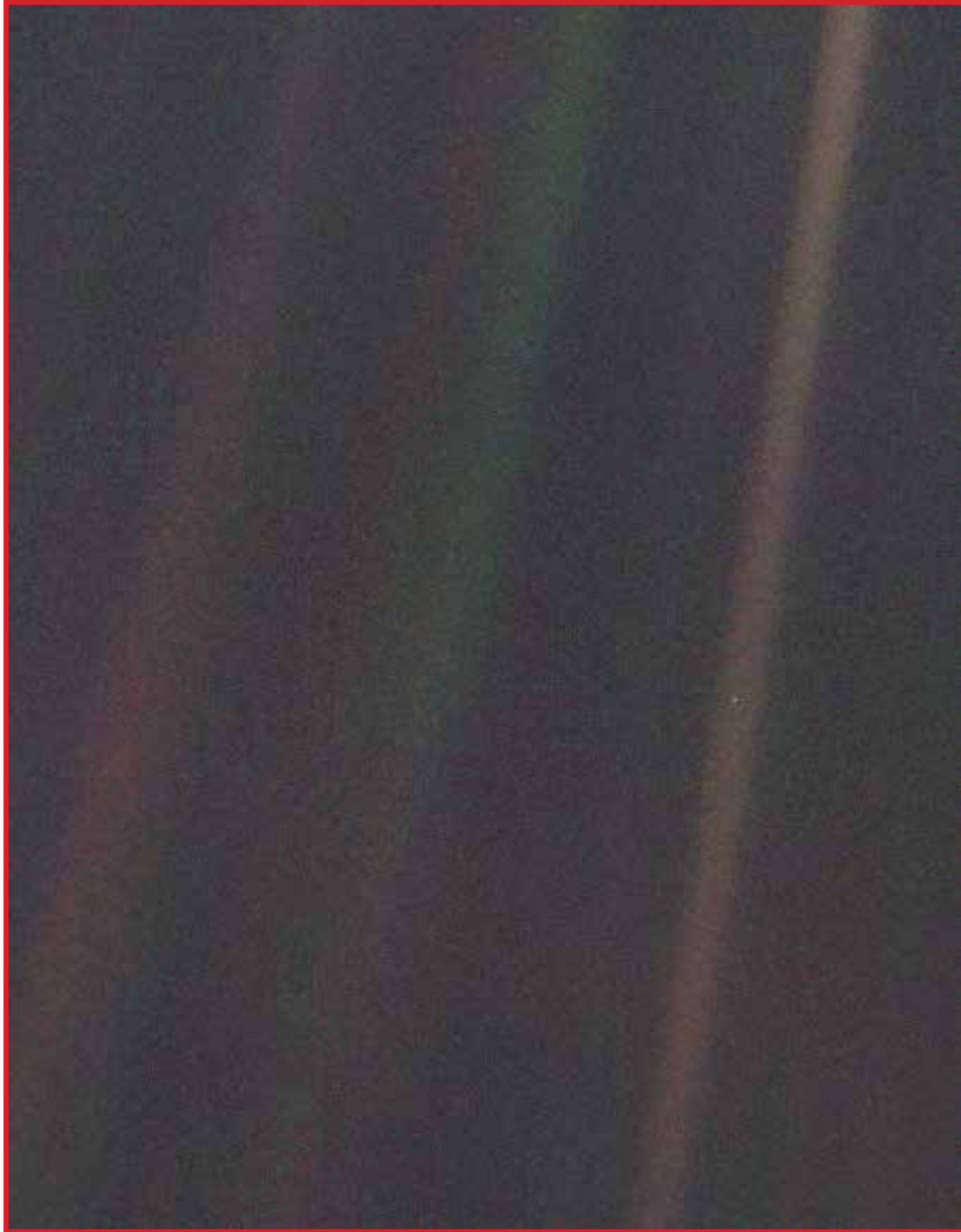




# ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



**21st Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 22, 2023 | 9:30am**

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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** ..... Art Bielski

*The people stand, as they are able.*

#### ENTRANCE HYMN

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, for the liv - ing of these days.

#### 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.** 1

*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 canticum, 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 33:12-23**

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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 99**

- 1 God is a Ruler; let the people tremble;  
God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 God is great in Zion;  
God is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess God's Name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of our God  
and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among God's priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon God's Name,  
they called upon God, and God answered them.**
- 7 God spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept God's testimonies and the decrees that were given.
- 8 O Yahweh our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the our God  
and worship God upon their holy hill; for our God is the Holy One.

