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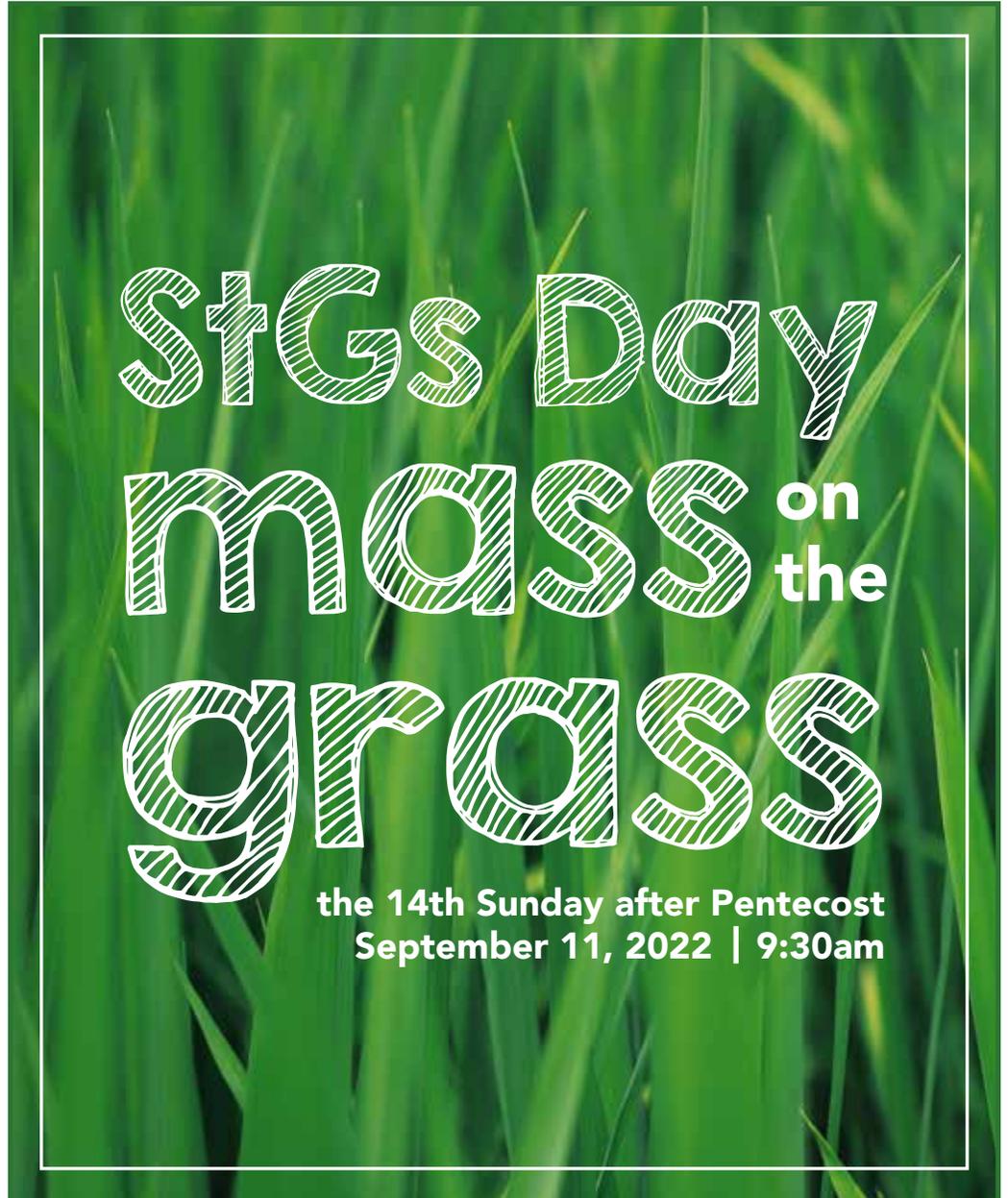
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Welcome to St Gregory's

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 the Season After Pentecost (Ordinary Time)

The Season after Pentecost is often called Ordinary Time, and this season connects the Paschal cycle (the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus) from the gift of the Holy Spirit to the celebration of the Second Coming when Christ comes in glory. As theologian Leo Mitchell says, it is “in these Sundays after Pentecost that we actually live – that is, in the period between the first and final coming (Advent); but in the liturgy, all of time, past, present, and future, is laid before us to be celebrated in the mystery of the liturgical year.

