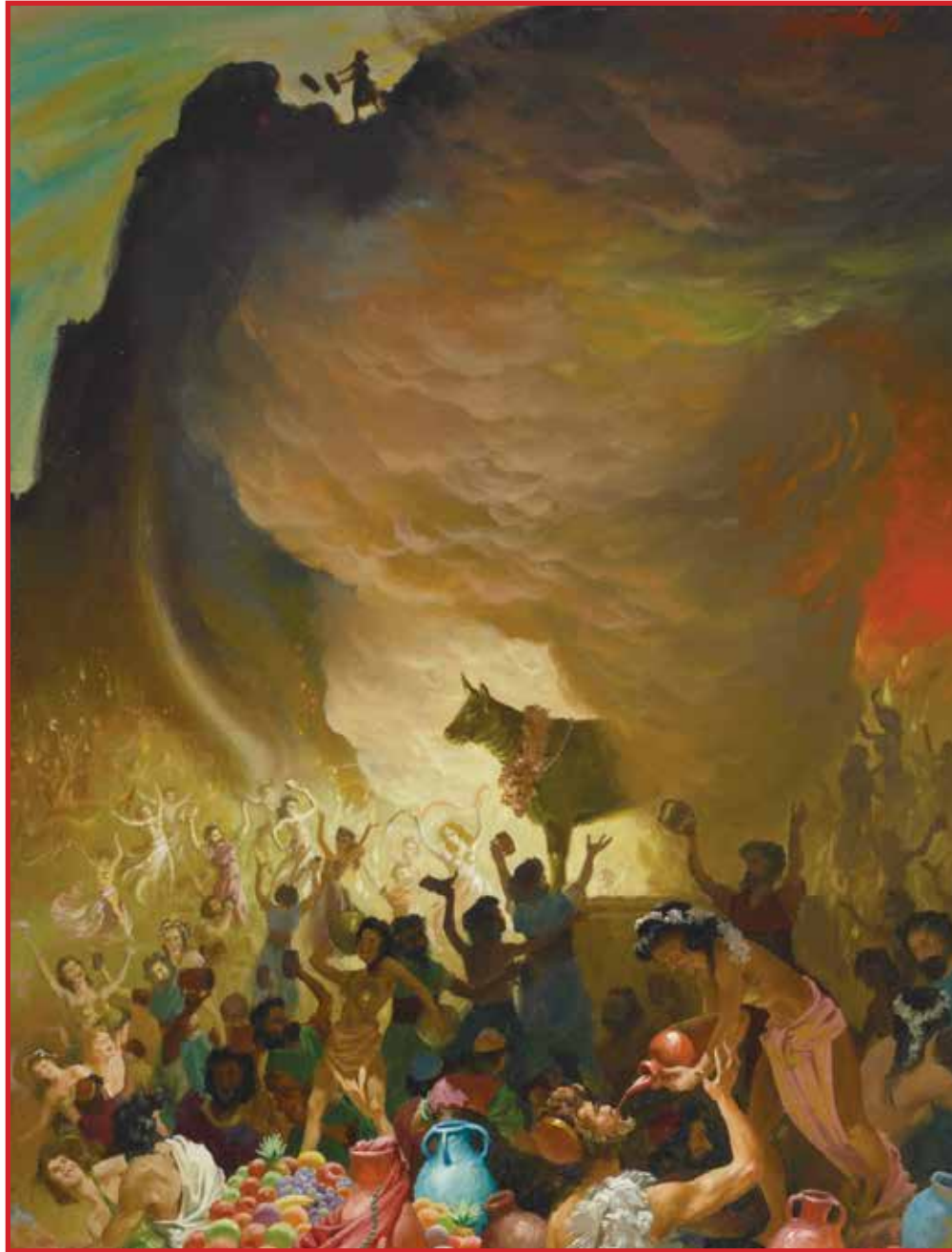




ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



20th Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome to St. Gregory's**

If this is your first Sunday here, 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:

(+) 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.

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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.

Stewardship Campaign Testimonial Janet Foltz

The people stand, as they are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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. **Amen.**

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 canticles (based on the Latin canticle, or "little song") are non-metrical praise songs that are intended to be either sung or spoken. This season's canticle is the song Miriam sang after the liberation of Israel at the Red Sea.

CANTICLE OF MIRIAM

**I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously,
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.
This is my God whom I will praise,
the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.
The Lord is a warrior, the Lord is his name.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power:
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them;
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.
In your unfailing love, O Lord, you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
And by your invincible strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord,
in the sanctuary which your hands have established.**

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

EXODUS 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."



