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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!



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

Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 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!

We proclaim Christ's resurrection with joy and enthusiasm!

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! Bless - ing,
 hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er, A - men.



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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, **(v)** who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

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 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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.

SEQUENCE vs.1 before the gospel, vs. 2 after

"Alleluia, Jesus is Risen"

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!

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ. (+++)

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Rector

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



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.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 (v) 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!



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.

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.

The congregation greets each other in the peace of Christ.

The people sit.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"And I Saw a New Heaven"
Text from Revelation 21:1-4
Music by Eric Nelson

*And I saw a new heaven, and I saw a new earth;
For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea.
And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,
Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
"Behold, behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
And he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people;
And God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
And God shall wipe away all tears from eyes;
And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
Neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand, as they are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be - low;



Praise God a - bove ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.



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 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, and when he had given thanks, he 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Gregory and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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.

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!



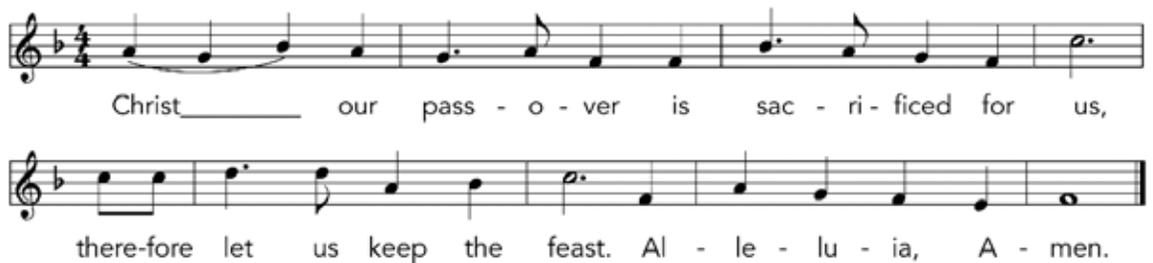
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated 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.

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 HYMNS

Each line may be sung simultaneously.

Musical notation for the hymn 'Alleluia'. It consists of three staves: a soprano line, an alto line, and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!' repeated across the lines.

All echo each phrase sung by the cantor at an interval of one measure.

Musical notation for the 'Prayer for Spiritual Communion' hymn. It consists of four staves. The lyrics are: 'I saw wa - ters flow - ing, flow - ing from the tem - ple, flow - ing from the right side, Al - - le - lu - ia! All to whom the wa - ters came, they were saved and shall pro - claim, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - le - lu - ia!'.

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.**

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.



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.**

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.

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.

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 you 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 you 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 you to your eternal inheritance.

Amen.

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

Amen.

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



EXIT HYMN

Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, all ye heaven-ly host, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost Al - - le - lu - ia!

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,

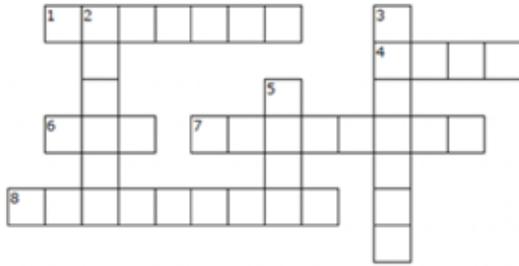
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Refugee Resettlement

We are taking steps to prepare to welcome a refugee family with our partner congregations! You can donate household items or funds by bringing them to StGs on May 21st. Links to wish list items are in the newsletter.

Nicasa Laptop Donation

Our partners at Nicasa let us know they have a girl going to college who is in need of a laptop. If you would like to donate one (or funds to go toward one), please contact Anne (anne@stgregoryschurch.org).



ACROSS

- 1. An order or a rule given with authority
- 4. To have feelings of compassion and concern for another person
- 6. The opposite of old
- 7. Boys and girls between birth and puberty
- 8. Those who follow the teachings of Jesus

DOWN

- 2. People aside from oneself
- 3. To give praise and honour to God or a person
- 5. A period of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, etc.