Though this is the season in which we live, and it spans the majority of our liturgical year, there is no such thing as an ordinary day when we are celebrating the sacraments of the risen Lord. The name “ordinary” comes from the tradition of numbering the assigned readings for these Sundays after Pentecost (thus: ordinal becomes ordinary). This season's assigned liturgical color is green, and the liturgy is celebrated without extreme penitence or glory as in other special seasons. At St. Gregory's, we change our liturgical practices halfway through this long season to explore the variety of ways in which we can experience the Holy Spirit in worship.



A note from the Music & Engagement Minister: Longing to find a place to belong is a fundamental part of the human experience. In John 14, Jesus entreats, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" As StGs celebrates our patronal feast today, all of the music for the service has been chosen to remind us that we always have a spiritual home together - with each other, and with God.

THE WORD OF GOD

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. All are invited to speak the bolded text aloud.

ENTRANCE HYMN

*"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"
arr. Molly Ijames, from The Wizard of Oz*

Please sing along!

**Somehow over the rainbow, way up high
There's a land that I heard of, once in a lullaby.
Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue,
And the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true.
Someday I'll wish upon a star, and wake up where the clouds are far behind me,
Where troubles melt like lemon drops, away above the chimney tops,
That's where you'll find me!
Somewhere over the rainbow, bluebirds fly,
Birds fly over the rainbow, why then, oh why can't I?
If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow, why, oh why, can't I?**

CANTICLE OF GOD'S LOVE

**Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is Love.
In this the love of God was revealed among us,
that God sent God's only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ. (v)
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us
and sent the Son that sins might be forgiven.
Beloved, since God loved us so much,
We ought also to love one another.
For if we love one another, God abides in us,
and God's love will be perfected in us.**

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. The Collect for Purity allows us to acknowledge that the ability to celebrate the liturgy depends on God's grace.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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. (v) Amen.



During the season after Pentecost, the collects cover the wide variety of human longing and responsibilities of the church and humanity.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and merciful God, you raised up Gregory of Rome to be a servant of the servants of God, and inspired him to send missionaries to preach the Gospel to the English people: Preserve your church in the catholic and apostolic faith, that your people, being fruitful in every good work, may receive the crown of glory that never fades away; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **(v)** who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The people sit.

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

GENESIS 18:1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

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 57

- 1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you; in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.
- 2 I will call upon the Most High God, the God who maintains my cause.**
- 3 He will send from heaven and save me; he will confound those who trample upon me; God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.
- 4 I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue a sharp sword.**
- 5 They have laid a net for my feet, and I am bowed low; they have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into it themselves.
- 6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, and your glory over all the earth.**
- 7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and make melody.
- 8 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; I myself will waken the dawn.**
- 9 I will confess you among the peoples, O Lord; I will sing praise to you among the nations.
- 10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**
- 11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, and your glory over all the earth.

EPISTLE

COLOSSIANS 1:28-2:3

It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and strive with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

For I want you to know how greatly I strive for you and for those in Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face. I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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.

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.



SEQUENCE HYMN (verse 1)

"Softly and Tenderly"
arr. Robert Sterling

Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for you and for me.
Oh! for the won - der - ful love He has pro - mised, pro - mised for you and for me.

See, on the por - tals He's wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me. Come
Tho' we have sinned he has mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me. Come

home, come home. You who are wear - y, come home.

Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, O sin - ner, come home.

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

MARK 10:42-45

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

Jesus called his disciples and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN (verse 2)

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Rector

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

The people stand, as they are able.

