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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 periodically through this long season to explore the variety of ways in which we can experience the Holy Spirit in worship.

Guest priest: The Rev. Charlotte Johnson is a Chicagoan by birth who recently returned to the Midwest after 32 years in the San Francisco Bay Area. In California, she worked as an early childhood specialist, trained as an interfaith spiritual director, heard a call to ordained ministry and discovered the Episcopal Church. She was ordained a priest in the Diocese of California in 2016. After arriving in Deerfield in 2021, Charlotte assisted at St. Gregory's until she was called to be interim rector of St. Peter's Church in Lakeview. They completed their work together in June, 2023. She serves on the denomination-wide Safe Church Council of Advice and worked with Bishop Paula Clark's Task Force to Reimagine the Diaconate. For fun, Charlotte enjoys reading, knitting, music, art museums, hiking, and playing with her goofy dog, Louie, with family and friends.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN

1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the
 2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the
 3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the

1 Lord _____ a new song! O vic - to - ry,
 2 Lord _____ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,
 3 Lord _____ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,

1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!

Refrain
 He hath done mar - vel - ous things.
 I, too, will praise him with a new song!

We begin our worship by acknowledging our participation together in the Body of Christ. 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.**

CANTICLE OF EZEKIEL

**I will take you from among all nations;
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you;
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.
A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit put within you.
I will take the stone heart from your chest, and give you a heart of flesh.
I will help you walk in my laws and cherish my commandments and do them.
You shall be my people, and I will be your God.**

The canticles (based on the Latin canticulum, or "little song") are non-metrical praise songs that are intended to be either sung or spoken.



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 God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; 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 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when the beloved live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the hair,**
- 3 Upon the hair of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of their robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there God has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.



The second reading is usually from one of the New Testament Epistles (or letters), though occasionally from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation. They teach us about the formation of the church and instruct us on how to live into our role as followers of Christ.

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 11:1-2,29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 (vs.1 before gospel, vs.2 after)

Praise God in whose word we find food for bod - y,
Praise God who through Christ makes known all are loved and
soul, and mind. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
called God's own. Hal - le - lu - iah! Hal - le - lu - iah!
Hal - le - lu - jah! God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

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

MATTHEW 15:21-28

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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. Charlotte Johnson, guest priest

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

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. Also note that when it is not capitalized, the word "catholic" is defined as universal or inclusive.

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

We thank You God for the wonder of Your presence in the world, for the gifts of amazement and challenge, and for all whose lives have been altered by your power alive in our world. Amplify the skills and passion of all your people for the sake of delight and nourishment (prayers of gratitude). God, with grateful hearts, **we give thanks and praise.**

Make us eager to protect the health of the vulnerable and nurture the lives of all people. Give comfort to refugees from war and famine, those who are lonely and frightened, ill, imprisoned, homeless, or without work (prayers of intercession). God, with grateful hearts, **we give thanks and praise.**

We pray for those we love but see no longer, and ask for peace and comfort to their family and loved ones (prayers for the dead). God, with grateful hearts, **we give thanks and praise.**

The Presider offers the concluding collect.

Knowing it is your Holy Spirit who flows through all good things, we give you thanks O God for all the blessings you bestow on us. Kindle in us the flame of justice and the power of faith that transforms each one of us and the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. (v) **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR A CONGREGATION IN DISCERNMENT

Lord Jesus, you commissioned us to make disciples of all the nations and promised that you would be with us always: So guide this congregation to see the peoples you would have us reach and empower us to be instruments of your saving work, for the glory of God. **Amen.**



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

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel as they are able. Silence will be kept.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, (v) that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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

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 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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

○ Holy God, the time is come when school begins. As these your children begin their studies, we ask a blessing on their backpacks in which they carry the books and notebooks, markers, pens, and pencils they will use to learn. ○ Lord of life and love, **hear our prayer.**

