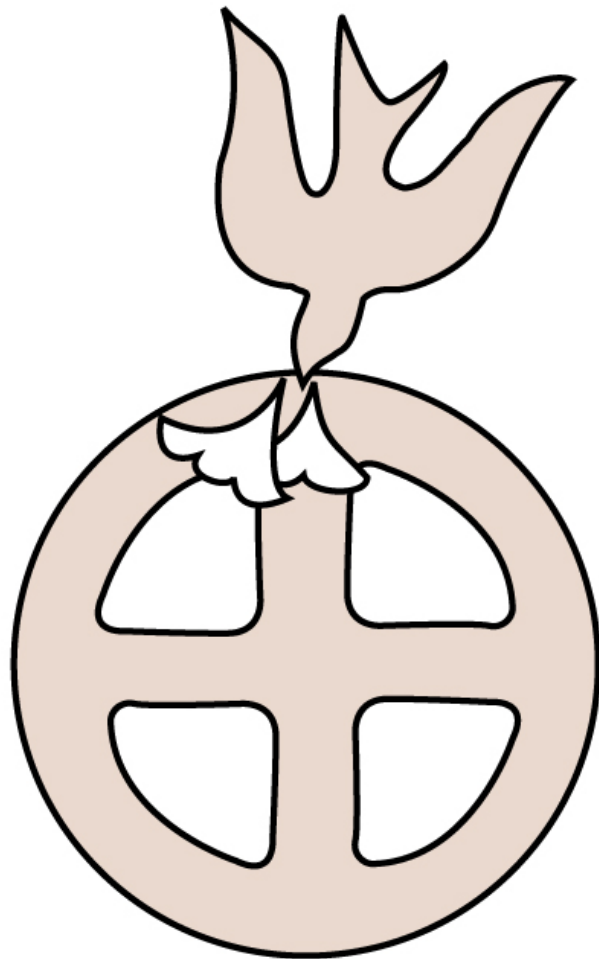


ST. GREGORY THE GREAT EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE

10:30AM

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *

What happens when you are spiritually prepared and desire to receive communion, but can't? Such a case is referenced by a paragraph in the 1979 Prayer Book:

If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.

A nation-wide shut down due to a pandemic fits, I'm sure we'll agree, with the words "by any other impediment" listed in the first Prayer Book. Our Lord will not cut us off from his grace. If we truly desire him, he will come to us, even if we cannot receive the Sacraments he has instituted so that we may receive his grace. This is not a new idea. St Thomas Aquinas, writing nearly 800 years ago, said:

before receiving a sacrament, the reality of the sacrament can be had through the very desire of receiving the sacrament. Accordingly, before actual reception of this sacrament, a man can obtain salvation through the desire of receiving it, just as he can before Baptism through the desire of Baptism, as stated above (Summa, III.73.iii)

Desiring to receive the spiritual grace of the Most Holy Eucharist (and being prevented from receiving it sacramentally) is known as Spiritual Communion. It is so very important to note that this gift is given to us when we cannot, for very good reason, be present at mass.

When you are watching a live-stream or recording of our liturgies, any of the following prayers may be said at the moment of communion when you would normally leave your pew and make your journey to the altar:

In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from You. Let me live and die in Your love. Amen.

OR

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot physically consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire, and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (from *Enriching Our Worship 2*)

OR

**"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire you with all my heart.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already in my heart
and unite myself to you completely.
Please do not let me ever be separated from you." (by St. Alphonsus Liguori)**

**Except where otherwise indicated, the whole of this article (with only very little amendment) is taken from the website of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where it was posted on April 5, 2020. No author was specified.*

THE HOLY VIRTUAL EUCHARIST

Feast of All Saints

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

Adagio in E Minor

Tomaso Albinoni

Processional Hymn 287

For all the saints

SINE NOMINE



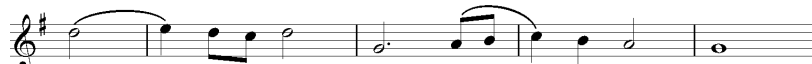
1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,—
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!—



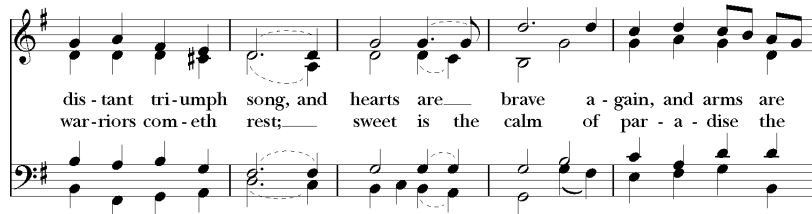
thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
win, with— them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are— one in thee, for all are thine.



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



dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are— brave a - gain, and arms are
war - riors com - eth rest;— sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



strong - blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, alleluia.