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.

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God our provider: the glory of the changing seasons reminds us of your artistry as nature's colors shift from summer greens to autumn golds. May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation. May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others (prayers of gratitude). God our provider:

Hear our prayer.

God our refuge: The morning mists soften the landscape and the days drawing shorter and the nights colder. As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. Remind us that though the unknown journey lies ahead, we can trust in your unfailing truth and presence (prayers for the sick, sad, lonely, and afraid).

God our refuge:
Hear our prayer.

God of our living and dying: May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life. May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal (prayers for the dead and the dying). God of our living and dying:

Hear our prayer.

The Priest will offer a concluding collect.



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.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence will be kept.

**God of all time and all seasons:
we come before you now,
all too aware of our smallness and our brokenness.
All too aware that our insecurities, our selfish thoughts,
and our secret desires are an open book to you.
God of mercy, forgive us.
When our words and actions have injured others,
God of mercy, forgive us.
When our silence and inaction have injured others,
God of mercy, forgive us.
For the harm we have done to the earth,
God of mercy, forgive us.
When we have failed to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you,
God of mercy, forgive us and renew us.
Help us, in each moment and in every circumstance,
to live lives of generosity and peace. Amen.**

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

"Homeward Bound"
arr. Jay Althouse

*In the quiet, misty morning, when the moon has gone to bed,
When the sparrows stop their singing, and the sky is clear and red,
When the summer's ceased its gleaming, when the corn is past its prime,
When adventure's lost its meaning, I'll be homeward bound in time.
Bind me not to the pasture, chain me not to the plow,
Set me free to find my calling, and I'll return to you somehow.
If you find it's me you're missing, if you're hoping I'll return,
To your thoughts I'll soon be listening - in the road I'll stop and turn.
Then the wind will set me racing, as my journey nears its end,
And the path I'll be retracing, when I'm homeward bound again.
Bind me not to the pasture, chain me not to the plow,
Set me free to find my calling, and I'll return to you somehow.
In the quiet, misty morning, when the moon has gone to bed,
When the sparrows stop their singing, I'll be homeward bound again.*

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.

Give praise and thanks to God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore,
for thus it was, and ev-er shall be, for now and ev - er - more.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 people stand as they are able.

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 our 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 (v) 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 say:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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. **(v)**
Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, Christ revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, Jesus triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ **(v)** 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 Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we now present to you from your creation these gifts of bread and wine. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to 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 children, 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, **(v)** in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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 speaking these praises.

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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. To receive communion, hold out your hands and you will be given the bread.

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 ANTHEM

*"Home" sung by Viki Rill
from the Broadway musical Wonderland
by Frank Wildhorn and Jack Murphy*

*Home is not a place, an address that you memorize.
It's more than seven flights, or apartment 8A.
It's where you never feel lonely whenever you're alone.
That's how you know you are home.
How I wish that we could feel that, somehow, right now,
How I wish that we could feel that again.
Home is like a smile you see in a photograph.
No matter what you do, it's not supposed to change.
Why can't we all be together the way we used to be?
Back on the ground, no more racing around,
Here, safe and sound... and home.*



COMMUNION ANTHEM

*"Beautiful City" sung by Cameo Humes
from the Broadway musical Godspell (2011 revival)
music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz*

*Out of the ruins and rubble, out of the smoke,
Out of our night of struggle, can we see a ray of hope?
One pale thin ray, reaching for the day -
We can build a beautiful city, yes, we can, yes we can.
We can build a beautiful city, not a city of angels, but we can build a city of man.
We may not reach the ending, but we can start,
Slowly but truly mending, brick by brick, heart by heart.
Now, maybe now, we start learning how
We can build a beautiful city, yes, we can, yes we can.
We can build a beautiful city, not a city of angels, but we can build a city of man.
When your trust is all but shattered, when your faith is all but killed,
You can give up, bitter and battered, or you can slowly start to build...
A beautiful city, yes, we can, yes we can.
We can build a beautiful city, not a city of angels, but finally, a city of man.*

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 people stand, as they are able.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (when appropriate)

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

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. (v) Amen.

