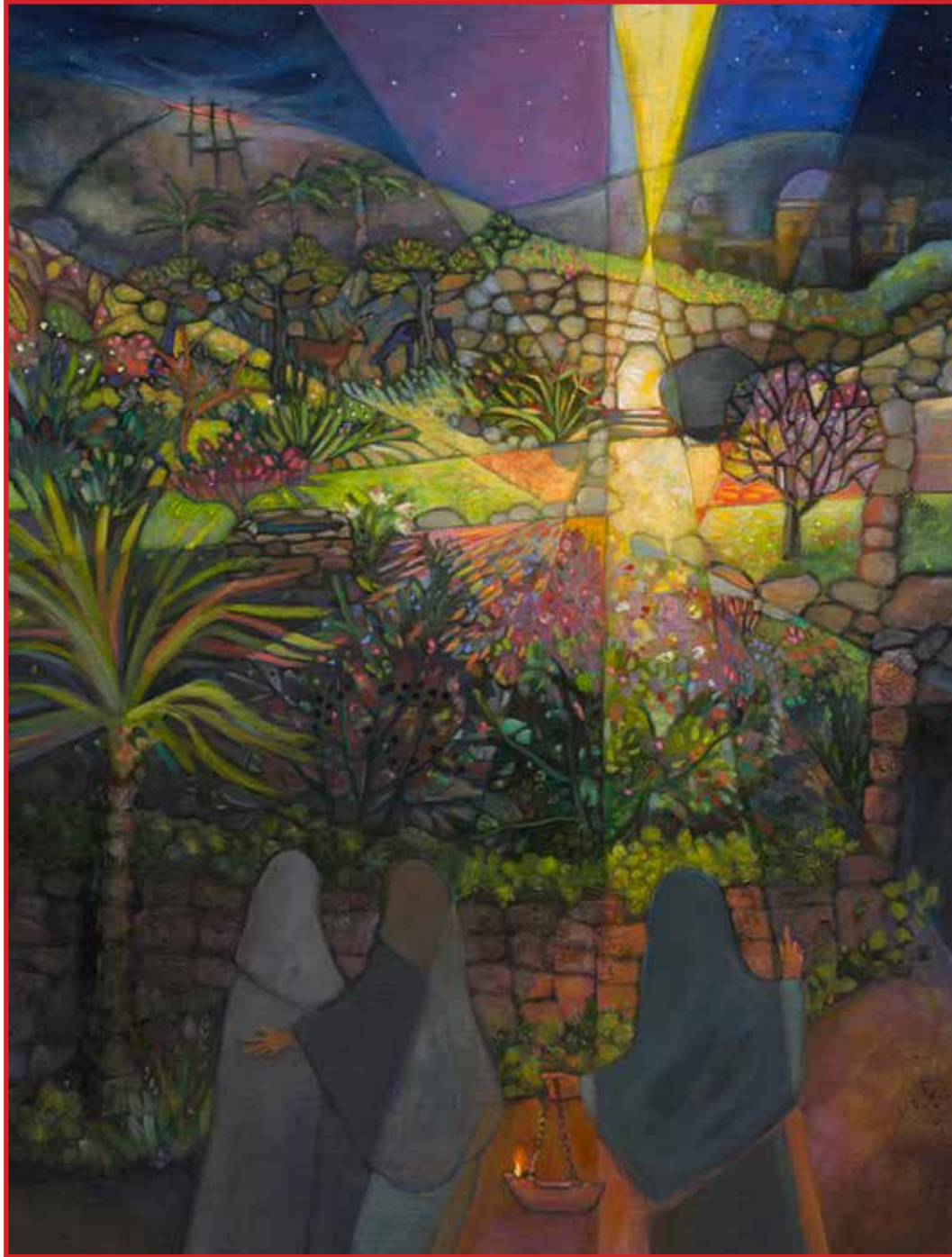




ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

radiates God's grace, equipping all people to change the world.



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024 | 9:30am

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Welcome to St. Gregory's

We are truly thankful for your presence.

We're Here to Help

If you need anything, please ask the Greeter who handed you this bulletin.

Children & Parents

We are glad you are here.

On the left-hand side of the Altar is our **Children's Pray-ground**, a space made especially for kids, stocked with toys, books, and art supplies.

