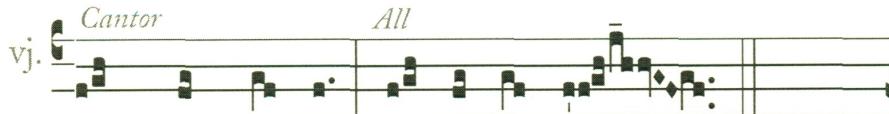
**THE EPISTLE***1 Peter 5:1-4*

A READING from the first Book of Peter.

As an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it-- not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. **Thanks be to God**



**A**L - LE - LU - IA. Al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** Thou art Peter; and upon this rock: I will build my church. **Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 16:13-19*

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

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**

*See Insert*

**THE CONFSSION & ABSOLUTION**

**D**eacon: 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.

**A**LMIGHTY 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

**A**LMIGHTY 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 PEACE

(people stand)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

## THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

(people sit)

Thou shalt make them precious in all lands: they shall remember thy Name O Lord; from one generation to another.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Star of the East

Shape Note Hymn

## THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 234

The eternal gifts of Christ the King (people stand)

Gonfalon Royal

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff is for the Celebrant, starting with a B-flat clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit." The second staff is for the People, starting with a C-clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, starting with a B-flat clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks unto our Lord God." The fourth staff is for the People, starting with a C-clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "It is meet and right so to do."

*The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface*

## THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT, HYMNAL S-114

*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)

**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* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### THE AGNUS DEI, HYMNAL S-158

*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 Ta-

ble. 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 the Cantor & Choir*

Thou art Peter; and upon this rock: I will build my church.

#### THE COMMUNION, HYMN 366

Holy God we praise thy name

*Grosser Gott*

#### 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

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### THE RETIRING PROCESSION HYMN 525

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord

*Aurelia*

#### CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Westminster Carillon (Opus 54, no. 6)

*Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

## MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Deacon:	The Reverend Abigail Bee
Subdeacon:	Chris Henry
Master of Ceremonies:	David Kennison
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Tarik Wareh
Thurifer:	Kevin Decker
Boat Boy:	Aidan Bassant
Crucifer:	JJ Moran
Acolytes:	Daniel Miess, Paul Smigelski
Greeters:	Jean Greenspan, Meg Hughes
Lector:	Jon Pearson
Counters:	Jon Ewbank, Gloria Kishton
Altar Guild:	Carol Gaige, Anne Kennison
Sacristans:	David & Anne Kennison

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**The Sick and those in need:** Jamie, Pat, Gabriella Rose, Katie, Chase, Pedro, Isabella, Dan Bornt, Dinorah Jimenez, Lula Fite, Nancy, Karen Perretta, Sharon A. Wemtle, Lorna, Mike T., Richard, Abigail, Suzanne, Ann, Josh, Den, Sherrie, Ann-Marie, Lynn Paska, Larry, Robbie, Aubrey, Tamara, Mtr. Lisa Schoonmaker, Anne, Fred, Anna, James, Suzie, Dennis, Warren Crow, Ruth

*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:** Marjorie Deubel (15), Dorothy Kennison (24)

**Birthdays:** Chris Henry (18), Rosemary Panone (23)

**Baptismal Anniversaries:**

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, January 18** — 9:15 a.m. — Rosary — Lady Chapel

10:00 a.m. — Solemn High Mass — Confession of Saint Peter — High Altar

*Coffee hour follows in the Great Hall*

**Tuesday, January 20** — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

*Bible Study follows in Cranmer House*

**Wednesday, January 21** — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — Lady Chapel

**Thursday, January 22** — 6:00 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Healing — Lady Chapel

*Vestry meeting follows in Cranmer House*

**Friday, January 23** — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Lady Chapel

**Sunday, January 25** — 10:00 a.m. — Solemn High Mass — Conversion of Saint Paul — High Altar

### **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).

## Parish Life and Beyond

**ALL ON THE SAME PAGE BOOK CLUB** — All are invited to read *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey. This memorable Pulitzer-nominated novel will give you chills and keep you guessing. A middle-aged couple, barely surviving a frigid Alaskan winter, catch glimpses of a child roaming alone in the forest. Are they losing their minds or witnessing a miracle? Both things may be true! Read it to find out and join in the book club discussion after Mass on March 15th.

## Parish Outreach

**LOAVES AND FISHES** is the feeding ministry at St. Francis Mission in Albany. St. George's Church takes its turn serving meals to those in need at St. Francis on the fifth Saturday of the month. The next opportunity to participate in this ministry is Saturday, January 31st. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church for those who wish to volunteer.

**PRAYER LIST** — If you have a name that you would like added to the prayer list please email the church office at [office@StGeorgesSchenectady.org](mailto:office@StGeorgesSchenectady.org) and we will insure that this person will be remembered in the prayers.

**PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULES POSTED ONLINE** — The most recent schedule of greeters, lectors, counters, and altar guild is published online. If you are interested in serving as a lector, greeter, counter, or acolyte, please speak to Fr. Pettigrew or email him at [rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org](mailto:rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org) for more information.

**SHAPE NOTE SINGING:** All are welcome to experience the joy of singing together the beautiful a cappella harmonies and stirring songs of the Sacred Harp, a tune book and hymnal published in Georgia in 1844 and used in community singing throughout the world. We sing in the Great Hall on Saturday afternoons from 1-3:30pm. For schedule updates or more information, please contact Tarik Wareh or visit [www.albanyssacredharp.org](http://www.albanyssacredharp.org)

**ONLINE GIVING** — If you would prefer to make a donation or your regular offering electronically, please use the QR code provided. You will also find a link to PayPal on our parish website, [www.StGeorgesSchenectady.com](http://www.StGeorgesSchenectady.com). St. George's is currently considering other means for online and electronic giving. We would like to hear your feedback about having this as an additional option for giving to St. George's Church. Please send your thoughts to [Rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org](mailto:Rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org)

