



ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024 | 9:30am

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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 with a changing table.

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.

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.

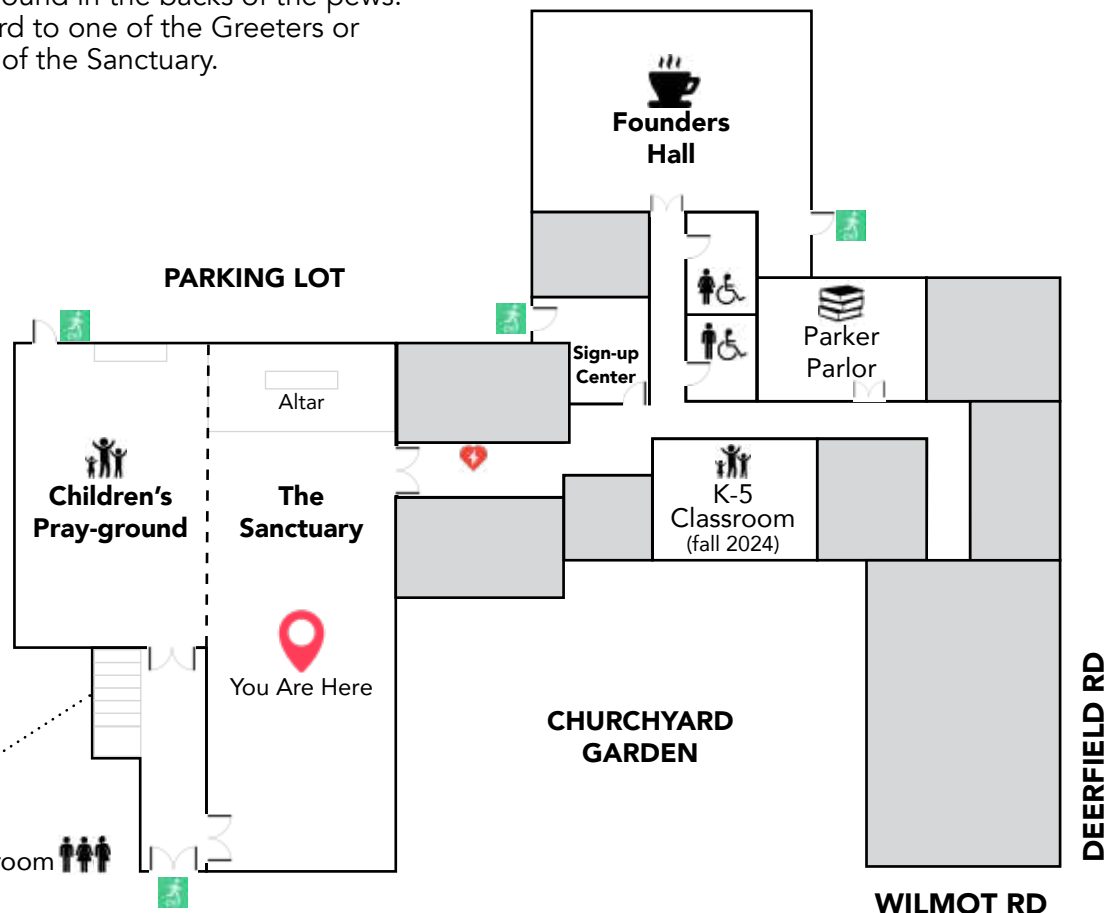
Find Your Way

Use this map to find key areas in the building. If you want help, please ask.

◀ NORTH

- ♥ AED, First Aid Kit, NARCAN
- 🚪 Emergency Exits
- ☕ Coffee & Tea Service
- 👪 Children's Facilities

Stairs Down to
Cry Room
Gender-Neutral Restroom



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THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand, as they are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!



SONG OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Wor-thy is
 Christ the_Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free__ to be peo-ple of God.

During the Easter season, the collects remind us of the joy of resurrection, and our continual salvation through God's amazing love.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people sit.

FIRST READING

ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26

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.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
 nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
**2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on this law they meditate day and night.**



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.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE EPISTLE

1 JOHN 5:9-13

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.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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 sung before the gospel reading, verse 2 after.

Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je -
 sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for -
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb. Riv - er of life, saints and arch -
 ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 an - gels, sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.
 Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!