We expect kids will make noise. Don't sweat it. However, if your child — or you — need a break in a more quiet space, we have a **Cry Room** downstairs with a changing table.

Praying with Us

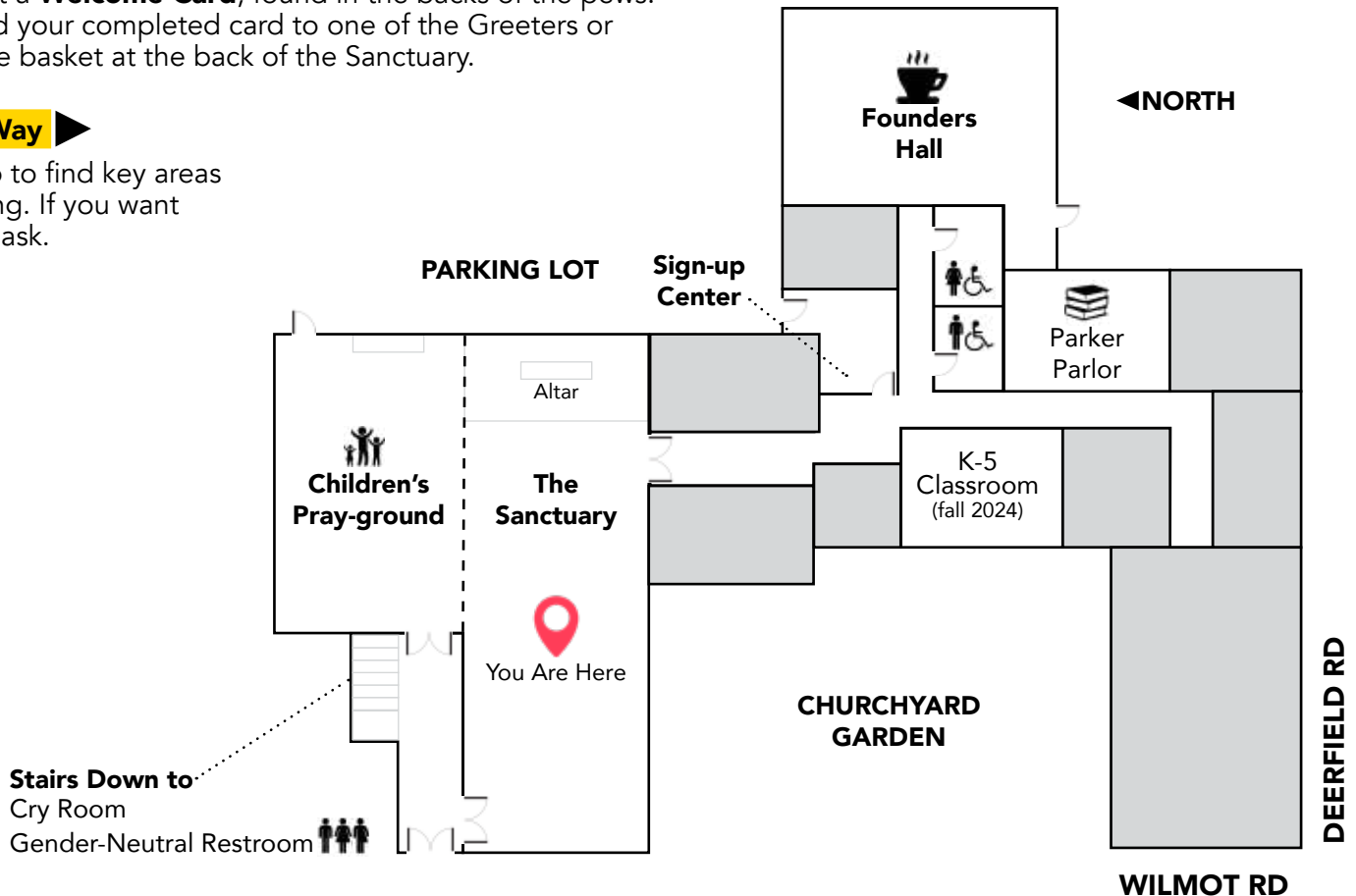
We encourage you to participate fully in our service, as you are comfortable. We invite you to read aloud the **bold text**. Wherever you see (+), you are invited to cross yourself. Other actions are indicated during the service, but none of them is required.

