

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

LENT 1C - 22 FEBRUARY 2026

SUNG 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

First Communion Service

John Merbecke (1505-1585)

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Liturgical Prelude no. 2

George Oldroyd (1886-1956)

THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

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

THE GREAT LITANY HYMNAL S-67 **Sung responsively by all, standing**

Prayer Book, page 148

THE INTROIT

Sung by Cantor & Choir

He shall call upon me and I will hearken unto him; I will deliver him and bring him to honor: with length of days will I satisfy him. Ps. Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the most high: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Glory be.

THE KYRIE ELEISON, HYMNAL S-90

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 I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

A READING from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when

the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Sung by all

Psalm 32



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for-**given**, * and whose sin is put a-**way**!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no **guilt**, * and in whose spirit there is no **guile**!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-**way**, * because of my groaning all day **long**.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and **night**; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of **summer**.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to **you**, * and did not conceal my **guilt**.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the **LORD**." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my **sin**.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of **trouble**; *
when the great waters overflow they shall not **reach them**.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from **trouble**; * you surround me with shouts of de-**liverance**.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should **go**; * I will guide you with my **eye**.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule which have no under-**standing**; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay **near you**."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the **wicked**; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the **LORD**.
- 12 Be glad you righteous and rejoice in the **LORD**; * shout for joy all who are true of **heart**.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 5:12-19

A READING from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
 I will say to the Lord: Thou art my hope and my stronghold: my God; in him will I trust.
 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.
 He shall defend thee under his wings: and thou shalt be safe under his feathers.
 His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler: thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night.
 Nor for the arrow that flieth by day; for the pestilence that walketh in darkness:
 nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.
 A thousand shall fall beside thee; and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.
 For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.
 They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.
 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.
 Because he hath set his love upon me; therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up; because he hath known my name.
 He shall call upon me and I will hear him: yea I am with him in trouble.
 I will deliver him and bring him to honor: with long life will I satisfy him; and show him my salvation.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
 and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
 so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
 and serve only him.'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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.

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

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
People*

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

THE PEACE

*Celebrant
People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

THE AGNUS DEI, HYMNAL S-157

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

“Whoso drinketh of the water that I shall give him,” saith the Lord: It shall be in him a well of water; springing up unto life eternal.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Hide not thou thyself from us, O Lord

Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by All

(people kneel)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

(people kneel)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon:

Let us bless the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 149

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

Old 124th

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Toccata in E minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Deacon:	The Reverend Abigail Bee
Subdeacon:	Kevin Decker
Master of Ceremonies:	Chris Henry
Organist	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Louisa Carr
Crucifer:	Eric Bassant
Acolytes:	Paul Smigelski, J. J. Moran
Greeters:	Jim Wingate, Ann Duff
Lector:	Jim Wingate
Counters:	Jeff Wengrovius, Bob Paska
Altar Guild:	Natasha Bassant, Sandee Hughes
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: Doris Riupola (23), Barbara Gillette (23), Rev. Darwin Kirby, (28)

Birthdays: Kalirose Moran (23), Carol Gaike (23), Karen Forshaw (27)

Baptismal Anniversaries: Tarik Wareh (25)

Wedding Anniversaries:

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

10:00 a.m. — The Great Litany & Solemn High Mass — The First Sunday in Lent

Coffee Hour follows in the Great Hall

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer

Monday, February 23, Tuesday, February 24, Wednesday, February 25 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer &

Low Mass

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer

Thursday, February 26 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer & Low Mass

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer

No Evening Holy Eucharist, this night only

Friday, February 27 —

8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Lenten feria

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer

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

Saturday, February 28 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer & Low Mass

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 1 — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer

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

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer

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

CORNISH TEA AND FORUM—Two weeks from today, on Sunday, March 8th, after Mass, Dr. Taylor will be hosting a Cornish Cream Tea in the Great Hall with scones, clotted cream and jam to go with hot tea. Dr. Taylor will also be giving a forum on the writings of the Apostolic Fathers, the earliest church fathers and first interpreters of scripture.

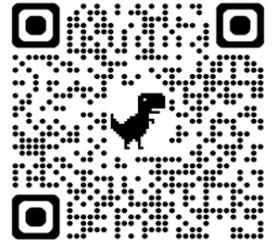
ALL ON THE SAME PAGE BOOK CLUB — All are invited to read *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey. This memorable Pulitzer-nominated novel will give you chills and keep you guessing. A middle-aged couple, barely surviving a frigid Alaskan winter, catch glimpses of a child roaming alone in the forest. Are they 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, greet, 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.albanysacredharp.org.



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