Bless, ○ God, all who will teach our children in the coming year. Give them the wisdom to find inspiration for each child. Give them the energy and creativity and love that will make their work a blessing to our children. ○ Lord of life and love, **hear our prayer.**

Bless, ○ God, all school administrators that they may be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to their care. Make them fair and merciful, able to do their crucial work with a spirit of grace and compassion. ○ Lord of life and love, **hear our prayer.**

And bless, ○ God, these our cherished children and youth, those whom we have promised to love and nurture at their baptism. Keep them safe, keep them excited, keep them ever seeking to learn more and to develop their gifts. Grant that through their study, they may gain the tools to grow in love and faith and service, all their days. ○ Lord of life and love, **hear our prayer.**



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 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"O How Good It Is"
arr. Molly Ijames

Oh, how good it is when the family of God dwells together spirit, in faith and unity; where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love, are the fruits of His presence here among us. So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord, and with one heart we'll live out His word till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come, for He dwells in the presence of His people. Oh, how good it is on this journey we share to rejoice with the happy, weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace, when we offer the blessing of belonging. Oh, how good it is to embrace His command, to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives. When we live as one, we all share in the love of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand, as they are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
may bless - ings, more than we can give, be, God, for ev - er thine.

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: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. 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:

Ho - ly. ho - ly. ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 St. Gregory and 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, (v) in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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, 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 return to your seat.

Anyone who has not been baptized, or for other reasons desires 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

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,
 who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:
 lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,
 tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

COMMUNION HYMN

1 On - ly - be - gott - en, Word of God e -
 2 This is thy tem - ple; here thy pres - ence -
 3 Here in our sick - ness heal - ing grace a -
 1 ter - nal, Lord of cre - a - tion, mer - ci - ful and
 2 cham - ber; here may thy ser - vants, at the mys - tic
 3 bound - eth, light in our blind - ness, in our toil re -
 1 might - y, hear now thy ser - vants when their joy - ful
 2 ban - quet, hum - bly a - dor - ing, take thy Bo - dy
 3 fresh - ment: sin is for - giv - en, hope o'er fear pre -
 1 voic - es rise to thy pres - ence.
 2 bro - ken, drink of thy chal - ice.
 3 vail - eth, joy o - ver sor - row.

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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those worshipping remotely)

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.



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.**

The people stand, as they are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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. (v) Amen.

The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

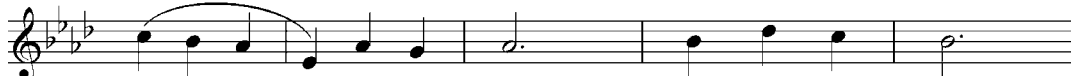
The people stand, as they are able.

May God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, and the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **(+) Amen.**

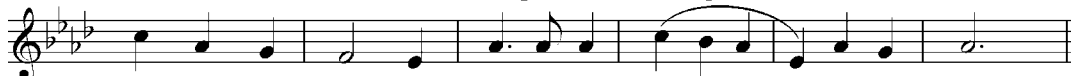
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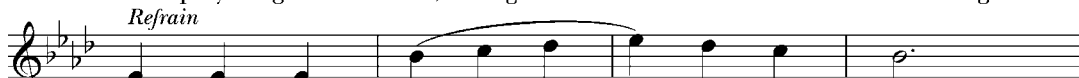
4 En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the
5 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the
6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the



4 Lord _____ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,
5 Lord _____ a new song! Ath - lete and band,
6 Lord _____ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,



4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



Refrain
He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond,

Thanks be to God.

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.