The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people stand, as they are able.

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.

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.

BLESSING

Do not pray for easy lives! Pray for the living of life. Pray to be stronger people. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your task. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be the miracle. And then, in turn, every day you shall wonder at yourself, At the richness which has come in you, by the grace of God. And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

EXIT HYMN

*"You Will Be Found"
from the Broadway musical Dear Evan Hansen
by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul*

Please sing along!

**Have you ever felt like nobody was there?
Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere?
Have you ever felt like you could disappear?
Like you could fall, and no one would hear?
Well, let that lonely feeling wash away,
Maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay.
'Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand, you can reach, reach out your hand.
And oh, someone will come running and I know, they'll take you home.
Even when the dark comes crashing through, when you need a friend to carry you,
And when you're broken on the ground: you will be found
So let the sun come streaming in, 'cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again.
Lift your head and look around: you will be found.
There's a place where we don't have to feel unknown,
And every time that you call out, you're a little less alone.
If you only say the word, from across the silence your voice is heard.
Oh, someone will come running, oh, to take you home.
Even when the dark comes crashing through, when you need a friend to carry you,
When you're broken on the ground: you will be found.
So let the sun come streaming in, 'cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again.
If you only look around, you will be found.
Out of the shadows the morning is breaking and all is new, all is new.
It's filling up the empty and suddenly I see that all is new, all is new.
You are not alone.
Even when the dark comes crashin' through, when you need someone to carry you
When you're broken on the ground: you will be found!
So when the sun comes streaming in, 'cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again.
If you only look around: you will be found!
Even when the dark comes crashin' through: you will be found.
When you need someone to carry you: you will be found.**

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond,

Thanks be to God!

ALL are invited to stay after the service to enjoy a short set of Broadway favorites from our quartet, followed by fun and fellowship with a picnic lunch, shaved ice, and games for all ages!

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.



"On the Street Where You Live" sung by Will Esch
from the Broadway musical *My Fair Lady*

I have often walked down this street before,
 But the pavement always stayed beneath my feet before.
 All at once am I several stories high, knowing I'm on the street where you live.
 Are there lilac trees in the heart of town?
 Can you hear a lark in any other part of town?
 Does enchantment pour out of every door? No, it's just on the street where you live.
 And oh, the towering feeling, just to know somehow you are near!
 The overpowering feeling that any second you may suddenly appear!
 People stop and stare, they don't bother me
 For there's nowhere else on earth that I would rather be.
 Let the time go by, I won't care if I can be here on the street where you live.
 And oh, the towering feeling, just to know somehow you are near!
 The overpowering feeling that any second you may suddenly appear!
 People stop and stare, they don't bother me
 For there's nowhere else on earth that I would rather be.
 Let the time go by, I won't care if I can be here on the street where you live.

"For Good" sung by Viki Rill & Kathryn Duncan
from the Broadway musical *Wicked*

I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason,
 Bringing something we must learn.
 And we are led to those who help us most to grow,
 If we let them, and we help them in return.
 Well, I don't know if I believe that's true,
 But I know I'm who I am today because I knew you.
 Like a comet pulled from orbit as it passes the sun,
 Like a stream that meets a boulder halfway through the wood,
 Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
 But, because I knew you, I have been changed for good.
 It well may be that we will never meet again in this lifetime,
 So let me say before we part: so much of me is made of what I learned from you.
 You'll be with me, like a handprint on my heart.
 And now whatever way our stories end,
 I know you have rewritten mine, by being my friend.
 Like a ship blown from its mooring by a wind off the sea,
 Like a seed dropped by a skybird in a distant wood,
 Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
 But, because I knew you, I have been changed for good.
 And just to clear the air, I ask forgiveness for the things I've done you blame me for.
 But then, I guess we know there's blame to share,
 And none of it seems to matter anymore.
 Like a comet pulled from orbit as it passes a sun,
 (Like a ship blown from its morning by a wind off the sea)
 Like a stream that meets a boulder halfway through the wood,
 (Like a seed dropped by a bird in the wood)
 Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
 I do believe I have been changed for the better.
 And because I knew you: I have been changed for good.



