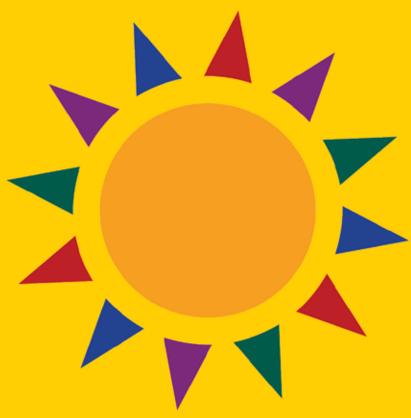


# ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



# EASTE R SUNDAY



## 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.

#### **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.

Gender-Neutral Restroom 111

#### **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 **■NORTH Founders** Use this map to find key areas Hall in the building. If you want help, please ask. Sign-up **PARKING LOT** Center . Parker **Parlor** Altar K-5 The Classroom (fall 2024) **Pray-ground** Sanctuary You Are Here **CHURCHYARD GARDEN** Stairs Down to Cry Room

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**EERFIELD RD** 

March 31, 2024

### Easter offerings given to the glory of God by

#### Sudi Johnson

in memory of Roger Johnson, Tom & Janie Wickersham, Iris & Doc Johnson, and Bill Wickersham

Louisa & Curtis Baddeley in memory of Jean & Jeff Baddeley

The Regalado Family in memory of Betsy Shawl, Robert Shawl, and Gregory Regalado

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Nana Agyeman in memory of Akosua Agyeman

Jeanette H. Blanck in memory of Walter Blanck

Mary Keller & Family in memory of Curt

Marilyn Knilans in memory of William Knilans, Willard & Ruth Thiel, and Bill & Jackie Thiel

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Scott Schaper in memory of Irene Besthoff

Cissy & Jeff Singleton in memory of Eddie & Jessie Vlack, and Ernest & Irene Singleton

Suzann Sladcik in memory of William Sladcik and Lucille Sladcik

Judy Stevens in memory of L.B. Stevens

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Suzanne Francis in memory of Gloria & Bertram Tavares

The Reichenbach Family
in loving memory of our wonderful parents and
grandparents, Lin & Ralph Reichenbach

#### Louisa & Curtis Baddeley

in thanks for our daughters Kate & Grace, and all of our many blessings

#### Hiko & Debbie Kinjo

in thanks for Viki, Kathryn, Cameo, Keanon, the choir, and all of the instrumentalists who enrich our services each week with music

Peter & Sally Holtz in thanks for the community of St. Gregory's

Cyndi & Jim Millspaugh in thanks for our family and friends and the beautiful music at St. Gregory's

Lyle & Sybil Ten Eyck in thanks for family and friends

#### Bev Falbe

in thanks for our parents, blessings received, our children and grandchildren, and recovery for Ron Falbe

> Suzann Sladcik in thanks for Craig Wilson

Nancy Buller & Steve Truckenbrod in thanks for family and friends

Bev & Ralph Laurell in thanks for Carrie, Jacob, and Brandon

Sarah Snyder

in thanks for all family, through blood and marriage

Barb & David Schaper

in thanks for Kathryn and the choir for the fantastic, beautiful music; and in thanks for the Altar Guild and all their hard work prior to and during Holy Week

Karen Nicholas

in thanks for St. Gregory's, family, friends, and Daisy

The Calub Family in thanks for community

Matt Geiger & Mary Rodgers

Sharon Henley-Gramer

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### **INTROIT ANTHEM**

Come, you who thirst, come to the water, And you who have nothing, come buy and eat. Come to Me!

When the bells ring, the people stand as they are able.

In Baptism, we are raised to new life with Christ. We begin our Easter celebration by blessing new water.

#### **BLESSING OVER THE WATER**

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Now bless this water, we pray you, that it may be a sign to us who have been baptized of the promises we have made to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to work for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

The people will be asperged as the Altar Party processes during the conclusion of the Introit anthem.

The sprinkling of the holy water of Baptism is a tactile reminder of our own baptism.

#### ASPERGING RITE & PROCESSION

Seek Me, seek Me while I may be found.
Call on Me, call on Me while I am near.
Come, all who thirst, come to the water,
and you who have nothing, come buy and eat. Come to Me!

We proclaim Christ's resurrection with joy and enthusiasm three times, increasing in volume each time!

#### PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

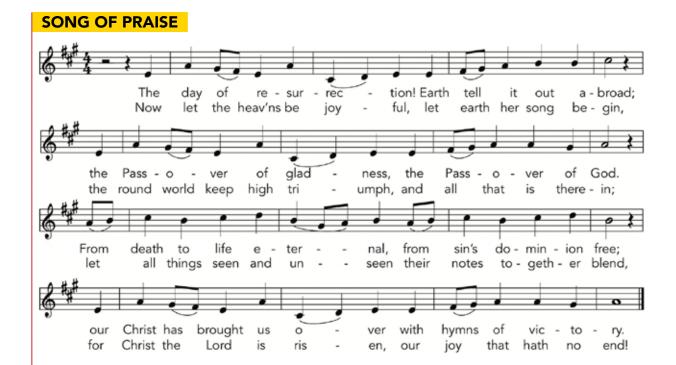
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

O God, who made this most holy morning to shine with the glory of our Savior's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed in strength, heart, mind, and soul, may worship you in truth and serve our neighbors in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

FIRST READING

**ACTS 10:34-43** 

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Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.



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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 118**

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, who is good; whose mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; those who are righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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 EPISTLE

#### **1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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 1-2 sung before the gospel reading, verse 3 after.



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 20:1-18

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

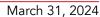
(+++) Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!"





She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dan Puchalla, Priest-in-Charge

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.

#### 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.

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 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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O 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!



The Prayers of the People are 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.

O 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!

O 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.

O 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 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

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**

"Resurrection Hymn" Words & music by K. Getty & S. Townend arr. Steven Strite

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

See what a morning gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem.

Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!" See God's salvation plan – wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice –

fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"

As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb; hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again.

The voice that spans the years – speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us – will sound 'til He appears, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

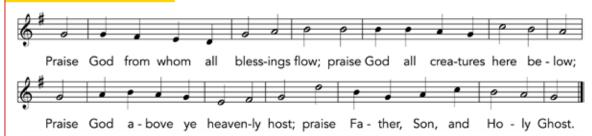
One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty, honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority. And we are raised with Him, death is dead, Love has won, Christ has conquered! And we shall reign with Him, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand, as they are able.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**



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 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.

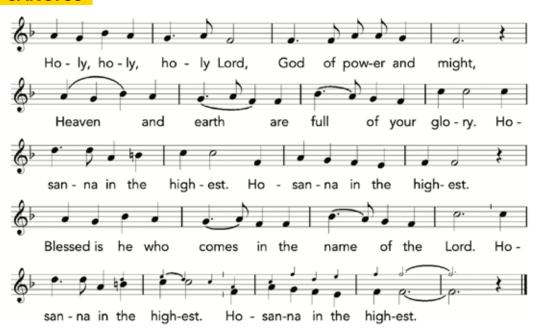
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, 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**





We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, (+) and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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.

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 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.

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.



#### **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.

# 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.

#### **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

"I Will Rise" arr. Craig Courtney & Lynda Hasseler

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.

There's an anchor for my soul: I can say, "It is well."

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.

The victory is won, He is risen from the dead.

And I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain.

I will rise on eagle's wings before my God, fall on my knees and rise. I will rise!

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light.

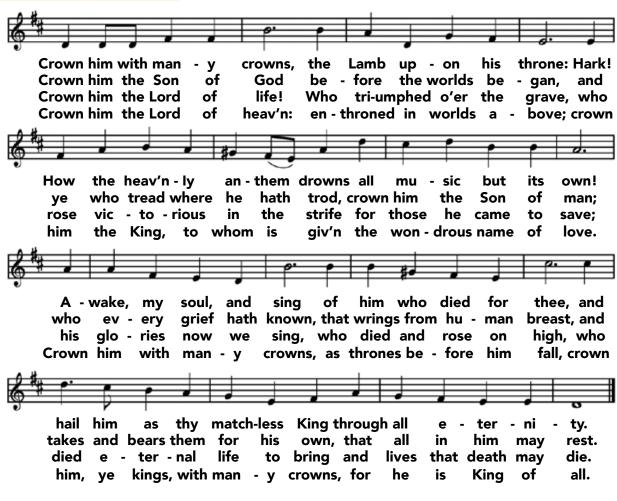
And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"







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.

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.