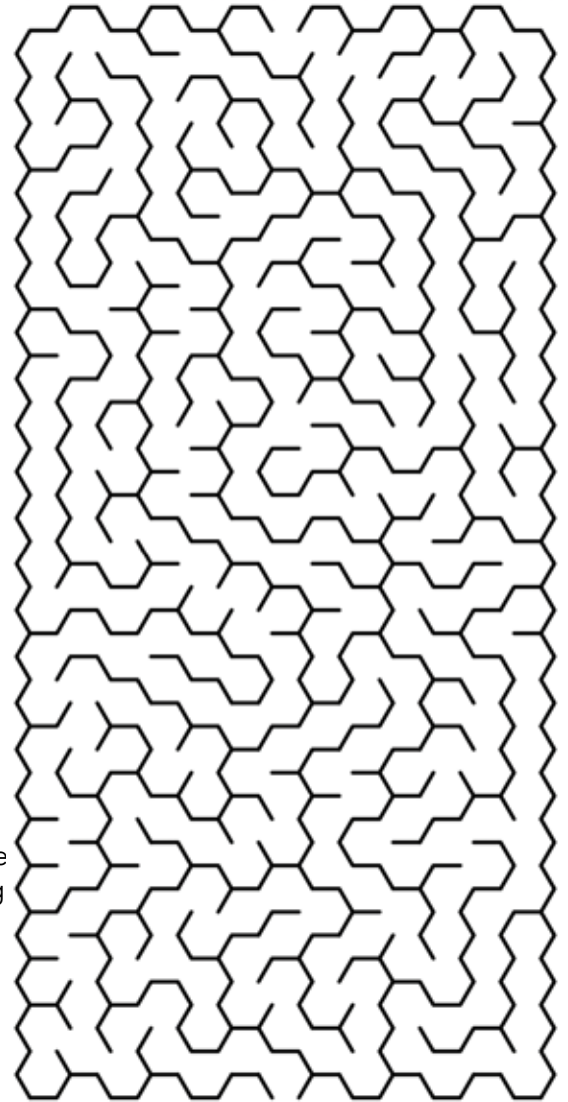
Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey 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.



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

YEARS	FAMINE	LIVING	BENJAMIN	BROTHER
SON	FATHER	JOSEPH	EGYPT	ANGRY
KISSED	WEEPING	LAND	EMBRACE	PHARAOH



Farewell, Kirstie!

We are sad to announce that Kirstie Felland, our **extraordinary** organist and pianist for the last five and a half years, will be leaving StGs. A position became available at a church VERY close to her home, which will save her the hour-long commute she currently has to StGs. While we are going to miss both her incredible talents and fantastic sense of humor so very much, we wish her all the best in her new position - they are SO lucky to have her! If you'd like to come say thank you for all Kirstie's beautiful music, you can see her at coffee hour today.



Coffee hour - TODAY!

Plan to stay after the service today for our monthly coffee hour! We also need more volunteers for future coffee hours (we currently only have one family signed up for September!), so please put your name down on the sign up on the Vestry bulletin board. You can also talk to Debbie Kinjo (debbie.kinjo@gmail.com) or Sharon Gramer (slgramer@comcast.net), our coffee hour committee, for more info!

Back to School - TOMORROW!

One of the most joyous ways we support the local community is to greet the children on our corner of Deerfield & Wilmot on their first day of school! There are neighborhood children who look forward to getting their first day of school picture taken on our corner every year. Come TOMORROW between 7:00-7:30am and we should be finished by approximately 8:30. If you want to donate to help pay for donut holes, bottled water, or backpack stickers, please click the donate button on our website (under "other" with a note of "back to school") or mail a check with "back to school" in the memo.



Community Meals - August 27!

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers, we have enough people to help with meal preparation and packing for August 27th. If you are interested in helping in September or later, please contact Barb at bschaper7@aol.com or 847-948-8989.

St. Gregory's Day - September 10!

We will be gathering to celebrate our patronal feast on September 10! The service will be outdoors in the Memorial Garden, featuring music from Broadway hits. Immediately after, we will have a picnic on the lawn at the Marian House with lawn games, and sprinklers for the children to run through! StGs will provide the burgers, brats and veggie burgers. Please sign up to bring something to share via the link in the newsletter! If it rains, the service will be in the sanctuary as usual and the games and food will be in Founders Hall. If you have any questions, please contact shelley@stgregoryschurch.org.