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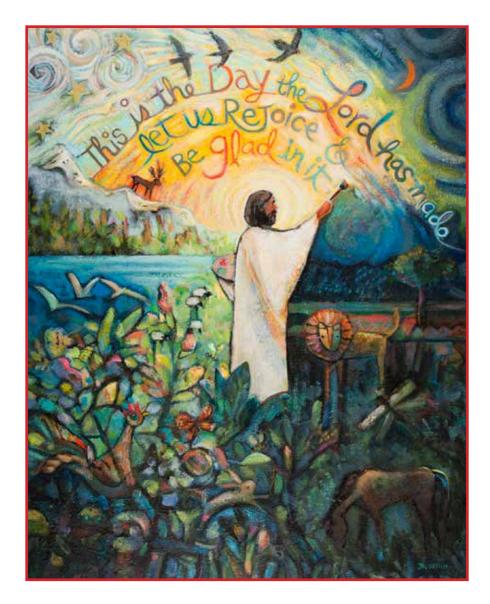
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Welcome to St Gregory's

If you are visiting, we invite you to take a Welcome Card from the pew holder, and if you are willing, fill it out and put it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter so that we might thank you for worshipping with us. All are truly welcome to participate in worship, and we believe our community is made stronger by your unique presence as we join in prayer and communion.

Our Worship

In the Episcopal Church, we often say that praying shapes believing, so how we worship in word and action shapes how we believe and respond to God. We are physical creatures made in God's image, and the physical nature of our worship helps us to connect more fully to God. Therefore, at St. Gregory's, we change our liturgy during each liturgical season to help us more fully embrace the theology and tone of the season.

Our sacred time of worship includes several different activities: singing, listening, praying, and feasting. This liturgy is enriched by the participation of everyone in the room. **All are invited to speak the bolded text aloud.** Some people choose to manifest prayers in physical ways to center their hearts and minds on God's presence in their lives and in the worship – we call these actions "manual acts," which are listed as follows throughout the bulletin:

(V) Bowing one's head at Jesus' name reminds us that Jesus is the King of Kings, ruling from a place of humility.

(+) There are several points during the liturgy, where many people cross themselves by touching their head, chest, and each shoulder (left then right) to remind themselves that God is in their head, heart, and in all of their actions in the world.

(+++) At the declaration of the Gospel, many people make the sign of the cross with their thumb on their forehead, lips, and heart as the Gospel is announced. This action is a prayer asking God's word to be in our minds, our words, and in our hearts.

Generally speaking, we stand to pray, kneel to confess, and sit to hear. Regardless of what others are doing, how you physically worship is up to you and how you experience God. Your presence and participation is what matters most to God.

A Note about Easter Season

The Easter Season begins with the Great Vigil and extends through the Great Fifty Days, including the day of Pentecost. It is a season of great joy and celebration of the mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Many penitential elements common to our worship throughout the year are eliminated or subdued. We forego the collect for purity, confession and absolution – because the Lenten season and Holy Week have had plentiful opportunities for introspection, penitence, confession, and reconciliation. The season of abundance is symbolized by heightened elements of joy and praise, including singing as many elements as possible, elegant white hangings, abundant flowers, bells at high points of the liturgy, and abundant Alleluias!



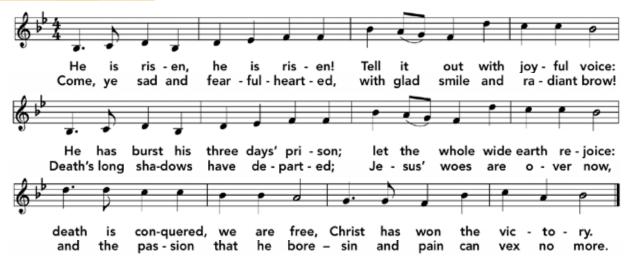
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

We begin our worship by observing a period of quiet (begun and ended with the ringing of a bell) to slow ourselves and rest in God's presence.

The people stand, as they are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN



We proclaim Christ's resurrection with joy and enthusiasm!

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



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

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, (v) who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.



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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.