"A House is Not a Home" sung by Viki Rill, Kathryn Duncan, Cameo Humes, & Will Esch
by Burt Bacharach, from the 1964 movie "A House is Not a Home"

*A chair is still a chair even when there's no one sitting there;
But a chair is not a house, and a house is not a home
When there's no one there to hold you tight, and no one there you can kiss goodnight.
A room is still a room even when there's nothing there but gloom;
But a room is not a house, and a house is not a home
When the two of us are far apart, and one of us has a broken heart.
Now and then I call your name and suddenly your face appears;
But it's just a crazy game - when it ends, it ends in tears.
Darling, have a heart - don't let one mistake keep us apart.
I'm not meant to live alone, turn this house into a home.
When I climb the stair and turn the key, oh please be there, still in love with me.
Now and then I call your name and suddenly your face appears;
But it's just a crazy game - when it ends, it ends in tears.
Darling, have a heart...*

"Home" sung by Cameo Humes
from the Broadway musical *The Wiz*

*When I think of home I think of a place where there's love overflowing.
I wish I was home, I wish I was back there with the things I've been knowing.
Wind that makes the tall trees bend into leaning,
Suddenly the snowflakes that fall have a meaning,
Sprinkling the scene makes it all clean.
Maybe there's a chance for me to go back now that I have some direction.
It would sure be nice to be back home where there's love and affection.
And just maybe I can convince time to slow up,
Giving me enough time in my life to grow up.
Time be my friend, let me start again.
Suddenly my world's gone and changed its face but I still know where I'm going.
I have had my mind spun around in space and yet I've watched it growing.
If you're listening God, please don't make it hard to know
If we should believe the things that we see.
Tell us should we run away, should we try and stay
Or would it be better just to let things be?
Living here in this brand new world might be a fantasy
But it taught me to love, so it's real to me.
And I've learned that we must look inside our hearts to find
A world full of love like yours and mine - like home.*



**Special thanks to our guest instrumentalists for this service -
Kailey Rockwell on piano, and Maddi Vogel on percussion!**



Announcements

Join our feeding ministry! On Sunday, September 25th, St. Gregory's members (and friends) will once again have the opportunity to serve our neighbors in Waukegan at the community meals program held at Christ Episcopal Church, 410 Grand Ave. We meet at 12 noon to prepare a meal and guests come to pick up the meal at 2pm. This is a wonderful way to help others who do not have the same abundance of resources as we do. We are also looking for people to bake oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. If you are interested in baking and/or joining us in Waukegan, please contact Barb Schaper at bschaper7@aol.com or 847-948-8989.

The pumpkins are coming! Plans are coming together for pumpkin season. Our delivery date is tentatively set for 10am on September 24. The Providence Farms sober living guys will be helping unload and the Parks Department and the Dept. of Public Works will bring backhoes. As you know, many hands make less work! Sign up via the link in the newsletter.

Also, remember we need to fill 200 two-hour shifts at the patch. We will be open from 10am to 6pm on weekends, and noon to 6pm on weekdays. Be a church ambassador to the community and have fun while you do it! Sign up via the link in the newsletter.

Formation has begun! The Better Together Partners are holding intergenerational formation from 4:30-6:00pm on the same days and at the same locations as our confirmation classes so that adults and children/youth who are not participating in confirmation will have special formation time as well. All participants will have a meal together at the end of each session. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us! The dates for the 2022-23 school year are:

- Oct 1** - St. Lawrence
- Nov 12** - Trinity
- Dec 3** - StEs

- Jan 21** - StGs
- Feb 11** - St. Lawrence

- Mar 11** - Trinity
- Apr 1** - StEs

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