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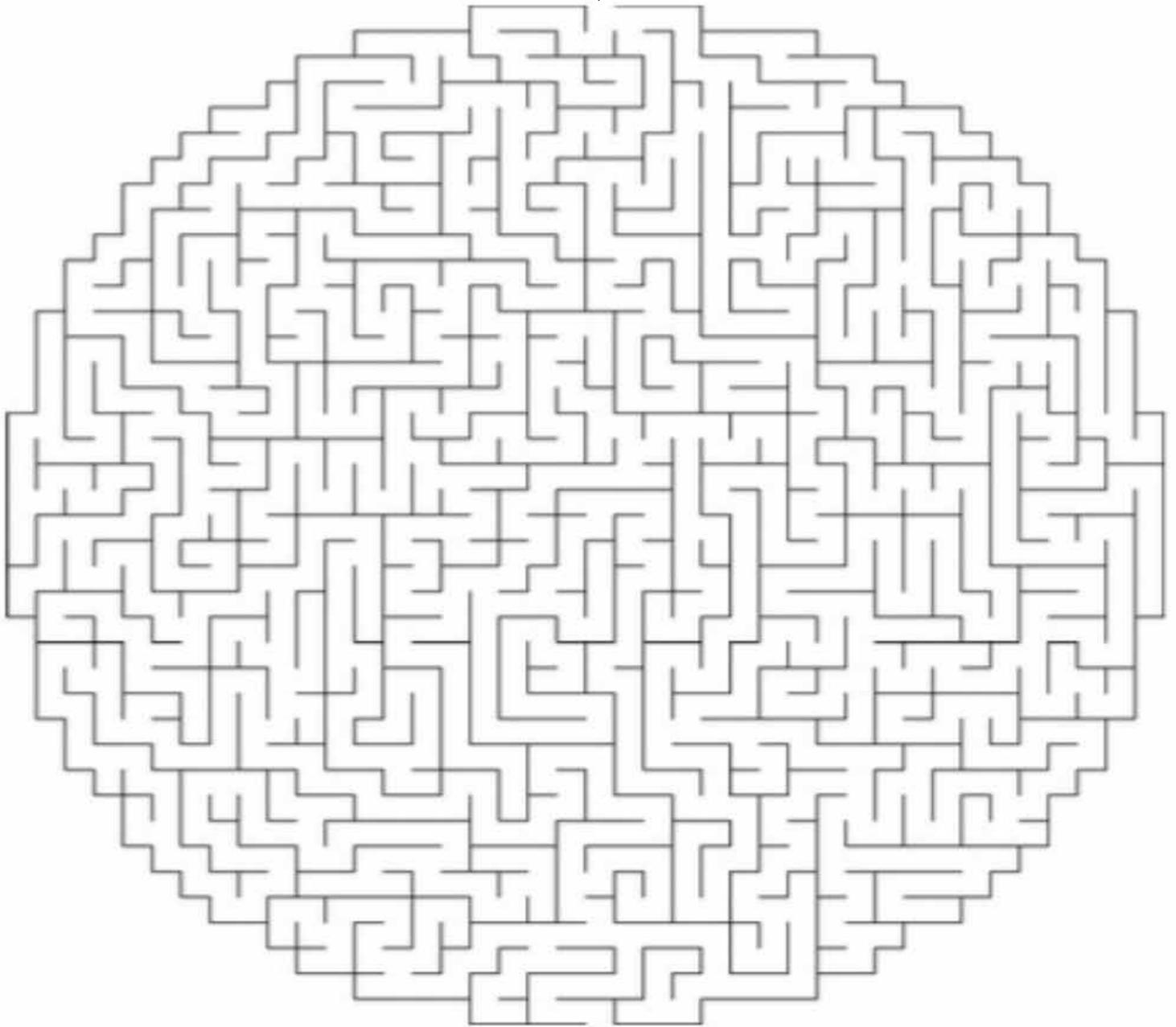
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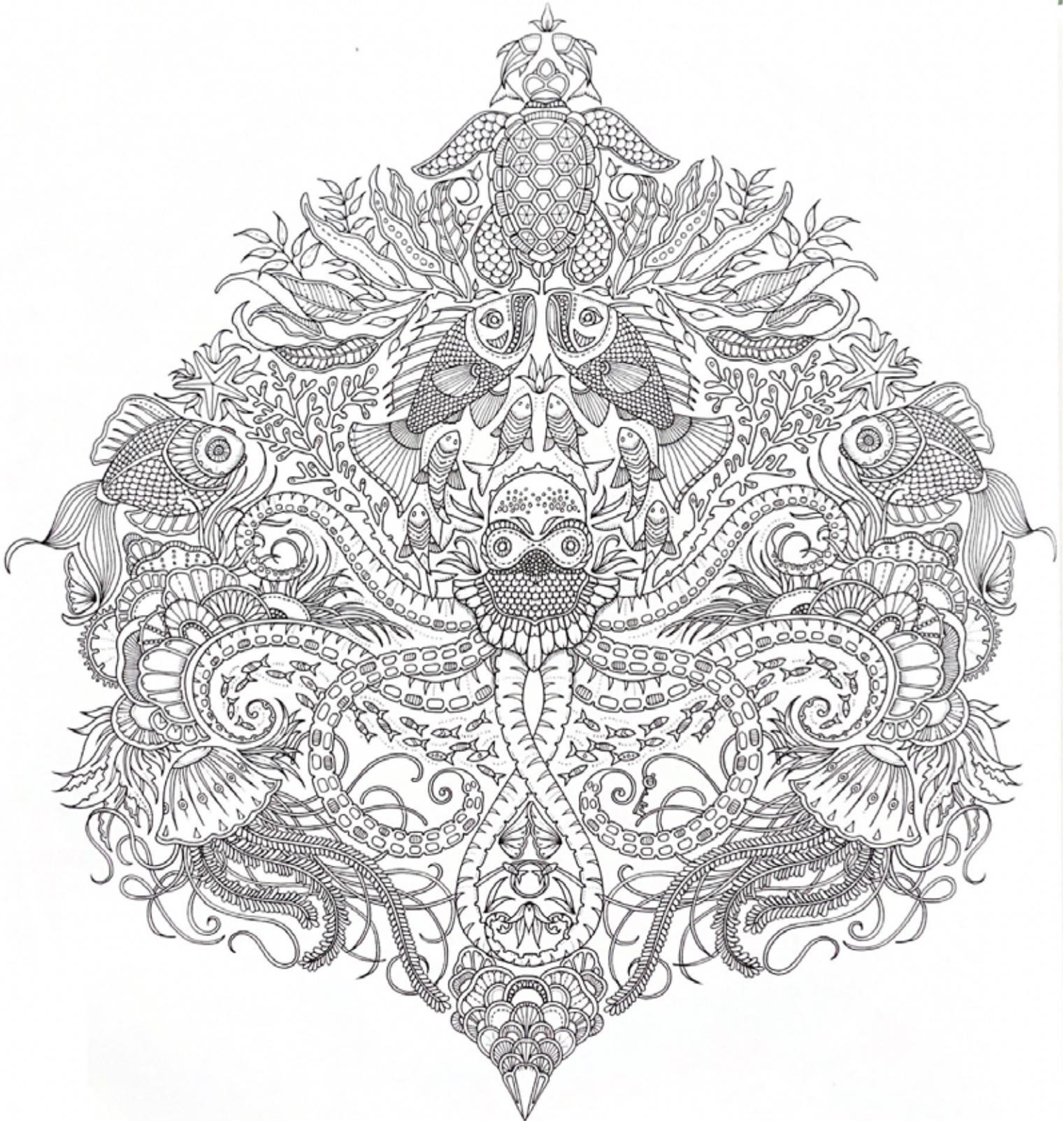
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What did Jesus command us to do?
Use this code to find the answer.

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**Praise the Lord, you sea monsters and all deeps!
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name only is exalted.**

Psalm 148