



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE:

COMMONLY CALLED CANDLEMAS

EPIPHANY V - 4 FEBRUARY 2024

SUNG MASS - RITE I, 10AM

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

MASS SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

OPENING VOLUNTARY

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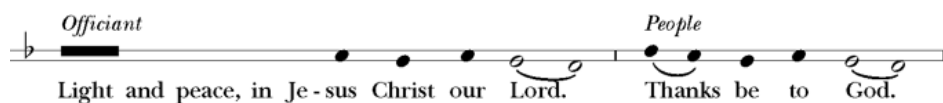
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

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

THE CANDLEMAS ENTRANCE RITE

(people stand)



Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

*The Celebrant now blesses candles that will be used in the church during the year,
as well as candles that have been presented by the People.*

The Celebrant says:

∇ Our help is in the name of the Lord

℞ The maker of heaven and earth

∇ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with thy spirit.

The People lift up their unlit candles

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God our Father, source of all light, on this day thou hast revealed unto the aged' Simeon thy light which doth enlighten the Gentiles. We beseech thee, O Lord, to fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may ever walk in the path of thy goodness, and come the Light that shineth for ever, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Nunc Dimittis

(sung by the Choir)

Antiphon: A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of thy people Israel.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. [Antiphon]

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. [Antiphon]

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. [Antiphon]

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. [Antiphon]

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN, HYMN 257

O Zion, open wide thy gates

Edmonton

The procession stops at the altar gates for the station collect

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, thou hast made this day holy by the presentation of thy Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the Only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his brethren, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN, HYMN 259

Hail to the Lord who comes

Old 120th

As the Sacred Ministers enter the sanctuary, the Introit is solemnly chanted

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 Al-
mighty.**

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father,**

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;

thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost,

✠ art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Candlemas

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3.1-14

A READING from the Book of the Prophet Malachi

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

THE GRADUAL

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

We have waited O God for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy temple; according to the name O God; so is thy praise unto the world's end. Like as we have heard; so have we seen in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

THE EPISTLE READING

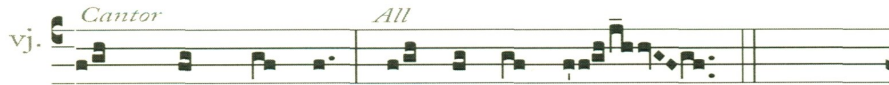
Hebrews 2.14-18

A READING from the Epistle to the Hebrews

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God



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

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** The old man carried the Child; but the Child governed the old man. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2.22-40

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon 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

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.

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

THE ABSOLUTION

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ☩ 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

O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not; incline thine ear to me and hearken unto my words: show thy marvelous loving-kindness O Lord; thou that art the Savior of them that put their trust in thee.

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 82 Of the Father's love begotten

Divinum mysterium

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

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

It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death: before he had seen the Lord's anointed.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

In principio erat Verbum

Brian J. Taylor (b. 1958)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. [Thanks be to God.] - St. John 1.1, 14

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 657 Love divine, all love excelling

Hyfrydol

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Toccata & Fugue in F (BuxWV 157)

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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:	Louisa Carr
Thurifer:	Chris Henry
Crucifer:	J. J. Moran
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison
Greeter:	Jim Wingate
Lector:	Meredith Ewbank
Counters:	Rich Unger & Gloria Kishton
Altar Guild:	Sandee Hughes
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

The Departed: Margaret Gruener (8) Evelyn Gibbons, Phyllis Weinberg (10)

Birthdays: Richard Forshaw (4)

Baptismal Anniversaries:

Wedding Anniversaries:

Sunday, February 4 — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass — Candlemas (*Sexagesima*)
Tuesday, February 6 — 8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
Wednesday, February 7 — 9:00 a.m.— Feria—Low Mass
Friday, February 9 — 12:00 p.m.— Feria—Low Mass
Sunday, February 9— 10:00 a.m.— Sung Mass — Last Epiphany (*Quinquagesima*)

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.

WE WELCOME FAIZ WAREH, son of Tarik and Patti Wareh as the organist for our opening and closing voluntaries today. Mr. Wareh is a freshman student at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

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...

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – February 11th following the Parish Mass- Join us for breakfast after Mass as we "clean out the cupboard" of all those tasty treats not fit for Lent.

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

Parish Life & Beyond...

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS – The hospitality committee is looking for help providing the weekly Coffee Hour after Mass. It's a simple and easy way to increase our parish fellowship and hospitality. Please speak to Sandee Hughes or Carol Gaige for more information.

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 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

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.