Let's Get Connected

Please fill out a **Welcome Card**, found in the backs of the pews. You can hand your completed card to one of the Greeters or place it in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary.

Find Your Way

Use this map to find key areas in the building. If you want help, please ask.



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THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand, as they are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God; al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wor - thy is
 Christ the_ Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free__ to be peo-ple of God.



During the Easter season, the collects remind us of the joy of resurrection, and our continual salvation through God's amazing love.

We follow a three-year cycle of readings called a Lectionary. These are lessons being heard in congregations from many denominations throughout the world on this day. The first reading is from the Hebrew Scriptures, which tell us the story of God's love and faithfulness to God's people from the beginning of time to just before Christ.

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

The second reading is usually from one of the New Testament Epistles (or letters), though occasionally from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation. They teach us about the formation of the church and instruct us on how to live into our role as followers of Christ.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

FIRST READING

ACTS 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when the community lives together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,**
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.

THE EPISTLE

1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.



If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand, as they are able. Children are invited to join the procession in the aisle for the reading of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Verse 1 sung before the gospel reading, verse 2 after.

Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je -
 sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for -
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb. Riv - er of life, saints and arch -
 ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 an - gels, sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.
 Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

During the Holy Eucharist, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions. The deacon or priest proclaims the Gospel in the midst of the people to represent the Good News that Jesus has come among us, and we all turn toward it.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

(+++) **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."



When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

The sermon is meant to help us make the Word of God a living and transforming reality of our lives today.

SERMON

The Rev. Max Smith, deacon

NICENE CREED

The people stand, as they are able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

In the Nicene Creed, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by affirming the historic faith of the Church. We "believe" (from the Latin credere, literally "to put one's heart into") because we offer our trust in the story of God's creating, redeeming, and remaining with the world. "We" believe because the church as a whole, the Body of Christ, carries and strengthens the faith of each individual. Also note that when it is not capitalized, the word "catholic" is defined as universal or inclusive.



**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the (+) dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The people stand, as they are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers of the People are always responsive, because everyone gives voice to the supplications. We include prayers for others throughout the world, in our diocese, and those connected to our congregation. This is the part of the liturgy where it is most evident that we would be noticeably less without the contributions of each person present. We voice prayers from our parish prayer list, as well as requests from the onsite and online worshippers.

○ God, on the first day of the week you began your labor to create this beautiful world. Enliven us to carry on your creative acts, piecing together what is fractured, and bringing blessing to all people and creatures. *We offer prayers of joy and gratitude.*
Alleluia! We pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayers. Alleluia!**

○ God, you are not a stranger to suffering but have borne our pain in Jesus Christ. Enliven us to bear the agonies of one another, piecing us back together through compassion and service. *We offer prayers of intercession.*
Alleluia! We pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayers. Alleluia!**

○ God, not even death can separate us apart from your love. Enliven us to act with boldness for the sake of your good news, confident in the hope of resurrection and the restoration of all creation from brokenness to wholeness. *We offer prayers for the dead.*
Alleluia! We pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayers. Alleluia!**

The Presider offers the concluding collect.

○ God who creates all things for your own delight, who redeems your people from slavery and injustice, who sustains us constantly with wisdom and courage: raise us to new life this day and every day, that we may radiate with your grace and transform the world in your Name; for you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Peace has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The congregation greets each other in the peace of Christ.

The people sit.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELS



The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to the Lord as our initial act of thanksgiving. This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. You can use this QR code to give to StGs online.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*"On That Great, Great Morning"
by Mary McDonald*

