

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

LAST EPIPHANY A - 15 FEBRUARY 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

Liturgical Prelude no. 1

George Oldroyd (1886-1951)

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 137

O wondrous type! O vision fair

Wareham

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

The lightnings shone upon the ground: the earth was moved and shook withal. Ps. O how amiable are thy dwellings thou Lord of Hosts: my soul hath a desire and longing; to enter into the courts of the Lord. Glory be.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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

THE KYRIE ELEISON, 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 Al-
mighty.
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,
X art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

LAST EPIPHANY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of thine only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

THE GRADUAL

Sung by all

Psalm 99

Psalm Chant

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people **tremble**; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth **shake**.
- 2 The LORD is great in **Zion**; *
he is high above all **peoples**.
- 3 Let them confess his Name which is great and **awesome**; *
he is the **Holy One**.
- 4 "O mighty King lover of justice, you have established **equity**; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in **Jacob**."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his **footstool**; *
he is the **Holy One**.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests and Samuel among those who call upon his **Name**, *
they called upon the LORD and he **answered them**.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of **cloud**; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he **gave them**.
- 8 O LORD our God you answered them in-**deed**; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil **deeds**.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy **hill**; *
for the LORD our God is the **Holy One**.

THE EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:16-21

A READING from the second book of Peter.

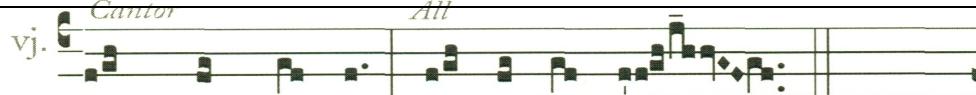
We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have

received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

THE ALLELUIA



AL - LE - LU - IA. Al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** He is the brightness of everlasting light: the unspotted mirror, and the image of his goodness.
Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Form I, The Book of Common Prayer, page 383

THE CONFESION & ABSOLUTION

Deacon: 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, **X** 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)

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever. Alleluia.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Light of Light, Love given birth

Plainsong, mode 2

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 129

Christ upon the mountain peak

(people stand)

Mowsley

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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.
X 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 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)

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 the Cantor & Choir

Tell the vision which ye have seen to no man: until the Son of man be risen from the grave.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O nata Lux

Andrea Angelini (b. 1961)

O light born of light, Jesus redeemer of the world, Gently consider your suppliants' Praises and prayers which they offer. You who once considered it right To be clothed in flesh for sinners, Grant us to be made limbs of your blessed body.

THE COMMUNION, HYMN 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

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 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

In lieu of the closing voluntary the choir will chant the "Farewell to the Alleluia." The text is found in The Hymnal, no. 122.

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew
Deacon:	The Reverend Abigail Bee
Subdeacon:	Chris Henry
Master of Ceremonies:	David Kennison
Organist & Preacher:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Joan Pearson
Thurifer:	Kevin Decker
Boat Boy:	Aidan Bassant
Crucifer:	Eric Bassant
Acolytes:	Daniel Miess, JJ Moran
Greeters:	Carol Gaige, Kim Polner
Lector:	Rich Unger
Counters:	Rich Unger, Jerry Trant
Altar Guild:	Barbara Wengrovius, Wendy Madelone
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, Simon, Shannon, Robert, Diane, Chelsea, and Casey.

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: Stephanie Youmans (17), Cecily Bluiegrass (18), Olive Ogonowski (18), Robert Burgess (18), George Roben (21)

Birthdays: Michael Thiessen (15), Jonathan Pearson IV (20)

Baptismal Anniversaries:

Wedding Anniversaries:

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

10:00 a.m. — Solemn High Mass — Last Epiphany — High Altar

11:30 a.m. — Pancake Breakfast following the Mass — Great Hall

11:30 a.m. — Presentation by the Electric City Grocery Store — Great Hall

Tuesday, February 17 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

Bible Study follows in Cranmer House

Ash Wednesday, February 18 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

9:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — Cranmer House

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

7:00 p.m. — Solemn High Mass — Cranmer House

Thursday, February 19 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

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

Friday, February 20 — 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Lady Chapel

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

6:00 p.m. — Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross — Cranmer House

Saturday, February 21 — 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — Lady Chapel

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

Sunday, February 22 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

10:00 a.m. — Litany & Solemn High Mass — Lent I — Cranmer House

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

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.

Parish Life and Beyond

PANCAKE BREAKFAST— Our pre-Lenten Pancake breakfast will be after Mass today. Bob and Meg Falco are preparing a delicious repast of pancakes and sausage. All are invited to join us for this meal.

ELECTRIC CITY GROCERY STORE— Also today at 11:30 a.m. representatives from the Electric City Grocery Store, a new non-profit co-op store that will be opening in the Wedgewood Building, will be here to discuss this new venture.

ASH WEDNESDAY is this Wednesday, February 18th. We will have Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN SERVICES— During Lent we will be offering a full round of worship daily with Morning Prayer, Mass and Evening Prayer each day during the season. We will also be offering Soup and Stations on Friday during Lent. See the enclosed insert for a complete list of Lenten activities for this year.

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.

LENTEN EVENSONG — The St. Cecilia Choir will offer Choral Evensong for Lent on Sunday, March 15th. The music will include the *Evening Service in A minor* by John Blow and the anthem, *Set me as a seal* by local musician and friend of St. George's Church, Mr. Aidan Daft. (Time and location of this service will be announced as we get closer to the date and will depend on the status of the painting project.)

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 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 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

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. 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

