



# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*in the heart of the Historic Stockade District*

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

LENT 2A - 1 MARCH 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*

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### MASS SETTING

First Communion Service

*John Merbecke (1515-1585)*

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Andante fr. Fantasy in F minor (K. 608)*

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*

### 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 401

The God of Abraham praise

*Leoni*

### 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*

For in Wisdom is the spirit of understanding; holy, eloquent, active, and loving that which is good: she reneweth all things; and maketh the friends of God and prophets. Ps. Create in me a clean heart O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Glory be.

### THE DECALOGUE

*(people kneel)*

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Honor thy father and thy mother.

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt do no murder.

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not steal.

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not covet.

***Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.***

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

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

LENT 2

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with thy spirit.**

V. Let us pray.

O GOD, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE LESSON**

GENESIS 12.1-4

A READING from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God****THE GRADUAL***Sung by the choir**Psalm 121**Chant in D by H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: Yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

**THE EPISTLE**

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

A READING from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

Thy love, O Lord reaches to the heavens: and thy faithfulness for the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the strong mountains; thy justice is like the great deep:

thou savest both man and beast O Lord.

How priceless is thy love O God: thy people take refuge under the shadow of thy wings.

They feast upon the abundance of thy house: thou givest them drink from the river of thy delights.

For with thee is the well of life: and in thy light we see light.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL***John 3.1-17*

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS****THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Form I, The Book of Common Prayer, page 383*



## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*(people kneel)*

**A**LL GLORY BE TO THEE, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy ✠ grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Sung by All*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE FRACTION

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

## THE PEACE

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

## THE AGNUS DEI, 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)*

**W**E DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians may receive communion. If you wish to not receive, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms, indicating that you wish to receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts are available.*

## THE COMMUNION SENTENCE

*Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish; but have everlasting life.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake

*Richard Farrant (1525-1580)*

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RETIRING PROCESSION HYMN 473

Lift high the cross

*Crucifer*

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Voluntary in A minor

*William Boyce (1710-1779)*

## MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew
Deacon:	The Reverend Abigail Bee
Master of Ceremonies:	David Kennison
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Tarik Wareh
Crucifer:	Daniel Miess
Acolytes:	Eric Bassant, JJ Moran
Greeters:	Meg Hughes, Kim Polner
Lector:	Meredith Ewbank
Counters:	Kevin Decker, Paul Smigelski
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](mailto:rector@stgeorgesschenectady.org)*

**The Departed:** George Brown (2)

**Birthdays:**

**Baptismal Anniversaries:** William Thiessen (2)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Christian Reed & Rachel Maher (6)

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

9:00 a.m.— Church School — Library

10:00 a.m. — Solemn High Mass— Lent 2 - Cranmer House

*Coffee Hour follows in the Great Hall.*

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Monday, March 2, Tuesday, March 3, Wednesday, March 4**

8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer & Low Mass — Lady Chapel

*Bible Study follows in Cranmer House on Tuesday.*

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

**Thursday, March 5** — 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, March 6** — 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, March 7** — 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Low Mass — Lady Chapel

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

**Sunday, March 8** — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

10:00 a.m. — Solemn High Mass — Lent 3 — 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](http://www.stgeorgesschenectady.com).

### **Parish Life and Beyond**

**CORNISH CREAM TEA AND FORUM** — Next Sunday 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.

**DOUBLE INGATHERING** — Two weeks from today we will have a double ingathering. First, it is our monthly "Little Red Wagon Sunday" when we collect non-perishable food for the Sycamore Collaborative Food Pantry. Second, it is our quarterly ingathering for the YWCA Women's Shelter. The shelter is seeking hygiene and sanitary products as well as NEW children's underwear in any size. Please bring your contributions any time between now and then and leave them on the table in the breezeway entrance to Cranmer House. The items will be blessed at Mass on March 15th and then taken to the respective organizations for distribution to their clients.

**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 at First Reformed Church, 8 N Church St., Schenectady, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The music will included 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.

**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.albanysacredharp.org](http://www.albanysacredharp.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)

