

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the historic Stockade District

The Feast of The Epiphany— 06 January 2022

High Mass — Rite I, 7:00 PM

The Rev. Thomas J. Pettigrew, *Celebrant & Preacher*
Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music Ministry*

MASS SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

ENTRANCE HYMN 109

The first Nowell

First Nowell

INTROIT

Chanted by the cantor

Behold he appeareth; the Lord and Ruler; and in his hand the kingdom and power and dominion. Give the King thy judgments, O God; and thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

Celebrant
People

✠ Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

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.**

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.

KYRIE ELEISON, HYMNAL S-91

(people kneel)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, HYMNAL S-202

(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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY*(people kneel)**Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And with thy spirit.***Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

People **Amen.****THE FIRST READING**

ISAIAH 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord*People* **Thanks be to God****THE GRADUAL**

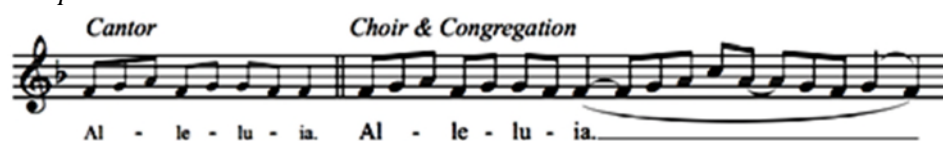
All they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and incense and shall shew forth the praises of the Lord. Arise and shine, O Jerusalem : for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

THE EPISTLE READING

EPHESIANS 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector The Word of the Lord*People* **Thanks be to God***Please Stand for the Gospel***CANTOR** We have seen his star in the East; and are come with offerings to worship the Lord.

Celebrant ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
 for from you shall come a ruler
 who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MOVEABLE FEASTS OF 2022

THE SERMON

Please be seated.

THE REV. THOMAS J. PETTIGREW

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, BCP p. 328-330

(people kneel)

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

(people stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Chanted by the cantor

The Kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents, the Kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts: all Kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.

OFFERTORY HYMN 128

We three kings

Three Kings of Orient

An interlude will be played between each stanza

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

- Staff 1:** *Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.
- Staff 2:** *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.
- Staff 3:** *Celebrant* Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.
- Staff 4:** *People* It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface for Epiphany

**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.**

EUCCHARISTIC 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, our selves, 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.

Music: Plainsong, adapt. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944)

FRACTION

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

AGNUS DEI

Said 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.**

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.

Celebrant ✠ Behold the Lamb of God: Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof but speak the word only and I shall be healed.**

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians may receive, regardless of age or denomination.

COMMUNION SENTENCE

Chanted by the cantor.

We have seen his star in the East: and are come with our offerings to worship the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN 119

As with gladness men of old

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all kneeling

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 OF CHALK

(see attached sheet for this blessing)

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

EXIT HYMN 127

Earth has many a noble city

Stuttgart

DISMISSAL

BCP p. 339

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Thomas J. Pettigrew
Master of Ceremonies: David Kennison
Organist: Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor: Jon Ewbank
Thurifer: Chris Henry
Acolytes: Anne Kennison & J. J. Moran
Greeter:
Lector:
Counters: None
Altar guild: Anne Kennison
Sacristan: David & Anne Kennison

Prayer List

The Sick and those in need: Larry P., Ed C., Nellie, Peggy, Daria, Peter, Theresa, Gail, Robert T., Richard, Jessica, Christian, Jesse, Judith S, Marasella, Bob K, John C., James, Judy, Layla, Sarah K., Joseph M., Christine L, Robert, Nick T., Sue V., Ken K, Faiz, Cora and Kate J.

At the end of the month we will start over with this prayer list, if you would like a name included contact office@stgeorgesschenectady.org

The Departed

Connie Todt

Birthdays:

Jim Wingate (1-5, Wed), Dr. Charles Stamm (1-9, Sun)

Anniversaries:

Sean Albert & Cathy Gruyters (12-31, belated)

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME VISITORS! We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors. 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 Sunday Mass is at 10am. Details are on our website, www.stgeorgesschenectady.org.