During the Holy Eucharist, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions. The deacon or priest proclaims the Gospel in the midst of the people to represent the Good News that Jesus has come among us, and we all turn toward it.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 17:6-19

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

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

The people sit.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Max Smith, Deacon

For the Preacher Talkback session after church, fill in this matrix during the sermon. We will also provide time when the sermon is ended to add more responses.

I liked these phrases, images, and ideas:	I disagree with OR I am confused by these ideas:	I am left wondering about these questions:



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. 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, 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!**

○ 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!**

○ God, not even death can separate us 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.

○ 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*"Ascension Prayer"
text and music by Thomas Keesecker*

*Grounded: our feet are on the ground.
Open: our eyes are open wide.
Why do we seek you in the sky?
Our work is here on earth.
Jesus: we long to be with Jesus.
Heaven: to heaven you ascend.
O Jesus, help us come to know:
our work is here on earth.
For feeding the hungry, and helping the poor,
for welcoming strangers who knock on our door,
for justice and peace in this world torn apart,
for labor reflecting the love of your heart.
We're grounded: our feet are on the ground.
Open: we're open to your will.
And with hearts and hands, now send us forth:
our work is here on earth.*

The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to the Lord as our initial act of thanksgiving. This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. You can use this QR code to give to StGs online.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand, as they are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to thee, who dead, a - gain dost live;
to God the Fa - ther e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.



The Eucharist, or Communion, is the act of offering, breaking bread, and sharing in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. It also reminds us that we are Christ's body in our world today. As Episcopalians, the Eucharist is the principal act of worship, in which we always have a full proclamation of the heart of the Gospel. Celebrating Eucharist is something we do together, so we all take part in the prayers.

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being. Yet chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and (+) make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



The Great Amen is the only word in our Book of Common Prayer that is in all capital letters. It emphasizes that we all join together in asking Jesus to be present in the bread and wine, in boldly affirming our desire to receive God. It is appropriate to sing this with enthusiasm!

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

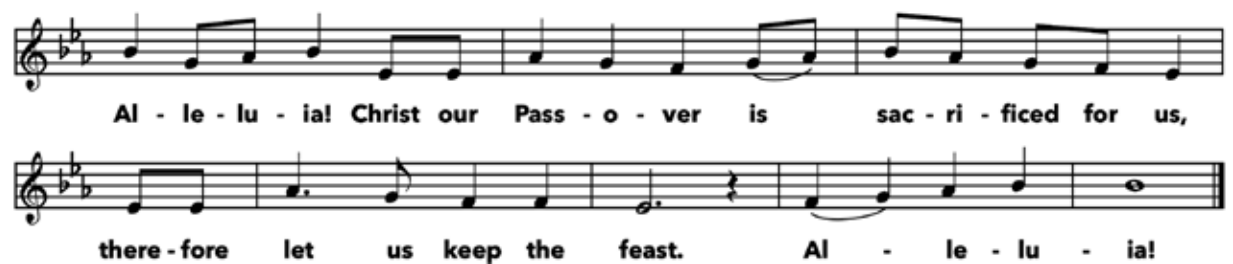
**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.



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.



RECEIVING COMMUNION

Where To Go: Please join the line closest to you to receive Communion. When you get to the front, fill in along the rail, from left to right. You are welcome to stand or kneel.

Receiving: Hold out your hands to receive bread. Then indicate to the other ministers if you would like wine from the shared chalice or an individual cup. Used cups may be placed on the stand nearest you.

Gluten-free Option: Please ask for a gluten-free wafer from the priest when they come to you.

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 your 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 CHANT

*"O Lord Most High"
medieval Latin chant, Aeterne Rex altissime*

O Lord Most High, eternal King,
by thee redeemed thy praise we sing.
The bonds of death are burst by thee,
and grace has won the victory.
Ascending to the Father's throne
thou claim'st the kingdom as thine own;
and angels wonder when they see
how changed is our humanity.
Be thou our joy, O Mighty Lord,
as thou wilt be our great reward;
let all our glory be in thee
both now and through eternity.
O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to thee let earth accord,
who art, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit, One.



COMMUNION HYMN

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for
 ev - er, day when the Christ a - scends, high in the
 hea - vens to reign. *First time only* 2 reign.

1 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the
 3 God the Cre - a - tor, the Lord who rul - est the
 5 Spi - rit of life and of power, now flow in us,
 ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre -
 earth and the hea - vens, guard us from
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost

a - ted on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide:

Repeat Refrain

2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
 4 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our
 6 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art

glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her gates un -
 minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
 souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

Repeat Refrain



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.

