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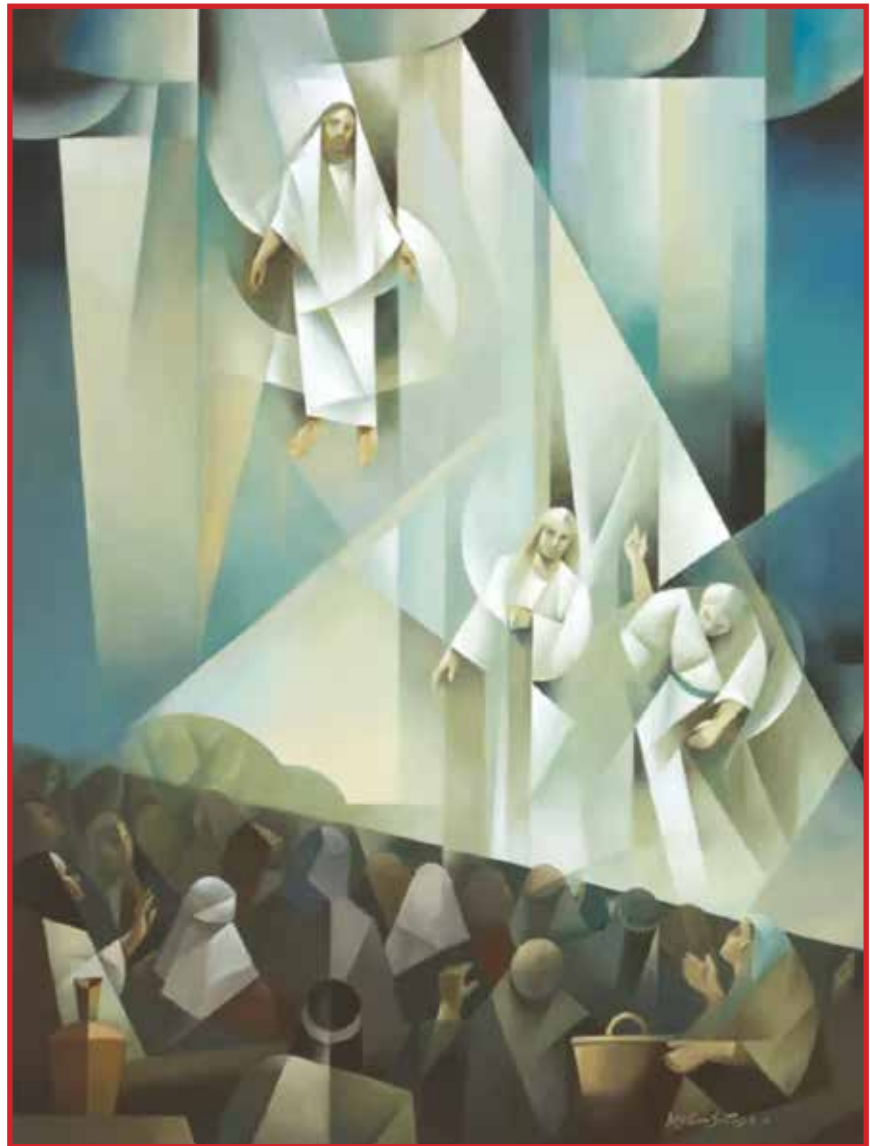
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Welcome to St Gregory's

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

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
Praise to his Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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! 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; 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 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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.

PSALM 68

First cantor, then all



Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee before them.
Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.
Sing to God, sing praises to God's Name;
exalt God who rides upon the heavens;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

YAHWEH is God's Name, rejoice before them!
Parent of orphans, defender of widows, God in God's holy habitation!
God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
O God, when you went forth before your people,
The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
You sent a gracious rain, you refreshed the land when it was weary.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

In your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
God rides in the ancient heavens; God sends forth their mighty voice.
Ascribe power to God; God's majesty is over Israel; God's strength is in the skies.
How wonderful is God in their holy places!
the God of Israel giving strength and power to God's people!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE EPISTLE

1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

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.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

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 17:1-11

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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.

