



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in the heart of the historic Stockade District
First Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ — 10 January 2021
High Mass — Rite I, 11AM
The Rev'd Canon Matthew Stromberg, *Celebrant & Preacher*
Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music Ministry*

INTROIT

Chanted by the cantor.

Therefore shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation; and in that day shall ye say: Praise the Lord; call upon his Name. Ps. Sing unto the Lord for he hath done excellent things; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Celebrant + Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Said by all

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA

Said by all

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day

People **Thanks be to God**

THE GRADUAL Behold my servant whom I uphold; mine elect; in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the gentiles.

THE EPISTLE READING

ACTS 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Please Stand for the Gospel



CANTOR He shall come down like rain upon the mown field: like showers that water the earth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 1:4-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON*Please be seated.***THE RECTOR**

THE NICENE CREED

Please 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

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF CHALK

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Chanted by the cantor

He shall be like a tree planted by the waterside, that will bring forth his fruit in due season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

The Celebrant sings the proper preface.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

Said 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.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please 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,

LORD'S PRAYER

Said by all

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

AGNUS DEI

Said by all

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.

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 who takes away the sins of the world

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. Due to Social distancing, Communion will be distributed in one kind. An usher will direct your pew to come forward and receive standing, in the hand, at the altar rail. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNION SENTENCE*Chanted by the cantor.*

And he show'd me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, and proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

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

May God the Father, who by Baptism adopts us as his children, grant you grace. Amen
May God the Son, who sanctified a home at Nazareth, fill you with love. Amen
May God the Holy Spirit, who has made the Church one family, keep you in peace. Amen

DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

David Kennison: Master of Ceremonies, Thurifer

Cantor: Tarik Wareh

Greeter: Ralph Polumbo

Lector: Alice Polumbo

Counters: Ralph Polumbo & Carol Gaige

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 Sick and those in need: Larry P., Ed C., Maidie, Nellie, Peggy, Daria, Margaret, Peter, Theresa, Gail, Robert T., Richard, Jessica, Christian, Jesse, Leo, James, and Toni.

Birthdays: Jonah Thiessen 1/11, Connelly Todt 1/14, Sean Albert 1/16

Morning Prayer: Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.

Evening Prayer: Tuesday-Friday 5:00 p.m.

Compline: Saturday 8:30 p.m.

PARISH NOTICES

Zoom Coffee Hour: Join us for a time of fellowship on Zoom following the service at 12pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89554179853?pwd=Y3NEWURGeGVGNzA4Qnl1RkRkMy9aUT09>
Passcode: 557641

Annual Meeting: Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 31. It will be held immediately following the Mass in the Church and will be live streamed. As in previous years, a packet of written reports will be distributed prior to our meeting time. Plans are being made to provide for remote voting that will be made available with the packets.

Book Club Selection: St. George's book club has selected the novel "Transcendent Kingdom" for its next read. Author Yaa Gyasi, originally from Ghana, is a talented storyteller who explores the depths of both science and religion. Lead character Gifty must balance the demands of her dysfunctional family and her own ambitious career aspirations. Discussion will take place at noon February 21 via Zoom.

Little Red Wagon Sunday/ SICM collection: In the new year, we would like to reenergize our outreach and food collection. Back in the Fall, Alice and Ralph Polumbo made the decision to shift our collection efforts to the SICM food pantry. The items that we can use are non-perishables such as canned goods, hearty soups, dry pasta, healthy snacks, cereals, feminine care products, soap, and dish washing liquid. Multiple smaller items are preferred to large family size items. We will designate the second week of the month as our collection date. Food will be blessed and dedicated at the time of the offertory so it can be brought to the food bank. We are calling this our "Little Red Wagon Sunday." Food can of course be brought at anytime to the normal collection area at the back of the church. In addition, food can be dropped off in the entry way of the Cranmer house office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 5 pm. Our first "Little Red Wagon Sunday" will be February 14th.