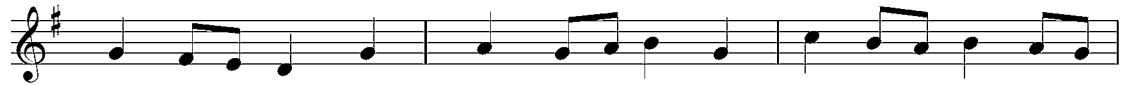
BLESSING

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.**

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



EXIT HYMN



1 See the Con - queror mounts in tri - umph; see the King in
3 Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to



roy - al state, rid - ing on the clouds, his
God's right hand: there we sit in heaven - ly



char - iot, to his heaven - ly pal - ace gate!
plac - es, there with thee in glo - ry stand.



Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es; joy - ful
Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with



al - le - lu - ias the sing, and the por - tals
God is on the throne; might - y Lord, in

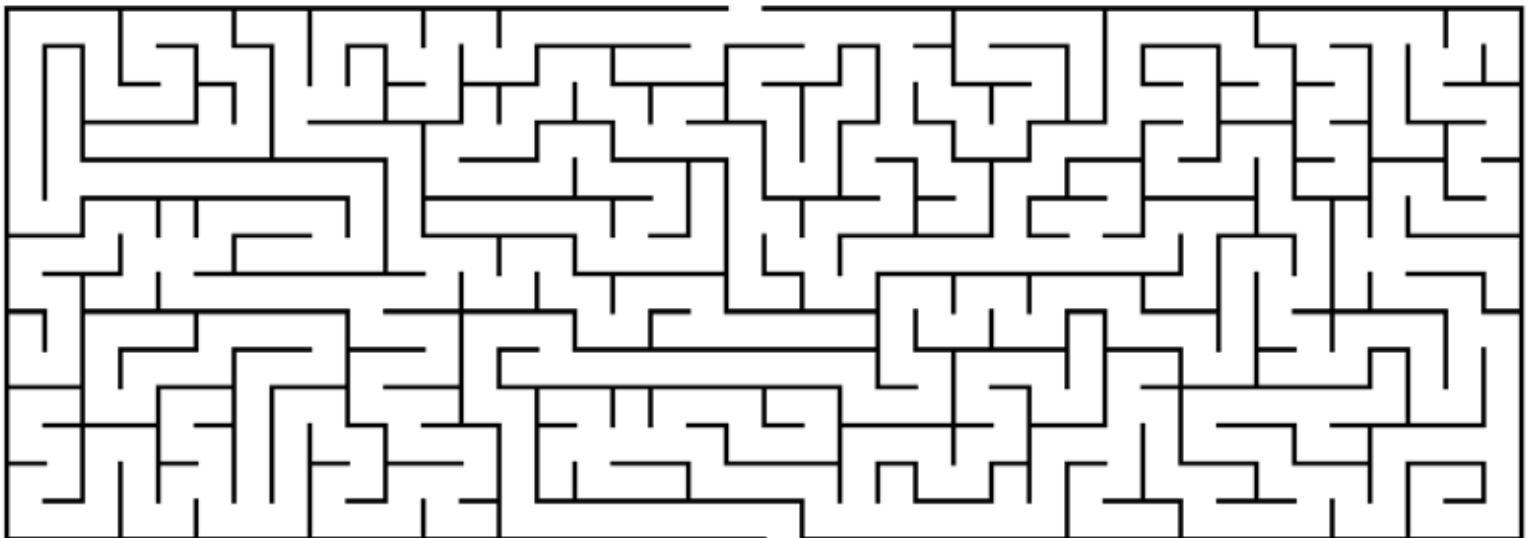


high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.
thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

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.

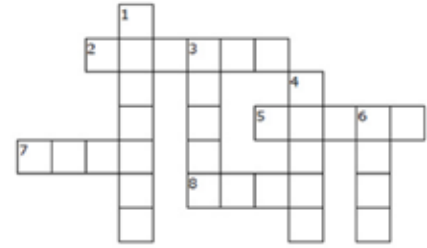
The Priest or Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!





