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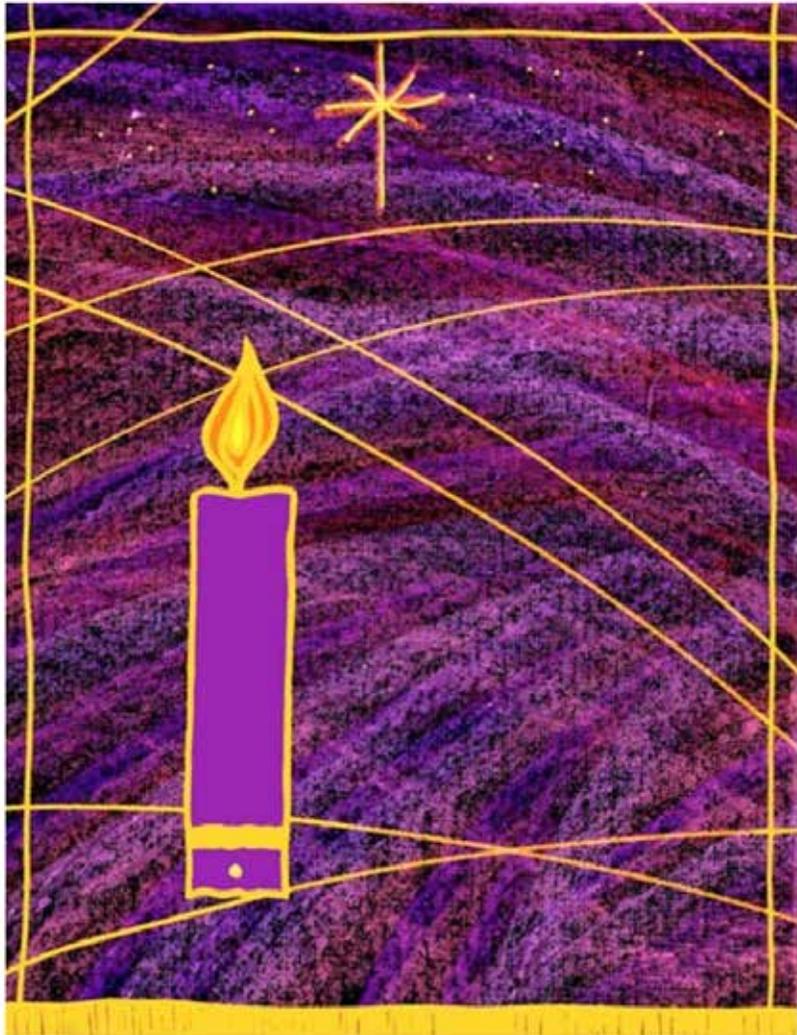
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Welcome to St Gregory's

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 greeters 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. 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." Bowing one's head at the name of Jesus reminds us that Jesus is the King of Kings, and he rules 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. These points in the liturgy are marked with this symbol (+). 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. This is indicated by the symbol. (+++) 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.

The Season of Advent

During Advent, our liturgical color at St. Gregory's is blue, and you will see this reflected in the vestments (special clothing worn by clergy), and on the altar and pulpit hangings. An Advent wreath decorates our worship space, and this is a custom that can be traced back to German tradition. Over time, people have assigned meaning to each of the 4 candles, and many argue about what color they should be. Liturgical scholar Patrick Malloy reminds us, "The principle symbolism of the wreath is the dispelling of darkness as an additional candle is lighted each week, not the color of the candles."

Because this is a season of preparation, we prepare our hearts, minds, and souls to meet Jesus face to face. We build space into our liturgy to examine the coming of Christ, and to make space in our lives for how Christ will change us. Therefore, we have several periods of silence during our worship, to slow down in this season the world insists on filling with stress and noise, and draw us back into the presence of God. These silences are noted in the bulletin by a , and they will be begun and ended in most cases by the ringing of a bell. You are invited to observe the sacred silence in any way that settles your soul in God's presence: praying, breathing, doodling, or just watching the candles flicker in anticipation.

In this season, we will enter our space in more darkness than usual, so we can ponder the healing and generative nature of darkness. We invite music to enfold our worship in new ways to invite us to be alert and anticipate Christ's coming: we will sing the Psalms, the music will entwine with our readings and prayers, and enfold our Eucharistic prayers. We are using Eucharistic Prayer B from the Book of Common Prayer, which has a more incarnational theme to the liturgy. We join many voices together in proclaiming the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) to remind us of the fullness of the body of Christ. It is our hope that our worship will give us a new appreciation of Christ's presence in our lives, and new words to express our longing for and appreciation of God come among us.



THE WORD OF GOD



We begin our worship by observing a period of quiet to slow ourselves and rest in God's presence.

