



# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*in the heart of the Historic Stockade District*

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

EPIPHANY IV - 28 JANUARY 2024

SUNG MASS - RITE I, 10AM

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

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### MASS SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

*Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Voluntary for Trumpet and Flute

*John Stanley (1712-1786)*

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

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

### THE ENTRANCE, HYMN 437

Tell out, my soul

*Birmingham*

### THE INTROIT

*Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom: and his tongue will talking of judgment. Ps. The law of God is in his heart: and his goings shall not slide. Glory be.

### 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 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

*(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

*(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.

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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Epiphany IV*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through 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 Deuteronomy

MOSES SAID: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

V. The Word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God**

**THE GRADUAL**

*Sung by the Choir and Congregation*

*Psalm 111*

I will | give thanks unto the Lord with | my whole heart:

Se-|cretly among the faithful and in the | congrega-tion.

The works | of the | Lord are great:

Sought | out of all them that have | pleasure there-in.

His work | is worthy to praised and had | in honor:

And | his righteousness en-|dureth for ever.

The mer-|ciful and gracious Lord hath so done his mar-|velous works:

That | they ought to be | had in re-membrance.

He hath | given meat unto them | that fear him:

He | shall ever be mindful | of his cove-nant.

He hath | showed his people the power | of his works:

That | he may give them the heri-|tage of the heathen.

The works | of his hands are verity | and judgment:

All | his com-|mandments are true.

They stand | fast for ever | and ever:

And | are done in | truth and equi-ty.

He sent | redemption unto | his people:

He | hath commanded his covenant for ever;

holy and | reverend is his Name.

The fear | of the Lord is the beginning | of wisdom:

A | good understanding have all they that do thereafter;

his praise en-|dureth for ever.

**THE EPISTLE READING**

*I Corinthians 8.1-13*

A READING from the First Letter of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians

NOW CONCERNING FOOD sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until

now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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



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

**A**lleluia. **Alleluia.** The Lord executes righteousness: and judgment for all who are oppressed. **Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 1.21-28*

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

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

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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**

*As Announced*

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant:* Ye do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE ABSOLUTION

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

## THE PEACE

*(people stand)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

## THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

I have called thee in righteousness; and will give thee for a covenant of the people: for a light to the nations; to open the blind eyes.

## THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

*Azmon*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you.      And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts.      We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*  
It is meet and right so to do.

*The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface*

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

*Sung by All*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*(people kneel)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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*

All wondered at the gracious words: which proceeded out of his mouth

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Arise, shine, for thy light is come

*Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)*

## 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

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

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

## THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

*Deus tuorum militum*

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Voluntary in A

*William Selby (1738-1798)*

### MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Master of Ceremonies:	David G. Kennison
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Joan Pearson
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Crucifer:	J. J. Moran
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison
Greeter:	Ann Duff
Lector:	Rev. Lisa Schoonmaker
Counters:	Meg Hughes & Sean Albert
Altar Guild:	Carol Gaige
Sacristan:	David & Anne Kennison

#### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**The Sick and those in need:** Christine L, Leslie P, Ed C, Karen S, Scott W, Suzy T, Kevin, Jesse, Pamela, Dom, Wanda Z, Dustin, Susan, Jamie Taft, Donna T, Sam, Alexander, James L, Margo, Gabriella Rose, Sharon C, Hooter Z, Mtr Lisa S, Katie, Alessandro, Debra, Fr Michael Webber, Rev. Susan Kohlmeier, Crystal, The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Donna, Katherine, Sondra, Carol, Father Charles King, Jenna, Kyle Harris, Ramona Collins, Janet Simone, Luca Taylor, Jane Ruzicka Pennacchia, Maggie, Roasa Maria Rodriguez, Marianne Perez.

*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:** Jean Moravec (29) Wesley Rose (2)

**Birthdays:** James Moore III (29) Paul Smigelski (30) Meg Falco, Robert Falco (31) Jon Ewbank (1) Meredith Ewbank (3)

**Baptismal Anniversaries:** Amanda Dillion, Jonah Thiessen II (2)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Jon & Meredith Ewbank (2)

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, January 28** — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass – Sung Mass — Epiphany IV (*Septuagesima*)

**Tuesday**, January 30 — 8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

**Wednesday**, January 31— 9:00 a.m.— Feria—Low Mass

**Friday**, February 2 — 12:00 p.m.— Purification of the BVM—Low Mass

**Sunday, February 4**— 10:00 a.m.— Candlemas — Sung Mass (*Sexagesima*)

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

**GIFT FOR OUR NEW BISHOP**— Restoration of the Pastoral Staff / Bishop Doane Crozier— St George's Gift to the Bishop-elect on the occasion of his Consecration and Enthronement as Bishop of Albany is the restoration of the Pastoral Staff of the Bishops of Albany. This staff has been used by all the Bishops of Albany since Bishop Doane, the first bishop of Albany. If you would like to make a contribution towards this gift, which will be used at the consecration, please send a check to the Parish Office with "Bishop Gift" in the memo. If you would like more information, please speak to Fr Pettigrew.

### Coming up soon...

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14**— Masses will be offered at 9 a.m. (Low Mass) and 7 p.m. (Sung Mass). The imposition of Ashes will be offered at both.

**PARISH QUIET DAY— MARCH 2, 2024**— The newly forming chapter of the Daughters of the King will sponsor a Lenten Quiet Day. The day will begin with a Mass at 11:00 a.m. and conclude with an Evensong at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. More information will be forthcoming.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The Institution of the 20th Rector of St. George's Church will take place on **Friday, March 15, 2024**. This will include a Solemn High Pontifical Mass with the Bishop of Albany as celebrant and a reception. More details will follow. Mark your calendars!

### **Parish Outreach**

**LITTLE RED WAGON SUNDAY/ SiCM COLLECTION**— February 11 is our monthly ingathering of food and personal hygiene supplies for the SiCM Food Pantry.

**YWCA SHELTER**— March 17 is our next quarterly donation for the YWCA emergency shelter. Thank you to all who have contributed to our parish outreach. This continuing ministry supports women and children who have escaped from an unsafe environment and arrive with nothing. The need is great and is ongoing. At this time, the YWCA tells us they are in most need of personal hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, menstrual products, etc.

**LOAVES AND FISHES**— is a Diocesan supported feeding ministry housed at St Francis Mission, the old Grace and Holy Innocents Church on Clinton Ave. We are planning a second group trip in the new year. If you're interested in participating in this hands on ministry opportunity please send an email to: [rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org](mailto:rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org)

### **Parish Life & Beyond...**

**2024 GIVING ENVELOPES** are available in the rear of the church for those who have previously had envelopes. If you have not previously had envelopes or if you need a giving number but don't want envelopes, please speak to Dr. Jeff Wengrovius, the Parish Treasurer.

**PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULES POSTED ONLINE** — The most schedule of greeter, 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)

**ALL ON THE SAME PAGE BOOK CLUB**— The book club discussion of "Mrs. Plansky's Revenge" has been rescheduled. **The meeting will now take place on February 11 after Mass.** This novel tells the rollicking tale of a grandmother who is scammed and goes on a journey to get justice. All are warmly welcome!

### **Looking ahead...**

**DATE CHANGE!** The Organ concert originally scheduled for St Patrick's Day has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 9, 2024, the Feast of St Columba.