But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

PSALM 106

- 1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to God, for God is good, for God's mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of God or show forth all God's praise?**
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right!
- 4 Remember me, O God, with the favor you have for your people, and visit me with your saving help;**
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, that I may glory with your inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, and fearful things at the Red Sea.**
- 23 So God would have destroyed them, had not Moses God's chosen stood before God in the breach, to turn away God's wrath from consuming them.

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

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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)

Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest - less sea,
 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sa - vior may we hear thy call,
 Day by day his clear voice sound-eth, say - ing "Christ-ian, fol - low me."
 Give our hearts to thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

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 22:1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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.

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.

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.

SERMON

Max Smith, deacon

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

The people stand, as they are able.

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: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

○ God our Shepherd, you lead us into green pastures and beside still waters. Let our hearts overflow with gratitude for all the blessings of this life as we journey along right pathways for the sake of your Name and in fellowship with one another. We give thanks especially for... We shall not be in want, **for God answers us when we call.**

○ God our Shepherd, you walk alongside us in the pains of life and spread a table of abundance in the face of adversity. Guard with your rod and your staff those who suffer today from illness, injury, violence, injustice, loneliness, and neglect. We pray especially for... We shall not be in want, **for God answers us when we call.**

○ God our Shepherd, though we walk through a shadowy valley, you save us from the terror of death. Let your goodness and mercy follow those who grieve. Welcome those who now rest from their journey, that they may dwell in your heavenly home for ever. We pray especially for... We shall not be in want, **for God answers us when we call.**



The Presider offers the concluding collect.

O God our Shepherd, God of Moses and Miriam, God of Aaron and Joshua, hear the prayers of your people who cry out to you with joy and with sorrow, and bring us into that heavenly country where there is no law but the law of your perfect love; through the one who died and rose for us, our Savior Jesus Christ. **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, 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.**

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL & PALESTINE

Eternal God, in whose perfect reign no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: Send your Holy Spirit to the peoples of Israel and Palestine, that war will cease, suffering will cease, injustices will cease, hatred will cease. Give your comfort to those who fear and mourn for family and friends caught in the violence. Grant that all peoples of the Middle East and of the world may be gathered as children of their one Creator, in whose image each of us is wonderfully made. We ask this for the sake of your Love. **Amen.**

The people stand as they are able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The congregation greets each other in the peace of Christ.

The people sit.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELS

The Peace has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.



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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
arr. John Ness Beck

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me.
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand, as they are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Musical notation for the Offertory Hymn. The lyrics are: "We walk by faith, and not by sight; and may our faith a-bound, to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found."

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.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

Musical notation for the Sanctus. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est."



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with St. Gregory all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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. **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.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your re-sur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.



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

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to
 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to
 fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 look at Je - sus. Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 be with Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we
 star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.
 all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the
 light of the ci - ty of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

COMMUNION HYMN

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a
 way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can
 strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.



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, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

The people stand, as they are able.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *(when appropriate)*

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

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. Amen.**

The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEAVETAKING LITURGY FOR SHELLEY BYRNES

The Scriptures are filled with stories of people who have been called to new places: Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Joseph, Paul and Barnabas, Priscilla and Aquila. Filled with uncertainty about what lay ahead, these people of God could not have found their moves easy. Yet they were also filled with excitement, trusting that God was calling them and guiding them to a new place.

And now you, our beloved friend Shelley, are preparing to leave us and go to a new church. As a part of this body of Christ over the past five years, you have given of yourself in ways that we have appreciated and will miss.

Olivia Polzin and Kathryn Duncan will read submissions from the children and youth of StGs, and gifts will be presented to Shelley.



Shelley, we give you and God thanks for your time among us, for your abundant gifts and for your many accomplishments. Where there has been hurt, let it be forgiven. Where there has been growth and joy, let us be thankful.

Let us pray together.

Dear God, be with those who leave and with those who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The congregation will gather in the center of the room to lay hands on Shelley during the blessing.

BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So... be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. (+) Amen.

EXIT HYMN

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and
 a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the
 our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the
 ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

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

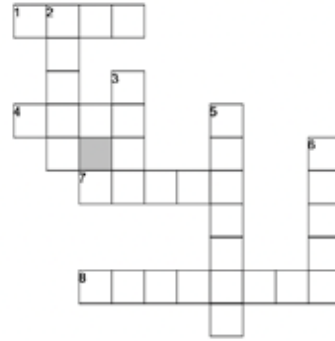
Thanks be to God.

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, 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.