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.

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.

SERMON

The Rev. Kyle Oliver, guest priest

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.

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 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

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

"Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels"
Text by Jaroslav Vajda, music by Michael Burkhardt
feat. Grant Borucki, trumpet

*Up through endless ranks of angels, cries of triumph in his ears,
To his heavenly throne ascending, having vanquished all their fears,
Christ looks down upon his faithful, leaving them in happy tears.*

*Death-destroying, life-restoring, proven equal to our need,
Now for us before the Father as our brother intercede;
Flesh that for our world was wounded, living, for the wounded plead!*

*To our lives of wanton wandering send your Spirit, promised guide;
Through our lives of fear and failure with your power and love abide;
Welcome us, as you were welcomed, to an endless Eastertide.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!

Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to see the Father's face!

Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!

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 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 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. **AMEN.**

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Christ our pass-over is sacrificed for us,
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Amen.

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 say 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.

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 return 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.

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!

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

COMMUNION HYMN

God with me, God be - fore me. God on my right, God on my left.

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

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.**

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 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.**

*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.*

*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

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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!**



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M P Z V C D W O R D Q S B J V
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Coffee hour - TODAY!

Join us in Founder's Hall immediately following the service for food and fellowship! We still need two more individuals/families to help host our next coffee hour, which will be June 11. Please look for the link in the newsletter, put your name down on the sign up on the vestry bulletin board in the main hallway, or contact our coffee hour committee, Debbie or Sharon (debbie.kinjo@gmail.com, slgamer@comcast.net), for more info!

Summertime liturgical ministry

Kathryn is scheduling StGs liturgical ministry for the summer (May 28 - Sept 3)! What, you may ask, are liturgical ministers? This includes all of the folks who help make our Sunday services run smoothly - acolytes, onsite and online greeters, crucifers, readers, St. Isidore tech folks, and eucharistic ministers. There's a ministry for everyone - all ages, all experiences, all abilities! - but this time Kathryn is looking especially for new onsite or online greeters and new Isidore members. If you are interested in joining ANY of these ministries, please contact Kathryn (kathryn@stgregoryschurch.org) before the end of the day TODAY! If you are currently serving in one of these areas, please give Kathryn your summer availability today as well.

Better Together Young Adult Group

The Better Together Partnership has had several requests from the young adults in the four parishes to begin a young adults group. Therefore, all folks from college age through 30s are welcome to our next meeting TODAY at 6pm at the Panera on Lake Cook Rd. Contact shelley@stgregoryschurch.org for more information and to RSVP.

Day of Pentecost is next Sunday!

Our celebration of the Feast of Pentecost is coming soon (May 28) - please remember to wear red in honor of the Holy Spirit! We will also be hanging many paper cranes and pictures of doves for that day as well. Use the origami directions on the back page of the bulletin and/or pick up coloring pages of doves from the playground and leave them in the basket by the entrance!

Town Hall rescheduled to Sunday, June 4

Join the Wardens as the congregation assembles in the sanctuary about 5 minutes after the service has ended on June 4. We have a tight agenda and plan to be done by 11:15 am. Online participants will be able to attend/participate on Zoom only.