The people stand, as they are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

choral interlude

O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spi - rits by thine Ad - vent here,
and drive a - way the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light!
Re - joice, re - joice! Em - man - u - el
shall come to thee, O Is - - - ra - el.

We begin our worship by gathering together as the body of Christ, and acknowledging our participation together in the Body of Christ. The Presider invites us to praise God together, and many people choose to cross themselves at the mention of the Trinity. The Collect for Purity allows us to acknowledge that the ability to celebrate the liturgy depends on God's grace.

OPENING ACCLAMATION *p. 355, Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (+)

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



This Advent season, our Song of Praise is the Magnificat, Mary's song of God's promise.

We are invited to pray, and then the collect collects our prayers together in a single concluding prayer. The opening collect is tailored toward the church season. The season of Advent is a four-week season of expectation and waiting for the coming of Christ at Christmas and again to bring God's Kingdom to fruition. In this season, we are called to prepare our hearts to be places where the Christ child could be born anew and find a welcome home.

We follow a three-year cycle of readings called a Lectionary. These are the 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.

SONG OF PRAISE

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in my God,
for he has looked down with favor on me.
From this day all generations will call me blessed!
The Almighty has done great things for me,
he has shown the strength of his arm.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of Israel,
for the promise he made to Abraham.*

Re - joice, re - joice! Em - man - u - el
shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Word of the Lord.
People **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.

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.

PSALM 25:1-9

First cantor, then all:



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; my God, I put my trust in you.

Cantor: Let none who look to you be put to shame, let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me.

All: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; my God, I put my trust in you.

Cantor: You are the God of my salvation, in you have I trusted all the day long. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are everlasting.

All: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; my God, I put my trust in you.

Cantor: Remember not the sins of my youth; remember me for the sake of your goodness, Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

All: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; my God, I put my trust in you.

Cantor: He guides the humble in doing right, and teaches his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness To those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

All: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; my God, I put my trust in you.

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand, as they are able.

During the singing of the following hymn, children are invited to join the deacon and Gospel procession in the aisle for the reading of the Gospel.



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 towards it.

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **(+++)**
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit, and the children return to their seats.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Anne B. Jolly



A period of quiet is observed to slow ourselves and rest in God's presence.



You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

Silence

Cantor Christ, be our light

People **Shine in our hearts.**

You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity.

Silence

Cantor Christ, be our light

People **Shine in our hearts.**

You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made, and to delight in all of creation. We give thanks for.....

Silence

Cantor Christ, be our light

People **Shine in our hearts.**

You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering, especially those on our parish prayer list..... And those for whom this congregation prays this morning..... Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Silence

Cantor Christ, be our light

People **Shine in our hearts.**

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife, (especially....), and those we love who have died, especially

Silence

Cantor Christ, be our light

People **Shine in our hearts.**

Presider

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. **Amen.**



In the confession we admit the ways we have not lived as we were created to live, both individually, and corporately, and ask for forgiveness. The priest declares to us the wonderful grace of God's promise of forgiveness, reconciliation, and the absolute remission of guilt.

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 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

The people kneel, as they are able.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our savior Jesus Christ, (+) strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The people stand, as they are able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The congregation greets one another in the Peace of Christ. We encourage you to exchange the Peace with words and gestures, rather than touch, to protect the most vulnerable among us.

The people sit.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, AND TRAVEL

OFFERTORY

Tobin Schindler, cello



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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Eucharistic Prayer B, Page 367, Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Leader Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might,

People **heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Leader Hosanna in the highest.

Children Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 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."



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.

Therefore, according to his command, O God,



Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. (+) In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Gregory, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People

All 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.



A period of silence is observed to slow ourselves and rest in God's presence.

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.



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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those worshipping remotely)

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Savior of the Nations, Come"
arr. Kathleen Basi

Savior of the nations, come; show the glory of the Son!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that our Lord chose such a birth.
Wondrous birth! O wondrous child of the Virgin undefiled!
Mighty God and man in one, eager now his race to run!
God Creator is his source, back to God he runs his course.
Down to death and hell descends, God's high throne he reascends.
Now your lowly manger bright hallows night with newborn light.
Let no night this light subdue, let our faith shine ever new.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

To be sung as a round, with each new part starting at the circled numbers.

Pre - pare the way of the Lord, pre - pare the way of the Lord, and
all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -



The people stand, as they are able.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (when appropriate)

Celebrant We send you out to share Communion this week.

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray

People **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of God's blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May Jesus whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at Christ's second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **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.



