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Thanksgiving Day

November 25, 2021

10:00 am



Thanksgiving Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of the loving couple who are finally reunited,
Ralph and Lin Reichenbach, from their children, grandchildren,
and great grandchildren

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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.

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 the liturgical seasons to help us more fully embrace the theology and tone of each season.

*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. This is indicated by **(v)**. 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.*

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand, as they are able.

HYMN

"Come Ye Thankful People Come"

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his
 3. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal



har - vest - home: all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the
 praise to yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to
 har - vest home; gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from



win - ter storms be - gin; God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide
 joy or sor - row grown: first the blade, and then the ear,
 sor - row, free from sin; there, for ev - er pu - ri - fied,



for our wants to be sup - plied; come to God's own
 then the full corn shall ap - pear; grant, O har - vest
 in thy pres - ence to a - bide; come, with all thine



tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
 Lord, that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 an - gels come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

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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.**



GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ (v), only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ (v), with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The opening prayer, or collect, is tailored toward the church season. 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

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

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson is from the Old Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures, which tell us the story of God's love and faithfulness to God's people from the beginning of time to the birth of Christ.

FIRST READING

Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.**

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relations 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 EPISTLE

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand, as they are able.

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.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-33

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.



THE SERMON

Max Smith, Deacon

The people stand, as they are able.

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.

The Prayers of the People are always responsive. They are "of the people" because everyone gives voice to the supplications. It is the part of our liturgy where it is most evident that we would be noticeably less without the contribution of each person present.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Almighty God, Merciful Parent, We your unworthy servants give you humble thanks: For all your goodness and loving-kindness
We give you thanks.

Silence

Intercessor For our creation and our preservation
People **We give you thanks.**

Silence

Intercessor For all the blessings of this life
People **We give you thanks.**

Silence

Intercessor For your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ
People **We give you thanks.**

Silence

Intercessor For the means of grace and for the hope of glory
People **We give you thanks.**

Silence

Intercessor Give us an awareness of our mercies
People **Direct and uphold us, for ever.**

Silence

Intercessor Create in us thankful hearts that show forth your praise
People **Direct and uphold us, for ever.**

Silence

Intercessor Open our lips that our mouths shall proclaim your praise
People **Direct and uphold us, for ever.**

Silence

Intercessor Shine through our lives that your way may be known upon earth
People **Direct and uphold us, for ever.**

Silence

Intercessor Give us the grace and power to offer our selves to your service
People **Direct and uphold us, for ever.**

Silence

Intercessor May we stand before you in holiness and righteousness all our days
People **Direct and uphold us, for ever.**

Silence

Celebrant We give you thanks, O Lord, and we place our hope in you. For it is in you that we live, and move, and have our being. Guide us by your Holy Spirit on the path that leads to unending joy and gladness, that with truly thankful hearts we might come to our eternal inheritance: abundant life in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Silence may be kept.

The people kneel, as they are able.

All **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.

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 Communion.



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, which is what Eucharist means.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"All Good Gifts" from Godspell,
by Stephen Schwartz

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above.
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love...
We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life our health our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!
All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above.
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love...
I really wanna thank you Lord!*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand, as they are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A, Page 361, *Book of Common Prayer*)

The people stand, as they are able.

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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as they are able.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Celebrant On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior: 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.**

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.**

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It is a form on which we can model our own prayers.



BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

For the fruit of all creation



For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people stand, as they are able.

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.

All 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 Lord. Amen.

HYMN (Verses 1 and 3)

"Now thank we all our God"

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
 who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
 who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever-more.

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BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The priest blesses the congregation in God's name. The people are then dismissed to carry God's love to the world.

Deacon Let us go into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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

Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, at the Dismissal, we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.



ONSITE AND ONLINE WORSHIP - AT THE SAME TIME, AT 9:30AM STARTING IN ADVENT (SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28)!

God willing and supply chains cooperating, technology accessibility will be installed in our worship space in time for us to incorporate all of our worship into one service on Sunday mornings starting on the first Sunday of Advent (11/28). The new cameras, sound system, and screen will allow our zoom worshippers to continue to participate and lead worship, and our onsite worshippers to see them and share in the sacred space together. The new time (9:30am Central time) takes into account the desires and needs of the diverse part of the body of Christ that comes together as StGs Sunday worship community. We will try this time out for a season or two and see how it settles into our rhythm of life.

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.