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ACROSS

- 2. Speaking to God
- 5. The earth and all the people and things upon it
- 7. To put into the hands of another person
- 8. To be free from danger or harm

DOWN

- 1. To keep from being injured or harmed
- 3. That which belongs to you
- 4. Physical or mental strength
- 6. Unable to find the way

PROTECT PRAYER	POWER SAFE	GIVE LOST	YOURS WORLD
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ACCEPT ONE GAVE	SAFE EVIL OBEY	SCRIPTURE JOY LOST	WORD WORLD TRUTH	PROTECT BELIEVE PRAYER
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COMING UP..

Housewarming Drive for Migrants: DEADLINE TONIGHT!

During the Easter season, we will be collecting household items for the Deerfield Free Store, which has become a critical resource as communities work together to resettle migrants and refugees in our area. Bring your items to church and drop them in the baskets under the Sign-Up Center by the end of the day TODAY! Two specific areas of need:

- **Consumables** (family-size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand soap, dish soap, laundry detergent), and
- **Small Appliances** (new or pre-owned, clean, working, with all parts including power cords - includes hair dryers, curling irons, blenders, irons, handmixers, electric kettles, juicers, stainless steel stovetop pressure cookers).



Rector Discernment Committee Update

Thank you to everyone who applied to participate on the Rector Discernment Committee! At its April 22nd meeting, the vestry and wardens reviewed all applications for Rector Discernment Committee (RDC) membership. Committee members were selected to ensure the broadest possible representation of our parish. Warden Sarah Kettlewell will serve as executive sponsor for the committee. The following individuals have been selected and agreed to serve:

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| Jon Dutcher - Vestry member and co-chair | Bill Foltz |
| LoriLee Bielski - Vestry member and co-chair | Megan Agyeman |
| Cyndi Millspaugh | Abby Kettlewell |

The Discernment committee will meet in May to kickoff our efforts and after that meeting will provide a high-level timeline of our work, including key points for parish engagement and input. Going forward, we'll provide frequent updates, so watch this space for RDC news.



ALSO COMING UP...



May 19: Day of Pentecost

Don't miss Pentecost, our last big feast day before the summer. We're trying out a completely new vibe for this fiery feast day – but still with our trademark beautiful music, artistic flare, and deep meaning. Plus, there will be lots of delicious food afterward, because...

- Our coffee brunch on the Day of Pentecost will be a **multicultural potluck!** Please sign up to bring a dish to share that represents **your** family's heritage – whether it's Okinawan fried rice, German potato salad, or the empanada recipe passed down from your great-great-great-grandma! It will be a delightful smorgasbord celebrating all the places from which we come. Add your name to the clipboard in the Sign-Up Center! Debbie at debbie.kinjo@gmail.com or Sharon at slgramer@comcast.net

But wait, there's more!

- Part of our special liturgy at the Day of Pentecost will involve members of our worshipping community saying the Lord's Prayer in different languages! If you speak another language (even if you're not fluent!) and are able to attend the service onsite, please contact Kathryn. All ages and family groups welcome too! Kathryn at kathryn@stgregoryschurch.org



Youth: Be Heard!

All youth who will be in 6th through 12th grade next school year are invited and encouraged to come to a forum especially for them to generate ideas for a new Youth Group. What kinds of fun do we want to have together? What are your favorite games and activities? What outings might we do together? What topics do you want to learn and talk more about? Be part of creating your future at this forum on Sunday, June 2, right after church. We will provide lunch. Parents: please RSVP via the QR code at right.



Save the Date: Town Hall on Children & Youth

We will hold a special Town Hall on Sunday, June 23 after church, where the Children & Youth Taskforce will be unveiling our new programming for the fall. Everyone, not just parents, are encouraged to attend, so that we can support these important ministries as a whole community. Childcare will be provided during the meeting. This will also be a Coffee Brunch Sunday, so there will be plenty of lovely food to enjoy!

Community Meals on May 26th

We have the opportunity to serve our food insecure neighbors in Waukegan on Sunday, May 26th. We meet at 12 noon at Christ Church, Waukegan. We need 3 cookie bakers and several volunteers to package non-perishable food items and prepare and distribute the meal. Sign up via the clipboard in the Sign-Up Center. Barb: bschaper7@aol.com or (847)948-8989



Please join us for coffee and tea after the service!

Our next coffee brunch will be May 19 (the Day of Pentecost), but until then, after every Sunday service we offer a simple coffee hour with coffee and tea available in Founders Hall. Check the Sign-Up Center for hosting opportunities in the summer months!

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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 through May 12. Participate in active listening of the sermon during the service, then stay after to go deeper with the preacher and others during coffee hour.