Community Meals - next opportunity is Sunday, June 25

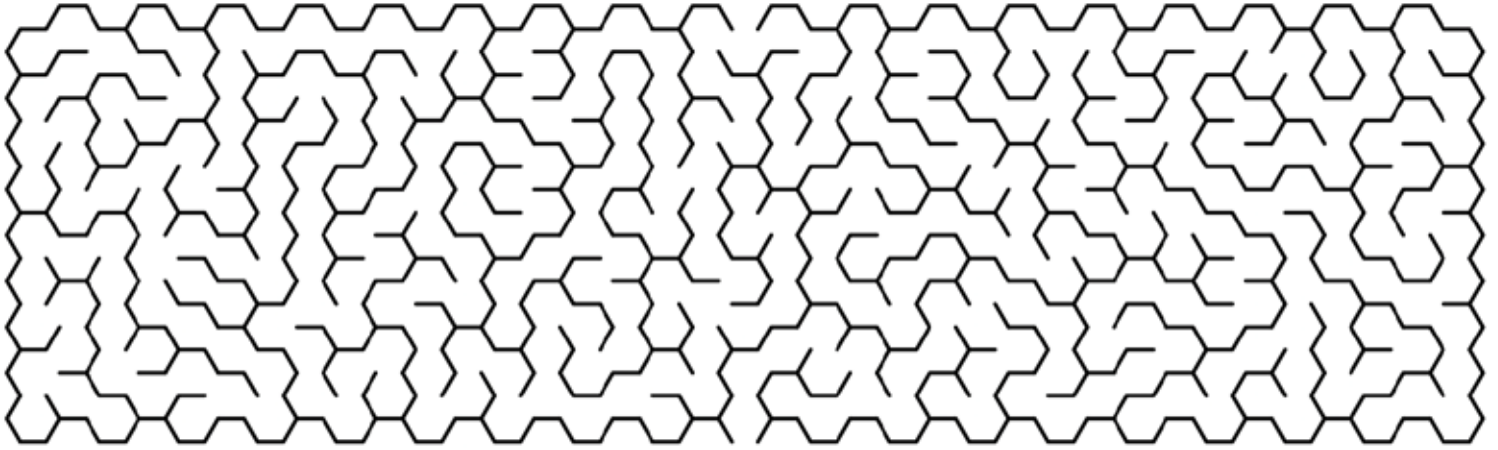
You and your family will again have the opportunity to serve our less fortunate neighbors in Waukegan in a few weeks. When you think of all you have to be grateful for, 3 hours of your time is a small sacrifice to show God's love to others. We have 3 people who are baking cookies. We still need people to help that afternoon so we can prepare the meal and serve our guests inside the church for the first time since the pandemic started in 2020. Please contact Barb Schaper at bschaper7@aol.com, 847-948-8989, or let her know in church.



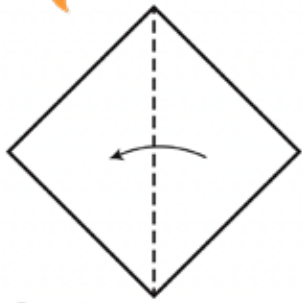
Save the Date!

July 16 with Bishop Paula Clark

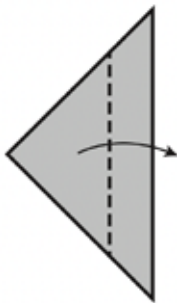
StGs is excited to host our Bishop Paula Clark for a visit on Sunday, July 16! Details to come, but mark your calendars now and plan to be there!



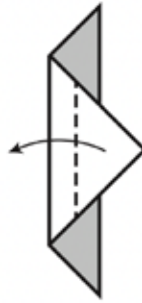
For the Day of Pentecost, we'll be decorating our space with paper doves - cut out this square and use the instructions on the back page to fold it into a dove. Make as many as you'd like - you can color your dove, or leave it white. Write on your dove the things for which you're grateful, and then leave it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter on your way out the door.



1 Fold in half horizontally.



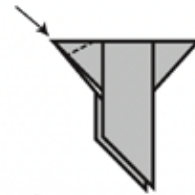
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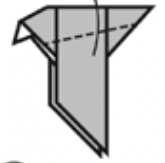
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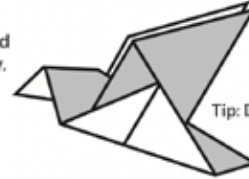
4 Open the triangle and fold in half vertically.



5 Pocket fold the tip to make a beak.



6 Fold the front upward. Repeat on the reverse side.



Tip: Draw eyes on the dove.

