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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 Easter Season

The Easter Season begins with the Great Vigil and extends through the Great Fifty Days, including the day of Pentecost. It is a season of great joy and celebration of the mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Many penitential elements common to our worship throughout the year are eliminated or subdued. We forego the collect for purity, confession and absolution – because the Lenten season and Holy Week have had plentiful opportunities for introspection, penitence, confession, and reconciliation. The season of abundance is symbolized by heightened elements of joy and praise, including singing as many elements as possible, elegant white hangings, abundant flowers, bells at high points of the liturgy, and abundant Alleluias!

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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.

The people stand, as they are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 There for Him high tri - umph waits; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - - le - lu - ia!

To His throne a - bove the skies! Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 He hath con - quered death and sin; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 There thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - - le - lu - ia!

En - ters now the high - est heav'n! Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee. Al - - le - lu - ia!

We proclaim Christ's resurrection with joy and enthusiasm!

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

SONG OF PRAISE

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



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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

ACTS 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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 97

First cantor, then all

The Lord is King; let the earth re-joyce; let the is-les be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him,
Righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
A fire goes before him, his lightnings light up the world.
The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the isles be glad.

The heavens declare his righteousness, all the peoples see his glory.
Confounded be all who delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.
Zion hears and is glad, the cities rejoice because of your judgments.

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the isles be glad.

For you are the Lord most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
The Lord loves those who hate evil; he delivers his saints from the hand of the wicked.
Joyful gladness has sprung up for those who are truehearted;
Rejoice in the Lord, and give thanks to his holy Name.

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the isles be glad.

THE EPISTLE

REVELATION 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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



The people stand, as they are able. Children are invited to join the procession in the aisle for the reading of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE vs.1 before the gospel, vs. 2 after

"Alleluia, Jesus is Risen"

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

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

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 17:20-26

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

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Kyle Oliver

A period of quiet (begun and ended with the ringing of a bell) is observed to slow ourselves and rest in God's presence.

The people stand, as they are able.

THE NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, (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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, (+) and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus Christ (v) is risen. Alleluia! So let us pray to our Lord, saying, "To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go.

To you we offer praise eternal;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Incarnate Love, where hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, call forth new life by your touch. Bring forth life in the barren places of this world.

To you we offer praise eternal;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Author of life, you are the ruler of creation. All things created on earth sing to your glory. For the death of the winter, raise the fair beauty of the earth. (prayers of thanksgiving)

To you we offer praise eternal;

Alleluia! Alleluia!



Loving Savior, you hold the future. You bless and restore our families, our communities, our world with babies and children. Though they face uncertain days, we trust them to the certainty of your endless and eternal love.

To you we offer praise eternal;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus, the health of the world, pour out your balm on our souls and the souls of all in pain or sorrow. Be the source of life for all people. (prayers for sick, sorrowful, lonely, or afraid)

To you we offer praise eternal;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Purify us, O Lord, from all evil that we may rightly see you in the eternal light of your resurrection. By your victory, bring us from death to life eternal. (prayers for the dead)

To you we offer praise eternal;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The congregation greets each other in the peace of Christ.

The people sit.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Fairest Lord Jesus"
arr. Stephen Main

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of all nations! Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise and adoration, Now and evermore, be thine.*

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

Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be - low;



Praise God a - bove ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



The Eucharist, or Communion, is the act of offering, breaking bread, and sharing in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. It also reminds us that we are Christ's body in our world today.

As Episcopalians, the Eucharist is the principal act of worship, in which we always have a full proclamation of the heart of the Gospel. Celebrating Eucharist is something we do together, so we all take part in the prayers.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
Heaven 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.**

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

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 daughters and sons, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Gregory and 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.

A - men, A - men, A - men!

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

- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,**
- thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
- Give us this day our daily bread.**
- And forgive us our trespasses,**
- As we forgive those who trespass against us.**
- And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**
- For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**
- For ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Christ our pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us,
there-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

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.



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 replace your mask before returning to your seat.

Anyone who has not been baptized, or for other reasons desires to receive a blessing instead of Communion is invited to come forward, and cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing. If you seek a deeper relationship with Christ through baptism, please speak with a priest after the service.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Each line may be sung simultaneously.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia!

All echo each phrase sung by the cantor at an interval of one measure.