*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**

**1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 22:15-22**

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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. Dan Puchalla, Priest-in-Charge*

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

*The people stand, as they are able.*

**NICENE CREED**

*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 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 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.*

*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.*

**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.**

○ 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.**

**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.**



*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**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

"Rejoice the Lord is King"  
arr. Dan Forrest

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your God and King adore,  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore!  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say: rejoice!  
His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n,  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n: lift up your heart! ...  
Rejoice in glorious hope, our Lord and judge shall come,  
And take His servants up to their eternal home! Lift up your heart! ...

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



**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*The people stand, as they are able.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

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:

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.

**SANCTUS**

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. During Communion, you are welcome to come to the side chapel to light a candle for peace in the Middle East, as well as for any other concern.

**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-ous-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 O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heaven - ly frame,  
 2 Where is the bless - ed - ness I knew when first I saw the Lord?  
 3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;  
 4 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,  
 5 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

1 a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
 2 Where is the soul - re - fresh - ing view of Je - sus and his word?  
 3 I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.  
 4 help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.  
 5 so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

*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.**

*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.*



*The people sit.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The people stand as they are able.*

**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** *Continued from the opening hymn.*

3 Cure thy chil-dren's war - ring mad-ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad-ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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

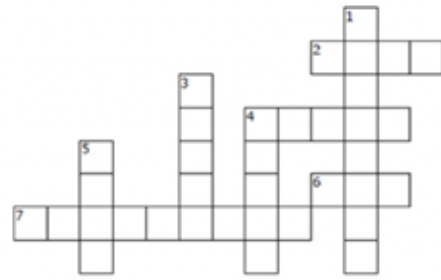
**Thanks be to God.**

*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.*



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



ACROSS

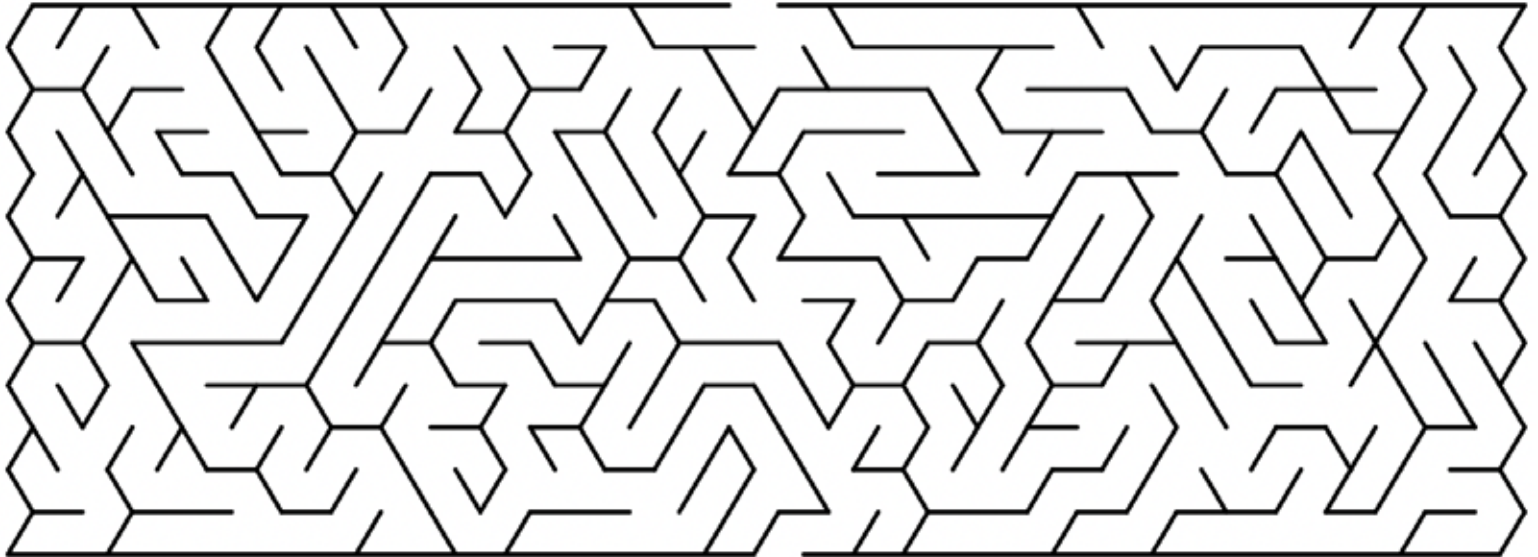
- 2. A usually flat piece of metal used for money.
- 4. A statement that agrees with fact or reality.
- 6. To give someone money in return for something.
- 7. A religious group who were strict followers of the law.

DOWN

- 1. A picture of a person -- usually showing the face.
- 3. The details of how something is going to be accomplished.
- 4. Money paid to the government.
- 5. A situation from which it is difficult or impossible to escape.