*On that great, great mornin' when the stone was rolled away
on that resurrection mornin' Jesus rose to life that day!
There the tomb was empty; they said, "Jesus is not here! He's alive!" Great mornin', hallelu!
On that great, great mornin' at the rising of the sun,
those who saw the tomb was empty knew the victory had been won.
"He's alive, go, tell it! Jesus lives forever more! He's alive!" Great mornin', hallelu.
Jesus is alive, what a great, great day!
On that great, great mornin' Jesus came to set us free;
on that resurrection morning' Jesus won the victory!
Heaven's gates are opened, hallelujah, let us sing!
He's alive, great mornin', hallelujah, great mornin', on that great, great mornin',
Jesus is alive - he's alive!*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand, as they are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to thee, who dead, a - gain dost live;
to God the Fa - ther e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Eucharist, or Communion, is the act of offering, breaking bread, and sharing in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. It also reminds us that we are Christ's body in our world today. As Episcopalians, the Eucharist is the principal act of worship, in which we always have a full proclamation of the heart of the Gospel. Celebrating Eucharist is something we do together, so we all take part in the prayers.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being. Yet chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and (+) make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

A - MEN, A - MEN, A - MEN.

The Great Amen is the only word in our Book of Common Prayer that is in all capital letters. It emphasizes that we all join together in asking Jesus to be present in the bread and wine, in boldly affirming our desire to receive God. It is appropriate to sing this with enthusiasm!



The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Fraction recalls Jesus breaking the bread at the Last Supper to share with the disciples, and reminds us that Jesus' body was broken on the cross for us to be shared with the world. Therefore we keep a moment of silence for prayers of awe and gratitude.

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Musical notation for the Fraction. The first line of music is in G major and 4/4 time, with lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us,". The second line of music is in G major and 4/4 time, with lyrics: "there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia!".

RECEIVING COMMUNION

General: Please join the line to receive Communion. When you get to the front, hold out your hands to receive bread. Then step to either side to receive wine or juice in an individual cup.

Gluten-free option: Please ask for a gluten-free wafer from the priest when you come forward.

Non-alcoholic option: Please ask for juice from the minister holding the tray of cups. You also have the option to take only the bread to receive Communion.

Not receiving: If you will not be receiving Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please join the line and cross your arms over your chest when you get to the front.

For those worshipping remotely, you may read the Prayer for Spiritual Communion: In union, gracious God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, O Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Woman, Why Weepest Thou"
by Rob Gardner

Woman, why weepest thou? Know ye not that angels now surround thee?
Woman, why seekest thou the living among the dead?
He is not here, for he is risen!
Woman, why sorrowest thou? Know ye not that heaven's eyes are on thee?
Woman, whom seekest thou? He lives, the Redeemer lives!
O child, why weepest thou? Know ye not the Shepherd's arms that hold thee?
O child, what seekest thou? Be still, and know that I am God!



COMMUNION HYMN

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
 3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
 4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
 5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
 6 How blest are they who have not seen,

1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
 2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
 3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
 4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
 5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,

1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
 6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, we give thanks for being part of the communion of God's life and for being fed so that we may go out to feed and serve others in our world.

Let us pray.

The people stand, as they are able.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**



The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people stand, as they are able.

BLESSING

Live with courage: Your Creator has made you holy, has always walked with you, and loves you back to life. Go in boldness to proclaim the resurrection, and the (+) love, mercy, and blessing of God go before you always. Amen.

EXIT HYMN

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

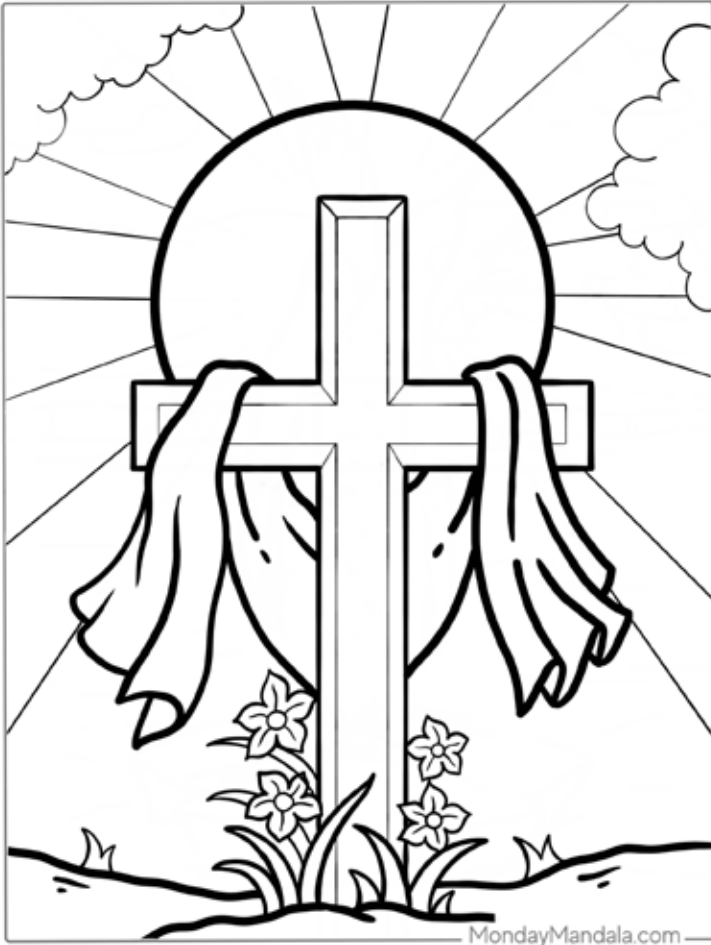
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Priest or Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