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



HORIZONTAL

- 1. A young cow
- 4. A valuable yellowish colored metal that is used to make jewelry
- 7. A raised platform on which offerings to God are made
- 8. Ornaments, often made of gold, worn hanging from the ear

VERTICAL

- 2. The brother of Moses
- 3. A statue that is worshipped as a god
- 5. To bow down in adoration
- 6. The prophet of God who led the Hebrew people out of Egypt

WORSHIP	EARRINGS	AARON	IDOL
MOSES	ALTAR	CALF	GOLD

EARRINGS GOLDEN IDOL REPENT
 OFFERING AARON CALF ALTAR
 MOSES WORSHIP ANGER BURNT





Pumpkin Patch - HELP!

Now that Shelley will no longer be running the pumpkin patch we are so grateful to Paula Hamilton for taking it over this year! Please contact her with any questions and support her by signing up to work shifts! You can reach Paula on her cell (847-912-9490). As of Saturday afternoon, the shifts that still need to be filled for this week are:

Today: 4-6pm **Wednesday: 2-4pm**
Tuesday: noon-2 & 4-6pm **Thursday: 4-6pm**

...and we have NO one signed up yet for ANY shifts next Saturday or Sunday!

Serving in the patch is a great way to show the neighbors how much StGs loves the community! Even if you have never worked a shift before, we can schedule you ith a veteran patch worker and/or give you training! Please sign up via the QR code above.

Events in the Patch

THIS FRIDAY at 3pm: Disney & Desserts!

Rain or shine, come enjoy desserts from the Troop 50 Bake Sale (all proceeds go to the food pantries!) while listening to a concert of some of Disney's greatest hits sung by your quartet! If it's too cold/rainy, everything will happen in Founders Hall, but keep your fingers crossed for nice weather so we can be out in the patch! Enjoy music from The Little Mermaid, Moana, Frozen, Encanto, Hercules, and many more...



Thank you to all who participated in our patch events last week - we had a great time with the pet blessing and the Halloween Spooktacular!





COFFEE HOUR - TODAY!

Please join us in Founders Hall immediately following the service for food, fun, and fellowship as we celebrate Shelley's incredible ministry among us for the last 5+ years! If you're interested in helping host future coffee hours, please add your name to the sign-up in the hallway.



THURSDAY: Parents Meeting

All parents of children and youth are encouraged to attend a meeting to discuss future plans for StGs family ministries. It will be held Thurs Oct 19 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Playground Chapel. We encourage you to come in-person if possible, but you can also attend via Zoom using this QR code.



SATURDAY: first session of Christianity 101

Has been a while since you were in Sunday School? Want to explore foundational topics of religion from an adult perspective? Join Christianity 101, a collaboration with our Better Together partner congregations. We meet once a month, at the same time as Confirmation Class. First meeting is this Saturday, Oct 21, 4:30-6:00, at St. Lawrence (125 W Church St in Libertyville). Questions? email Pastor Dan: dan@stgregoryschurch.org.

NEXT SUNDAY: Community Meals

St. Gregory's will be feeding people in Waukegan who have food insecurity on Sunday, October 22nd. We have cookie bakers but we need YOU to help us pack the non-perishable food and cook and package the hot food. Right now we only have 5 people signed up which is not enough for this ministry. Please contact Barb Schaper at bschaper7@aol.com or 847-948-8989 to help. One of the take-aways from the visioning workshop was: "we are a compassionate people and wish to serve our community in direct support ways (i.e, not just writing a check), especially as it relates to alleviating and solving food insecurity."

Walking Forward Together

During the month of October, we invite you onto a journey to prayerfully discern a generous pledge of financial support to the ministries of this wonderful church community. A pledge simply lets us know how much you plan to give in 2024. Pledge cards will be mailed out very soon, but you can access more details about the pledge campaign now using this QR code, and also access an online pledge card. Two dates of special import:



NEXT SUNDAY, October 22, we will hold a "Town Hall Meeting" after church to give you an update on our current financial footing, the visioning process, and other matters. It will be held in-person and on Zoom, with a recording available for those who cannot attend at all.

On Sunday, October 29, we will collect pledge cards during church, presenting the offering of our gifts for God's work in the world. Please bring your pledge card that day or submit via the website if worshipping on Zoom.

If you submit your pledge card early, we will include it in the ingathering that day. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the important work StGs has done, continues to do, and will do into the future.



What's your favorite hymn? Between now and the end of 2023 Kathryn wants to hear WHAT your favorite hymn is, and WHY! Choose any song from the red 1982 Hymnal (or even one from another well-known hymnal), and write 2-3 sentences describing why it speaks to your heart. During 2024 Kathryn will use these on Sundays when they fit with the lectionary, and will include your name and reason for loving the hymn in the bulletin! Cut/tear out this page and give to Kathryn, or email her at kathryn@stgregoryschurch.org.

Your name: _____ Favorite hymn title and #: _____

Why is this your favorite? _____

