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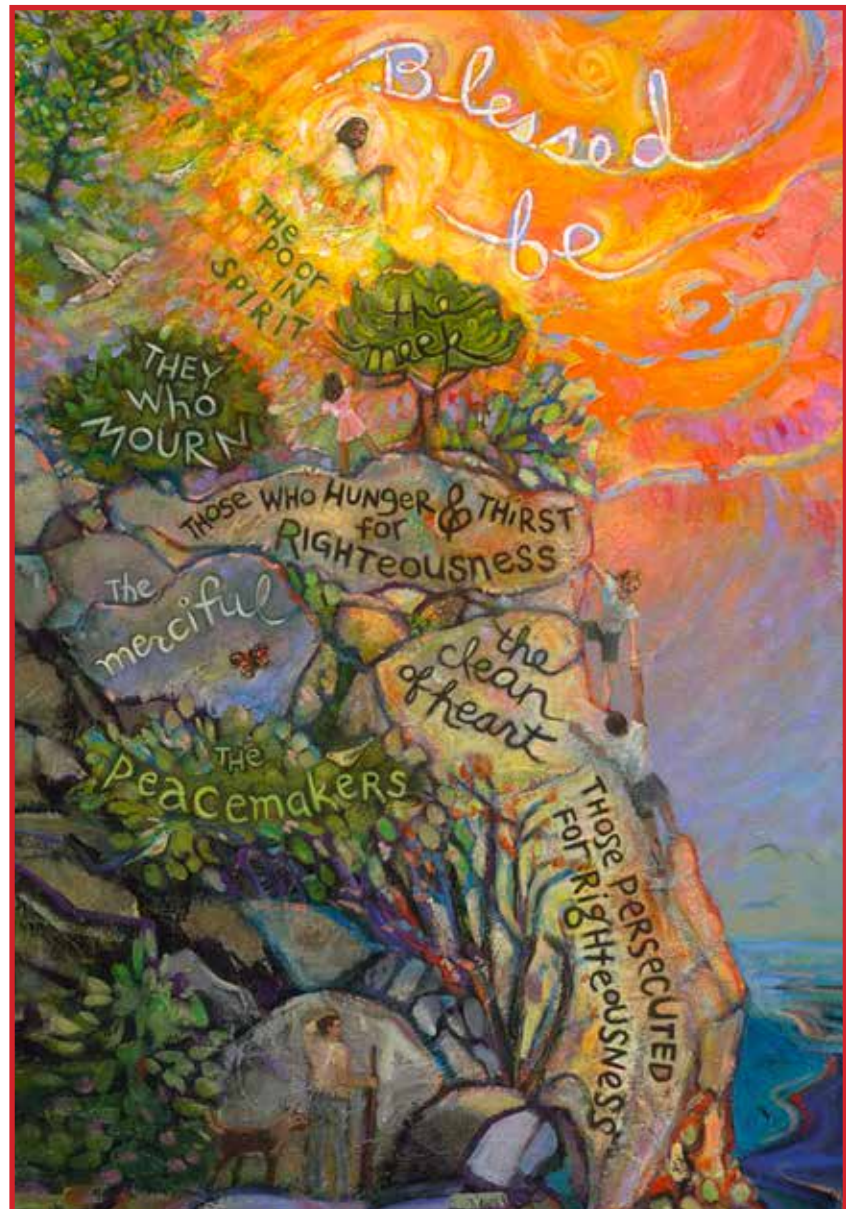
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Welcome to St Gregory's

If you are visiting, we invite you to take a Welcome Card from the pew holder, and if you are willing, fill it out and put it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter so that we might thank you for worshipping with us. All are truly welcome to participate in worship, and we believe our community is made stronger by your unique presence as we join in prayer and communion.

Our Worship

In the Episcopal Church, we often say that praying shapes believing, so how we worship in word and action shapes how we believe and respond to God. We are physical creatures made in God's image, and the physical nature of our worship helps us to connect more fully to God. Therefore, at St. Gregory's, we change our liturgy during each liturgical season to help us more fully embrace the theology and tone of the season.

Our sacred time of worship includes several different activities: singing, listening, praying, and feasting. This liturgy is enriched by the participation of everyone in the room. **All are invited to speak the bolded text aloud.** Some people choose to manifest prayers in physical ways to center their hearts and minds on God's presence in their lives and in the worship – we call these actions "manual acts," which are listed as follows throughout the bulletin:

(v) Bowing one's head at Jesus' name reminds us that Jesus is the King of Kings, ruling from a place of humility.