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:14, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

- moreover my flesh will live in hope.
- For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

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 Psalm is a hymn



Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to God, "You are my Sovereign above all others." All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. I will not take the names of their gods upon my lips. O God, you are my portion and cup; you uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **Alleluia, alleluia!** I will bless God who gives me counsel and teaches me, night after night.

I have set God always before me;

because they are at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart is glad, my spirit rejoices; and my body shall rest in hope.



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For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. You will show me the path of life, in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

THE EPISTLE

1 PETER 1:3-9

The Second Lesson is usually a reading 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.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 vs.1 before the gospel, vs. 2 after





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JOHN 20:19-31

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

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.

SERMON

Max Smith, deacon

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

A period of quiet (begun and ended with the ringing of a bell) is observed to slow ourselves and rest in God's presence.

The people stand, as they are able.

THE NICENE CREED

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, (v) 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.



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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.

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia! So let us pray to our Lord, saying, "To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go. To you we offer praise eternal;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Incarnate Love, where hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, call forth new life by your touch. Bring forth life in the barren places of this world.

To you we offer praise eternal;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Author of life, you are the ruler of creation. All things created on earth sing to your glory. For the death of the winter, raise the fair beauty of the earth. (prayers of thanksgiving) To you we offer praise eternal;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Loving Savior, you hold the future. You bless and restore our families, our communities, our world with babies and children. Though they face uncertain days, we trust them to the certainty of your endless and eternal love.

To you we offer praise eternal;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus, the health of the world, pour out your balm on our souls and the souls of all in pain or sorrow. Be the source of life for all people. (prayers for sick, sorrowful, lonely, or afraid) To you we offer praise eternal;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Purify us, O Lord, from all evil that we may rightly see you in the eternal light of your resurrection. By your victory, bring us from death to life eternal. (prayers for the dead) To you we offer praise eternal;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE PEACE

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

another before we join in communion with God and each other.

The Peace has been

It is a profound act to offer the miraculous

peace of God to one

exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the first Christians.

The congregation greets each other in the peace of Christ.



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The people sit.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Exsultate Justi by Ludovico da Viadana

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.

The Offertory is when



Exsultate justi in Domino: Rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino in cithara. In psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi. Cantate ei canticum novum: Bene psallite ei in vociferacione. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just: Praise befits the upright. Give praise to God on the harp, Sing to him with the the ten-stringed lute. Sing to him a new canticle: Sing well unto God with a loud noise!

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT





THE LITANY OF CONSECRATED GIFTS

We give thanks to you, O God, for all things good and beneficial to our bodies and souls. **We thank you, O God.**

For the Body and Blood of Christ, set here before us; **We thank you, O God.**

That you have brought us together in this place; **We thank you, O God.**

That your eternal Word was made flesh for us; **We thank you, O God.**

For Christ's life and ministry, death and resurrection; **We thank you, O God.**

That you fill our lives with grace and grant us a pledge of our eternal inheritance; **We thank you, O God.**

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. When the service of a priest cannot be obtained, the bishop may authorize a deacon to distribute Holy Communion to the congregation from the reserved Sacrament.

The Eucharist, or Communion, is the act



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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. We pray, therefore, in the words our Savior Christ has taught us...

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.

The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

INVITATION

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free bread is available; please ask the clergy. Receiving the bread only is full communion in the body of Christ, so if you choose to not receive the wine, you may cross your arms over your chest as you pass the Eucharistic Minister, or take a cup of consecrated juice.

To receive communion, hold out your hands and you will be given the bread. Then take a cup of wine or juice from the Eucharistic Minister, move to the next tray, consume the bread and wine there, put the empty cup in the tray, and replace your mask before returning to your seat.

Anyone who has not been baptized, or for other reasons desires to receive a blessing instead of Communion is invited to come forward, and cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing. If you seek a deeper relationship with Christ through baptism, please speak with a priest after the service.

COMMUNION HYMN

Each line may be sung simultaneously.



God when I lie down, God when I a - rise, God when I take rest, God to shield me.



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The Prayer for Spiritual Communion articulates a hunger for unity with Jesus Christ when you cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ. This prayer connects the one(s) praying with the reception of Holy Communion. Those worshipping online are invited to say this prayer as those onsite receive Communion.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those worshipping remotely)

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, (v) 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.**

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (when appropriate)

We send you out to share Communion this week.