I saw wa - ters flow - ing, flow - ing from the tem - ple,
 flow - ing from the right side, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 All to whom the wa - ters came, they were saved and shall pro - claim,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - le - lu - ia!



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.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; (v) and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Child, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. (v) To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The people stand, as they are able.

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's children through the resurrection of Jesus, **(v)** bestow upon you the riches of God's blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

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



EXIT HYMN verse 1,4,5

Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!



Day of Pentecost is NEXT SUNDAY, June 5

Everyone mark your calendars and find your red clothes to wear on Sunday, June 5 for our Pentecost celebration. This is a major feast day with two baptisms, a children-led lesson, and lots of special choral music!

FREE Women's Self-Defense Class - Sunday, June 12 @5pm

Premier Martial Arts, who is opening a studio in downtown Deerfield, has been using space at StG's until their construction is complete. They are a local, family-owned business that specialize in character development and life skills for children and fitness and self-protection for adults. Join us at StGs for a free women's self-defense class. We're planning a fun dinner at Fat Rosies in Lincolnshire after (sitting outside under a tent), so if you plan on attending, RSVP to Charlene!

Senior Sunday is Sunday, June 26

Please join us as we celebrate our two graduating seniors: Celeste Rodriguez and Chloe Polzin. We have purchased beautiful study Bibles to give them and would like to include personalized bookmarks from parishioners with their favorite Bible verses on them. Please send your verse and/or a story about why it is special to you to sexton@stgregoryschurch.org and Casey will create the bookmark from you. If you'd just like to include a handwritten note, you can drop those off in Shelley's mailbox at the church. Deadline for bookmark submissions is July 12.

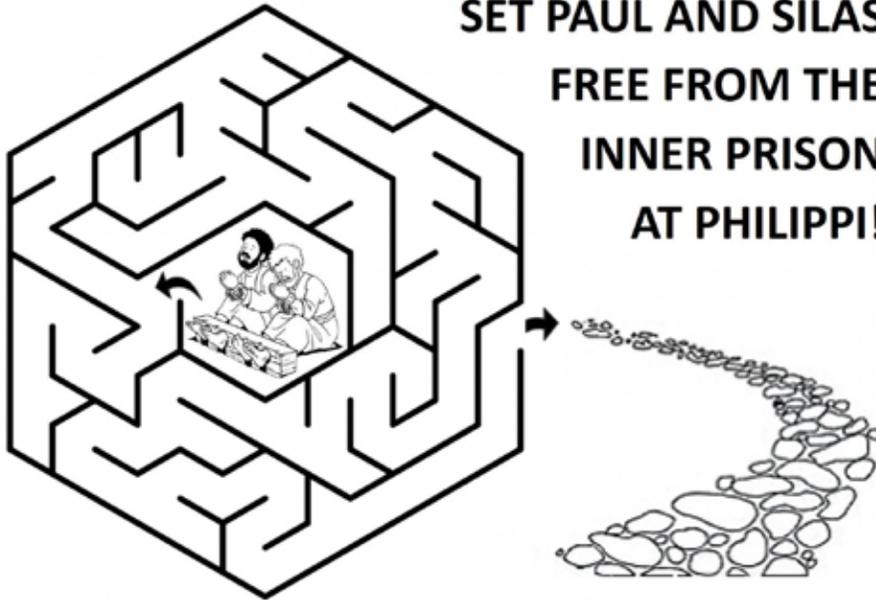
Confirmation classes start in September!

We are so excited to be doing confirmation with our Better Together partner churches! All students starting 6th grade or older are invited to join this class. With four congregations, we will be able to have both older confirmands and a younger group so all our students will find friends! This will be a two-year commitment to meet once a month and will kick-off with a retreat on September 10 from 10am-6pm. During the retreat we will get to know each other, have a meal, play some games, match confirmands with mentors, and worship! Please contact Shelley if you have a student who wishes to be confirmed or would like more information.





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Service at StGs...

Feeding people is one of our core vocations at StGs! On a regular basis (usually about once a month), StGs has the opportunity to serve our neighbors at Christ Episcopal Church's Community Meals program. We meet at 12 noon on those Sundays, and prepare a hot meal and pack a bag with non-perishables. It's a wonderful chance to serve and have delightful conversations with folks we might not otherwise encounter! We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you are interested please contact Barb Schaper at bschaper7@aol.com or (847)948-8989 for further information.