Welcome! We warmly welcome The Rev. Thomas J. Pettigrew as our celebrant and preacher this evening. Fr. Tom is the rector of Church of The Holy Cross in Warrensburg and has graciously consented to be with us this evening.

Reception for Fr. Pettigrew Please stay for a reception for Fr. Pettigrew in St. George's House following tonight's service.

WEEKDAY SERVICES. Beginning the week of January 9th we will be offering two new services of worship on weekdays. The first will be on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m, beginning January 12th. This will be followed by a Bible study led by Tarik Wareh. The second will be on Fridays at 12:00 noon, beginning January 14th. For now, both services will be a liturgy of the Word but may become a Mass when a Rector is called. In addition, we will be offering Compline, a chanted contemplative service of night prayer, on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The first of these will be on January 13th. We hope many of you will take advantage of these opportunities for mid-week spiritual refreshment.

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SICM collection NEXT WEEK is the day for our January ingathering. We solicit your donations of non-perishable food and toiletries for the Schenectady Community Ministries. Hearty soups, healthy snacks, pasta, hygiene items are all needed. You may also contribute a check to the ministry and place it in the offering plate. Our next collection date is January 9th.

ANNUAL MEETING The 2022 Annual Meeting of St. George's will be held on Sunday, January 23rd. We're not yet sure if it will be in the Great Hall or the Church. There will be a short review of 2021 and a look forward to 2022. In addition, there will be Vestry elections. There are 3 Vestry seats that are open for election: Paul Smigelski, Lynn Paska & Rich Unger, all of whom are completing their 1st 3-year term and are eligible to stand for election to a 2nd term. Also, David Kennison is completing his partial term as Sr. Warden and is eligible to stand for election to a 1st 2-year term. Nominations for other candidates for these positions can be made in advance to the Clerk of the Vestry, Meg Hughes or from the floor at the meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

FORUM is Coming Back! Your Vestry is making plans for a reincarnation of an old friend - a monthly Forum after Mass. Sort of like coffee hour on steroids, we hope to have different people give short talks on various subjects that may interest everyone, not necessarily religious topics. Stay tuned!

Pastoral Care & Emergencies During the interregnum, here are the options for pastoral care needs: (1) Jim Wingate & Anne Duff are always available for pastoral care, home and hospital visitations and communion. Call Jim at 518-381-9271. (2) Brian Taylor is trained in hospital chaplaincy and will respond for pastoral care and emergencies. Contact Brian (text or voice) at 912-656-0779 or email cornishanglican@gmail.com. (3) If the ministrations of a priest are needed, Senior Warden David Kennison will arrange for a priest of the diocese to respond. Call David (text or voice) at 518-320-5619 or email kentech2@nycap.rr.com.

All On the Same Page The St. George's book club will meet during coffee hour on January 16th to discuss our first book selection for 2022, *"This is Happiness"*, a nostalgic, funny, and beautifully written novel by Niall Williams. The setting is a small town in rural Ireland that is on the verge of being added to the electric grid. Please see Meg Hughes 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 tunebook and hymnal published in Georgia in 1844 and used in community singings throughout the world. We sing in the Great Hall every Saturday afternoon from 1-3:30pm. For schedule updates or more information, please contact Tarik Wareh or visit www.albanysacredharp.org

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ORDER FOR THE BLESSING OF CHALK

Priest: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Priest: Let us pray.

O Lord God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name all those who with it write the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in the homes where this chalk is used. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

It has been a tradition in the Church to bless chalk at the masses for Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year.

The home blessing can be done as follows:

Use the blessed chalk to write:

20+C+M+B+22

above the doorways.

2022 for the year

C, M, B for the 3 Magi – Caspar, Melchior & Balthasar

and for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for “*May Christ Bless this House.*”

As you are writing, pray one of the following prayers:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord our God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law. We give thanks to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**



ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS
(FOR THE YEAR 2022)

IN KEEPING WITH an ancient practice of the Holy Church, the moveable feasts of the coming year are announced on the Epiphany of the Lord.

This proclamation is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith, which are celebrated each year. Although optional, it is a living tradition that connects the present day to our ancient roots in the Church.

Know, dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.

On the 2nd day of March will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 17th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 26th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 5th day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the 19th day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 27th day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.