One of the roles of the priest is to declare the eternal truth of God's ever-present blessing to God's people.

Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.

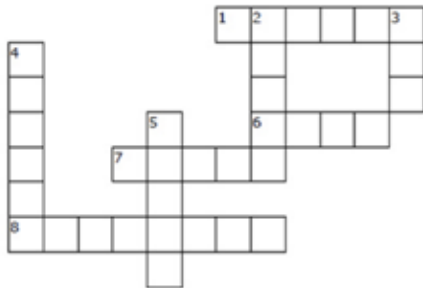


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Seeing Is Believing

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 20:19-31.



ACROSS

- 1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
6. An entrance into a building or room
7. A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
8. Unwilling to believe that something is true

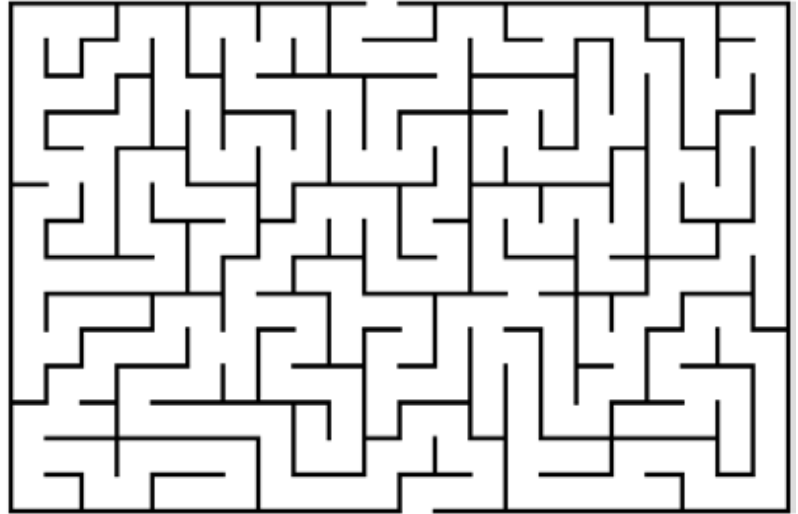
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- 2. The body parts at the end of the arms
3. To observe with your eyes
4. Not open
5. To believe in something for which there is no proof

Table with 4 columns: FAITH HANDS, THOMAS SEE, CLOSED DOUBTING, NAILS DOOR

Word search grid containing letters for words like THOMAS, DISCIPLES, DOUBTING, etc.

Table with 5 columns: THOMAS HANDS SIDE, DISCIPLES TOGETHER RECORDED, DOORS DOUBTING BELIEVED, MIRACLES SHOWED JESUS, TOUCHED SIGNS LOCKED



Alphabet key: K I A F C M D W B G Z X N U S L T Q Y O H J R P E V

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2. 7-20-20-23-15
3. 16-20-5-1-25-7
4. 21-3-13-7-15
5. 15-2-7-25
6. 17-21-20-6-3-15
7. 7-20-14-9-17-2-13-10
8. 17-20-14-5-21-25-7
9. 9-25-16-2-25-26-25-7
10. 7-2-15-5-2-24-16-25-15