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. (v) Amen.

The people stand, as they are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; (v) and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Child, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. (v) To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The people stand, as they are able.

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's children through the resurrection of Jesus, (v) bestow upon us the riches of God's blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make us holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring us to our eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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

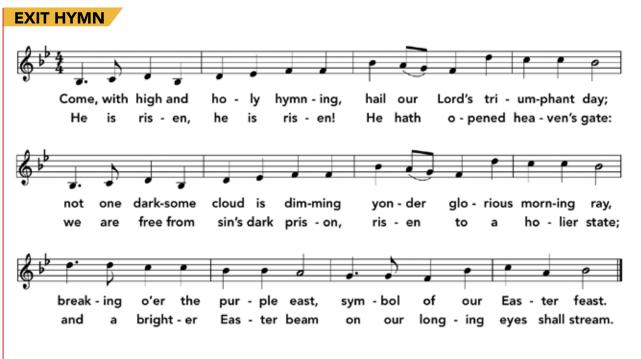
After Communion, we give thanks for being part of the communion of God's life and for being fed so that we may go out to feed and serve others in our world.



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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.



The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!



TODAY - coffee hour returns!

Our first onsite coffee hour post-pandemic will take place TODAY immediately following the service in Founders Hall. Plan to stick around for fellowship, food, and coffee! We'll also have a sign-up ready for anyone who would like to host future coffee hours.

ALSO TODAY - care packages!

We will be sending care packages to our college students in time for finals again this spring, and will pack them during coffee hour. If you'd like to write a personal note to the students, here are their names: Kaden Soonthornsima, CJ Ariano, Joe Ariano, Grace Gayhart, Grace Baddeley, Leah Hamilton, Christina Jolly, Caroline Bielski, Jacob

Fjeldheim, Celeste Rodrigues, Chloe Polzin, and Emily Zint.

Adult Formation begins again this Wednesday, Apr 19

Author Christena Cleveland's crisis of faith sent her on an intellectual and spiritual journey through history and across France, on a 400-mile walking pilgrimage to the ancient shrines of Black Madonnas to find healing in the Sacred Black Feminine. "God Is a Black Woman" is the chronicle of her liberating transformation and a critique of a society shaped by white patriarchal Christianity and culture. Join the Rev. Kristin Saylor, rector of St. Lawrence, Libertyville on Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm to discuss Cleveland's book. Dates of study are Apr 19, 26, May 5, and 10.

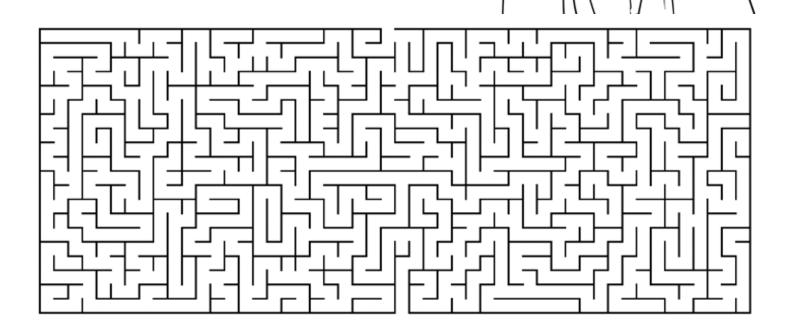
BSA TROOP 50 46th Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Wilmot School

St. Gregory's sponsored Troop 50 is hosting its annual fundraiser on Saturday, April 22 from 6-8 pm. All-you-can-eat catered spaghetti dinner tickets are \$12/adult, \$10/child. There will be a silent auction and other great prizes! Please contact Catherine at ceshawl@yahoo.com or 847-869-2623 if you would like to buy tickets to support the troop!

Community Meals - April 23rd

St. Gregory's has the opportunity to serve our neighbors in Waukegan on Sunday, April 23rd. We have 3 cookies bakers but are in need of people to help assemble meals in Waukegan. We meet at 12 noon and are done by 2:30 pm. It is not a difficult job and we would be happy to teach you. Please contact Barb Schaper at bschaper7@aol.com or 847-948-8989 to for more information.

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