(+) There are several points during the liturgy, where many people cross themselves by touching their head, chest, and each shoulder (left then right) to remind themselves that God is in their head, heart, and in all of their actions in the world.

(+++) At the declaration of the Gospel, many people make the sign of the cross with their thumb on their forehead, lips, and heart as the Gospel is announced. This action is a prayer asking God's word to be in our minds, our words, and in our hearts.

Generally speaking, we stand to pray, kneel to confess, and sit to hear. Regardless of what others are doing, how you physically worship is up to you and how you experience God. Your presence and participation is what matters most to God.

A Note about the Season after the Epiphany

The season after Epiphany joins the Advent/Christmas seasons with the Lent/Easter seasons. It is a period of unfolding knowledge of who Jesus is to us. Week after week, we explore a new facet of Jesus' presence in our lives on earth, and how he calls us to respond. This season helps us to know Jesus so we can make him known in the world. The image used throughout this season is one of increasing light along with our increasing understanding of Christ. It is a season both of joy and of action, so our liturgy includes facets of both.

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THE WORD OF GOD

We begin our worship by observing a period of quiet (begun and ended with the ringing of a bell) to slow ourselves and rest in God's presence.

The people stand, as they are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

All are invited to speak the bolded text aloud.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **(v) Amen.**

We begin our worship by gathering together as the body of Christ, and acknowledging our participation together in the Body of Christ. The Presider invites us to praise God together.



SONG OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to you, Lord God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
 glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. Glo - ry to you in the splendor of your
 tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you,
 seat - ed be - tween the che - ru - bim; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for - ev - er.
 Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the
 Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of heav - en,
 high vault of heav - en. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Son, and
 glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
 Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will high - ly ex - alt you, glo - ry to you!
 Spi - rit; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, (v) who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

We are invited to pray, and then the collect collects our prayers together in a single concluding prayer tailored toward the church season.



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

MICAH 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
"O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."
"With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your 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 15

- 1 God, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from their heart.**
- 3 There is no guile upon their tongue;
they do no evil to their friend;
they do not heap contempt upon their neighbor.
- 4 In their sight the wicked is rejected,
but they honor those who fear God.**
- 5 They have sworn to do no wrong
and do not take back their word.
- 6 They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.**
- 7 Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.



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 EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 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.

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

The Rev. Dr. Kyle Oliver, guest priest

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

NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, (v) the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You who by the leading of a star, guided the Magi to the brightness of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, lead us to the light of revelation, that we may value and honor the varied gifts of our sisters and brothers. **Silence will be kept.** Christ, be our light.
Shine in our hearts.

You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatter the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth. **Silence will be kept.** Christ, be our light.
Shine in our hearts.

You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision. **Silence will be kept.** Christ, be our light.
Shine in our hearts.



You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity. (prayers of joy and gratitude) **Silence will be kept.** Christ, be our light.

Shine in our hearts.

You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world (prayers for the sick, sad, lonely, and afraid). **Silence will be kept.** Christ, be our light.

Shine in our hearts.

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife. Shine the light of hope (prayers for the dead and dying). **Silence will be kept.** Christ, be our light.

Shine in our hearts.

You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made. **Silence will be kept.** Christ, be our light.

Shine in our hearts.

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. **Amen.**

Almighty God, You who called the universe into being, You who formed our inmost being and called us to be your people: assist us in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response because we are made in your image. Help us to guard against our own defensiveness when confronted by changes and challenges, and instead listen to your still, small voice, and to lean toward your hope. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in this time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **(v) Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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.

Let us confess our sins to God.

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

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**



Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, **(v)** strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

*Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.*

*"The Pure in Heart"
by Patrick Hawes*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand, as they are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

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 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.

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. (v)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, (v) the Word made flesh.

For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ (v) took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O God,



**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, (v) through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. (+) In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Gregory, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, (v) the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, (v) in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for 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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us:
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 HYMN

1 O Light of Light, Love giv - en birth;
 2 Two pro - phets, who had faith to see,
 3 May all who seek to praise a - right

Je - sus, Re - deem - er of the earth:
 with your e - lect found com - pan - y;
 through pur - er lives show forth your light.

more bright than day your face did show,
 the heavens a - bove your glo - ry named,
 To you, the King of glo - ry, now

your rai - ment whit - er than the snow.
 your Fa - ther's voice his Son pro - claimed.
 all faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.