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

#### 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**



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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Children and youth may gather in the Prayground for instruction on the Easter egg hunt and the scavenger hunt! All are invited to Founder's Hall for light refreshment.

#### **Special thanks to our Easter musicians:**

Sebastian Martinez, trumpet Nicholas Vukalovich, trumpet Katie Seybold Ritter, horn Harry Guan, trombone Andy Rozsa, bass trombone Alex Wier, percussion

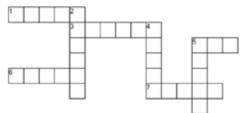
Professional vocalists: Viki Rill, Betsy Hoats, Julie Potsic, Robin Kessler, Michael Potsic, Cameo Humes, Rodney Sharp, Keanon Kyles

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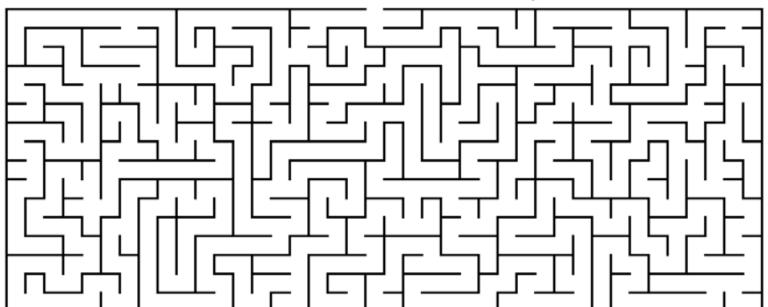
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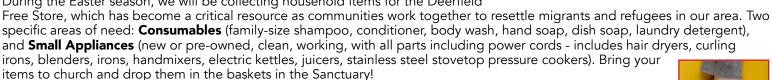
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#### COMING UP...

#### **Housewarming Drive for Migrants**

During the Easter season, we will be collecting household items for the Deerfield





#### **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.



We will hold a Town Hall Meeting on April 7, immediately following the 9:30 service. As you know, Dan was called as Priestin-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 will conduct a Mutual Ministry Review with Dan, to discuss how our relationship is going. That will determine whether we will begin discerning calling Dan or begin a national search. Both options will involve several months ahead of congregational input, conversation, prayer, and discernment. Please come on April 7 to get the latest update and a clear roadmap of the process ahead. In the meantime, don't hesitate to reach out to our wardens with any questions or further thoughts! 🕜 Jim Millspaugh: jcmillsgolf@aol.com, or Sarah Kettlewell: sarahkettlewell@gmail.com

#### 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

#### ONGOING CONNECTIONS...



#### **Coffee Hour & Coffee Brunch!**

After every Sunday service, we offer a simple coffee hour with coffee and tea available in Founders Hall. Once a month we enjoy a delicious spread of food at coffee brunch, hosted by volunteer parishioners and our coffee hour committee! Keep an eye on the Sign-Up Center for upcoming dates to host coffee brunch.

Debbie at debbie.kinjo@gmail.com or Sharon at slgramer@comcast.net

#### Join us every Wednesday morning on Zoom for a short service of prayer

Anchor your week in prayer and fellowship from the convenience of home or work at 8am on Wednesday mornings. This rich online worship service includes prayers for healing of body, mind, heart, and soul. All are welcome!

#### Friday morning gentle/meditative yoga on Zoom

Join us at 8am on Friday mornings for a gentle/meditative yoga class to start your day grounded, invigorated and ready to go! Led by certified yoga instructor Mary Aulbach, this free online class is especially helpful for mobility and flexibility. No prior experience or special equipment required, it's accessible to all physical abilities (whether you're 9 or 90!).

#### The StGs Book Club meets every month on Zoom

All are welcome for this monthly discussion that meets at 7pm the third Wednesday every month! On April 17th we'll discuss "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger, and in May we'll discuss "The Woman They Could Not Silence" by Kate Moore.



#### **Community Meals - thank you!**

Last Sunday, volunteers including Jen Crone, Catherine Regalado, Max Smith, Janet Foltz, and Barb, Matthew, and Scott Schaper packed non-perishable food and prepared a hot meal for our hungry neighbors in Waukegan. Thanks to our cookie bakers Cissy Singleton, Nancy Buller, and Janet Foltz. Our next turn to serve is Sunday, April 28th. We will need one cookie baker and many people to package and distribute the hot food.

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