GOD	WORDS	DISCIPLES	OPINION
CAESAR	TAXES	AMAZED	REPLIED
WAY	PLANS	GIVE	TRAP
PHARISEES	TEACHER	INTEGRITY	TRUTH

TAXES	TRAP	PORTRAIT	PLANS
TRUTH	PAY	PHARISEES	COIN



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](mailto:kathryn@stgregoryschurch.org).

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite hymn title and #: \_\_\_\_\_

Why is this your favorite? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Thank you to all who participated in our patch events last week - we had a great time with Disney & Desserts and the Scout Troop 50 bake sale!



We were especially happy to welcome back our friends from the Center for Enriched Living (a non-profit that works to enrich the lives of people with developmental disabilities), who brought several of their residents and staff to clap and sing along with the music!





**COFFEE HOUR - thank you!**

A big thank you to Cissy & Jeff Singleton and Debbie Kinjo who made last week's coffee hour such a great send-off for Shelley! Our next coffee hour will be on Sunday, November 5, which is also All Saints/All Souls Day. We have plenty of openings for coffee hour hosting in the new year, so if you're interested in helping, please sign up on the vestry board in the hallway, or speak to Debbie Kinjo or Sharon Henley-Gramer.

**Christianity 101 Session #2!**

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. Thanks to all who attended our first meeting! Our second meeting will be on Saturday, Nov 11 at St. Elisabeth (556 Vernon Ave, Glencoe) from 4:30-6:00pm, and we'll be discussing the Bible! Questions? email Pastor Dan: dan@stgregoryschurch.org.

**Sunday, November 5 - All Saints/All Souls Day!**

At St. Gregory's, we observe All Saints by bringing pictures and physical reminders of loved ones to remind us that we always celebrate the sacrament of Eucharist with all the company of Saints in heaven physically present with us when we receive the sacrament. We read their names, and honor their lives, while acknowledging how they have given witness to the resurrection of Jesus. It's also a good day to learn about and honor the named saints of the church from ages past who the church acknowledges for their faith and witness.

On November 5 we will be reading the necrology (a list of the names of our beloved dead) at the beginning of the service. We will also have, as in years past, a table where you can place their photos or small mementos of them to be displayed throughout the service. We will then have a similar table set up in Founders Hall so that you can bring your photos and mementos in to be viewed up close during coffee hour.

If you would like names read aloud in the necrology, please submit via the link in the newsletter or the QR code at right. Submit your names **BY OCT 30th** so our readers have time to practice!



**College Care Packages**

College care packages will be packed during coffee hour on November 5! Please plan to stick around and help! In the meantime, notes and cards make these packages personalized and special. Please be writing your encouragement letters or have your children draw them for:

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|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Grace Baddeley   | Leah Hamilton   | Gabriella Rodriguez | Jacob Fjeldheim   |
| Caroline Bielski | Christina Jolly | Kaden Soonthornsima | Celeste Rodriguez |
| Kate Fjeldheim   | Sarah Regalado  | Josh Tasher         |                   |

Sharon Henley-Gramer will be doing the purchasing for this box so the best way to participate is to send a check to the church or via the website's donate button! Make sure to note that it is for the college care packages.

**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. You can access details about the pledge campaign using this QR code, and also access an online pledge card. Two dates of special import coming up quickly:



**TODAY after the service**, we will hold a "Town Hall Meeting" 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.

**NEXT SUNDAY**, 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.*



### **Pumpkin Patch - HELP!**

We are so grateful to Paula Hamilton for taking over the pumpkin patch 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:** we have **NO ONE** signed up for **ANY** shifts!
- Monday:** 2-4pm still needed
- Tuesday:** 4-6pm still needed
- Wed:** 2-4 and 4-6pm still needed
- Thursday:** 4-6pm still needed
- Friday:** 4-6pm still needed
- Saturday:** we have **NO ONE** signed up for **ANY** shifts!

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 with 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: Michael's Music Machine!**

Michael's Music Machine is bringing you some original family pop tunes that will get you up moving and grooving. Featuring music from his two albums, Michael's brand of uptempo, feel good music will get you singing "Look Who's Bringin' the Beat!" If Friday is too cold or rainy, we'll move inside to Founders Hall.

### **SCOUT TROOP 50: Annual Haunted House! Friday: 7-9pm | Saturday: 1-3pm**

Steel your nerves for the event of the season: the Scouts annual scarefest in the StGs basement! Bring a can of food as your cost of admission.



# MICHAEL'S Music Machine

### **Pumpkin Patch Clean Up!**

The pumpkins will be gone before we know it, so we need help cleaning up. On Wed, Nov 1 at 4pm, we're looking for many hands to make light work! Please sign up to help us take down the tent, put away the wooden cutouts, clean up the hay bales, gather any rotten pumpkins, etc. via this QR code. If we happen to sell out early this year, we'll be in touch with all who sign up to see if you can help out earlier.