COMMUNION HYMN

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
 2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
 3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
 5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
 2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
 3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
 4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
 5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tles to his crib to bring.
 2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
 3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
 4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.



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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those worshipping remotely)*

In union, gracious God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, O Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, **(v)** and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

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. **(v) Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you, as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people stand, as they are able.

BLESSING

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens, fill this house and illuminate your hearts; And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit **(+)** be with you now and always. **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

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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!



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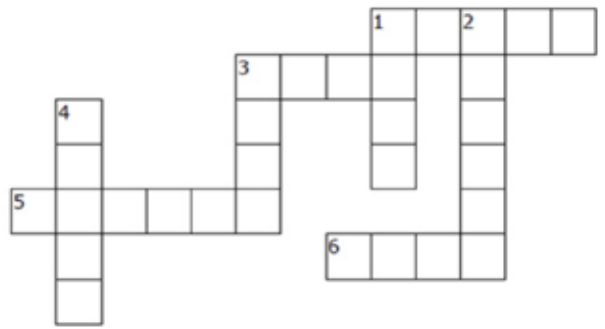
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HUNGER	MOURN	SPIRIT	MERCIFUL	MEEK
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ACROSS

- To show great kindness toward others
- To be without any faults; without sin
- A need for food
- To feel happiness, joy and pleasure

DOWN

- To be humble in spirit or manner
- A payment received in return for doing good deeds
- Having little money or few possessions
- To feel sadness

REWARD	POOR	MOURN	MEEK
HUNGER	PURE	GLAD	MERCY



Gift for Anne: deadline TODAY

If you would like to donate for a gift for Anne, please do so TODAY - you can either leave a check in the offering plate with "Anne's gift" in the memo, or you can give online via our "Donate" button!

We're settling in... please be patient!

The leadership at StGs is very excited to plan new and fun ways for our congregation to move forward and come out of a Covid world. Please grant us some time to let the dust settle with all the changes that have happened this month. If you are interested in seeing a committee, program or event begin or resume, please send your thoughts - including a proposal - to Susan Zint, Warden (zintsh@comcast.net). Please include in your proposal:

- who will chair the event (2 people necessary),
- how often it will be held,
- if you will need funding from the church and how much,
- what staff support will be needed,
- and any other detail necessary for StGs to host a successful committee, event, club or meeting.

All proposals will be discussed and considered as we're hoping to start up some of the requests in April!

The Vestry wants to get to know you!

In the next 60 days, Sr. Warden Susan Zint will be reaching out to congregants of StGs to get to know you and discuss the future of the church. Please expect her call as Susan is looking forward to speaking with each and every one of you!

Better Together:

Adult Formation continues every Wednesday

Every Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom, Bryan Cones of Trinity leads the next round of our adult formation program, "Exploring Our Common Prayer." We are discussing why and how the assembly—the gathering or meeting—is so important in Christianity. We are exploring the Sunday liturgy we all celebrate together; so come with your questions about our prayer and we can find new answers together!

Confirmation/Intergenerational Formation

Our next Confirmation and Intergenerational Formation will take place on February 11 from 4:30-6:00pm at St. Lawrence (125 W Church St, Libertyville). Confirmation will be discussing church history and Intergenerational Formation will be looking at the lectionary. In order for us to plan for the appropriate amount of food, please RSVP to shelly@stgregoryschurch.org.

February 5: Scout Sunday

All present and former scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms and participate in Scout Sunday on February 5. We will have scouts from both Troop 50 and Pack 50 participating as readers and greeters. We will also hear short reports on what the scouts are doing. Join us to honor the scouts in our lives!

Community Meals: Sunday, Feb 26

Please plan to join us at Christ Church, Waukegan, on Sunday, February 26th, where we will prepare a meal for our guests. We also pack lunch bags with non-perishable food. We start at noon and are done by 3pm. Please let Barb Schaper know if you are planning to attend at bschaper7@aol.com or 847-948-8989. Thanks to the three people who have volunteered to bake cookies. Homemade cookies are much appreciated by our guests. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry to our community!

Put it on your calendar... StGs ANNUAL MEETING will be immediately after the service on Sunday, February 12!