HYMN



Re - deem - er of the na - tions, come; re - veal your -
With God the Fa - ther you are one, and one with
All praise, O un - be - got - ten God, all praise to



self in vir - gin birth, the birth which a - ges
us in hu - man flesh. Oh, fill our weak and
you, e - ter - nal Word, all praise, life - giv - ing



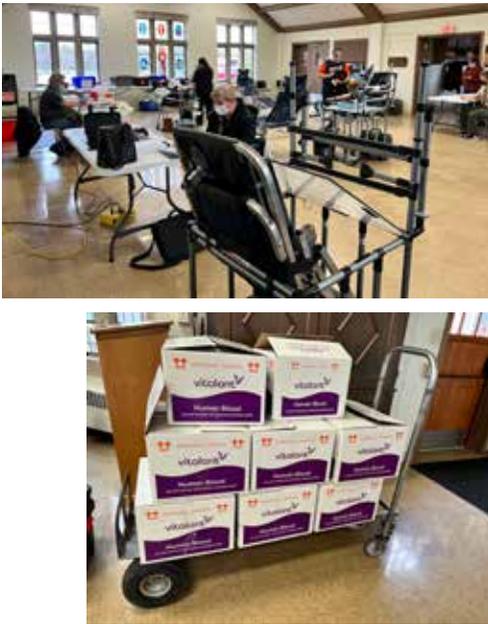
all a - dore, a won - drous birth, be - fit - ting God.
dy - ing frame with god - ly strength which nev - er fails.
Spi - rit, praise, all glo - ry to our God tri - une.

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,

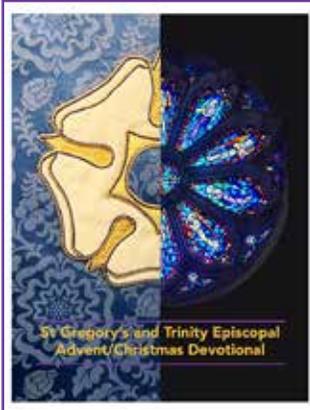
People **Thanks be to God.**

**A GREAT SUCCESS FROM ALL THE HARD WORK BY JACK MORRIS AND ALL!
WE ROLLED UP OUR SLEEVES AND COLLECTED 38 PINTS OF BLOOD!**



Thank you. Thank you. Thank you . . . to all our neighbors for your support of the St. Gregory's Pumpkin Patch this year. After having some vandalism at the first of the season, you all jumped at the opportunity to prove that there are many, many people in our community that care about others. Because of your donations and pumpkin purchases we were able to start Thanksgiving week with a visit to the food pantries with BIG checks! We took a check for \$8,800 each to the West Deerfield Township Food Pantry and the Vernon Township Food Pantry on Tuesday. They were thrilled to receive the gifts you made possible.





This booklet is an invitation to the communities of Trinity and StGs to join in daily prayer during the seasons of Advent and Christmas, concluding on the Epiphany. If you haven't received your copy, please let Charlene know (parish@stgregoryschurch.org). Each day an email will be sent that has a brief excerpt from scripture, a reflection by someone in the community, a selection of art, and an offering of music – it is designed to be done in 5-7 minutes. There is always the option to read more scripture and spend more time in prayer!

Sunday worship in Advent at StGs

9:30am onsite AND online (Zoom, Facebook live, and YouTube) – worship with Eucharist, music, singing, and participation by people of all ages.

Advent Morning Prayer with prayers for healing – Wednesdays at 8am on Zoom

Led by StGs

Advent Morning Prayer – Thursdays at 10am on Zoom

Led by Trinity

Advent Compline – Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom

Trinity and StGs join with St. Lawrence and St. Simon's for a Zoom service of Compline led by parishioners every Wednesday in Advent.

Advent Quiet Day – Saturday, December 11, 9am-noon at StGs

Take some time to slow down, pray and find peace in this season.

We will begin the day with a meditation followed by a time of prayer, where a gentle yoga session will be available to those who want to participate. Throughout the morning, there will be other meditations followed by times for prayer with options for tactile and contemplative prayer. An "Advent spiral" will be available all day for quiet meditation.

A Service of Hope and Healing – Sunday, December 12, 4:30pm at St. Lawrence, Libertyville

Advent is a time of longing for Christ's presence in us and, through us, in the world. Join us for a service of hope and healing, where we will give voice to that longing in community, together with St. Lawrence in Libertyville (125 West Church Street).

Christmas Eve Services

4:00pm at StGs – Intergenerational festive Eucharist with special music, choir, and flowers. This service will be onsite AND online via Zoom, Facebook Live, and YouTube.

7:30pm at Trinity – Sung Eucharist

Christmas Day – 10:00am at StGs

Come as you are for this celebration of Christ's birth with Eucharist – onsite AND online via Zoom, Facebook Live, and YouTube.

Jesus, the One and Only

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:22b (NIV)

Based on Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



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