Table with 5 columns: DOUBTING TOUCHED, DISCIPLES HANDS, LOCKED DOORS, SIDE THOMAS, DISCIPLES BELIEVED



Holy Week at StGs



Holy Week with St. Gregory's was spectacular! We started our journey at StGs with a Maundy Thursday service that included a delicious meal and a profoundly moving footwashing liturgy. We then traveled to Trinity in Highland Park to hear Pastor Dan preach a powerful sermon on Good Friday, and then to St. Lawrence in Libertyville for the Great Vigil of Easter, where we lit the new fire of Easter, heard the stories of our history, and celebrated three new baptisms with our Better Together partners! We then celebrated the birth of our risen Savior back at StGs with record-breaking attendance, a glorious array of flowers on the altar, and gorgeous music!







COMING UP..

Town Hall on Rector Process: TODAY!

We will hold a Town Hall Meeting immediately following the service TODAY! As you know, Dan was called as Priest-in-Charge to lead us through this transition time, with two options available to us: Option 1) call him as our tenured Rector, or Option 2) start a national search for our next rector.

This month, the Wardens and Vestry members conducted a Mutual Ministry Review with Dan, to discuss how our relationship is going and determine whether we would begin discerning calling Dan or begin a national search. Both options involve several months ahead of congregational input, conversation, prayer, and discernment. The Town Hall after the service today will be quick and to the point, so please stay to get the latest update and a clear roadmap of the process ahead! Coffee and tea will be available in the sanctuary during the meeting.

Housewarming Drive for Migrants

During the Easter season, we will be collecting household items for the Deerfield Free Store, which has become a critical resource as communities work together to resettle migrants and refugees in our area. Two specific areas of need:

- **Consumables** (family-size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand soap, dish soap, laundry detergent), and
- **Small Appliances** (new or pre-owned, clean, working, with all parts including power cords - includes hair dryers, curling irons, blenders, irons, handmixers, electric kettles, juicers, stainless steel stovetop pressure cookers).

Bring your items to church and drop them in the baskets in the Sanctuary!



Rebuilding for Children & Youth



We are rebuilding and reimagining what children and youth need from the church today. Whether you are a longtime parishioner or are new to St. Gregory's, we ask all parents of children (ages 0 to 18) to complete this brief survey via the QR code at left. Pastor Dan: dan@stgregoryschurch.org



Piecing it back together...

Resurrection is about what comes next. At this moment in our individual, religious, and civic lives, how do we let go of what is past and start putting together new possibilities for the future? Join us for this spiritual growth experience every Sunday, April 14 - May 26. Participate in active listening of the sermon during the service, then stay after to go deeper with the preacher and others during coffee hour.



Coffee Brunch: NEXT SUNDAY, April 14!

After every Sunday service, we offer a simple coffee hour with coffee and tea available in Founders Hall, but once a month we enjoy a delicious spread of food at coffee brunch, hosted by volunteer parishioners and our coffee hour committee! Please stay after the service on April 14 to enjoy a lovely brunch hosted by Cissy Singleton, Mary Keller, and our coffee hour committee! Check the Sign-Up Center to sign up for our next coffee brunch on May 19, the Day of Pentecost! Debbie at debbie.kinjo@gmail.com or Sharon at slgamer@comcast.net

BSA Troop 50 47th Annual Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, April 20

St. Gregory's sponsored Troop 50 is hosting its annual fundraiser from 6-8 pm at Wilmot School. All-you-can-eat catered spaghetti dinner tickets are \$15/adult, \$10/child, and there will be a silent auction and other great prizes! Raffle tickets for a new iPad are \$5 - you don't need to be present to win. Catherine Regalado: ceshawl@yahoo.com or (847) 869-2623



Next Community Meals: April 28!

We will have an opportunity to serve our food insecure neighbors in Waukegan on Sunday, April 28th. We need one baker and several people to prepare and package the hot meal and pack the non-perishable food items. Barb Schaper: bschaper7@aol.com or (847)948-8989

Put these dates in your calendar, and keep an eye out for details to come...

- **May 4:** 11am Confirmation service with Bishop Paula Clark at Trinity in Highland Park. Come support our confirmands!
- **May 19:** The next big feast day in our church year: the Day of Pentecost! Make sure you attend onsite or online for an extra special service, followed by coffee brunch! More details to come, but we promise: you won't want to miss it. :)