8. From earth wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast;
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

BCP 351

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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.

Gloria

Glory to God

Richard Rasch

INTRO

Glor - y to God in the high - est, and peace
to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y
God and - Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin - of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand -
of the fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly - Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa -
ther. A - men!

THE COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (*chanted by choir only*)

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; * let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; * let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; * happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 293

I sing a song of the saints of God

GRAND ISLE

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are

pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and _____
 his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for _____
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the

lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And _____
 Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And _____
 joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can

one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,

herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of _____
 by a fierce wild - beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just

God - and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant: *The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*
People: **Glory to you, O 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 the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Nikki Mathis

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

BCP 304

Celebrant *Do you believe in God the Father?*

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant *Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant *Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?*

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant *Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?*

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant *Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?*

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant *Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?*

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant *Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?*

People **I will, with God's help.**

ASPERGES

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa-ter, chil - dren,

Fine
Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

1. See that host all dressed in white,
2. See that band all dressed in red,
3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na-trou-ble the
4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

D.C.
God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, especially Michael, Rob, Paul, and Don, (...) and all priests and deacons, especially Nikki, Doug, Christina, Ellen, Carol, Dutton, and Lin;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; we pray for our President, Joseph, our Governor, Brian, and our Mayor, Kelly.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. ...

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy (...);

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

No Night There

Dan Forrest

God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid.
There shall be No night there, No crying there,
God shall wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.
Even in the valley of the shadow of death (God is with us),
I will fear no evil (God is for us);
Lo, I am with you always, even to the end.
There shall be No night there. No crying there,
God shall wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.
Do not be afraid.
God is with us, God is for us.
No night there.

Eucharist this morning is said in memory of

*Eric Agner
Jane Armistead
Gene Bianchi
Olivia Carlisle
Lief Carter
Peter Dondero
Robert Gomez
John Granrose
Sybil Lott
Dan Minor
Mary Katherine Allen Pedersen
Roger Swagler*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

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 a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.*

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 S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Franz Schubert

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People ***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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.

*Fraction Anthem S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God

Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion Voluntary

Rondeau & Air

Henry Purcell

Communion Hymn 232

By all your saints still striving

NYLAND

1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
2 *(Insert the stanza appropriate to the day)*
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor-ship God the Son

your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.
and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter-nal Three in One,

You rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne

and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect-ed from your throne.
a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Stanza 2:

Apostles, prophets, martyrs,
and all the noble throng
who wear the spotless raiment
and raise the ceaseless song:
for them and those whose witness
is only known to you —
by walking in their footsteps
we give your praise anew.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship 2

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot physically consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire, and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn 625

Ye holy angels bright

DARWALL'S 148TH

Descant

4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
 2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
 3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
 4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy
 through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
 on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
 with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: *Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Siciliana

John Stanley



Special thanks to Alexis Boylan for her music today!

About Today's Music...

The words for "I sing a song of the saints of God" are by the English author and play write Lesbia Scott. Her text writings were inspired by the everyday aspects of life and said to be intended as an "expression of faith we were trying to give the children...with [I sing a song of the saints of God] meant for use on Saints' days to impress the fact that sainthood is a living possibility today." During the process of selecting texts for the 1982 Hymnal, the committee chose to eliminate this hymn because the text seemed too culture-specific. By action of the Joint Committee for Hymnal Revision of the General Convention of 1982, however, this hymn was restored to the collection found today.

Prayers of the People

In our Parish we pray for Eddie Bennett, Jim Klippel, Jackie Dorsey, Denise Glynn, Cecil Hudson, Peter Rice, Jean Estes, Maggie Darby Raymond, Elmer Clark, Nancy Carter, Randy Harrelson, Teri Bouknecht, Kara Russe, Ellen Kappel, Susan Dunn & family, David Kirshenblatt, Cayden Mitchell, Bill Alworth, Stephen Morris, Barbara Johnson, Sue Bush, Janice Rusk, Jennifer Polzin, Susan Williams, Pat MacKinnon, Shelby Welch, Don Downie, Angie Defalco, Ken Packer, Jonah, Michael, Rachel, Christy, Rosina, Eliot, Patricia, Ben, Scott, and Lynn.

In thanksgiving for those celebrating their birthday this week: Diane Barret, Julia Swagler, Joan Curtis, Elise Camoston, Charlie Ingle, Allie Ibarra, and Mark Hein.

The people listed here are prayed for by name at each Sunday service. To request prayer for yourself or someone else, please call the office (706-546-7553). If at the beginning of the next month the person needs to remain on the list, please call and give the office an update.

TODAY/ THIS WEEK

BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES: REPARATIONS FOR LINNENTOWN

The next Brown Bag Lecture will be held in the Parish Hall right after the 10:30AM service. Please join us for Alys Willman's presentation on Athens Reparations Action, a project committed to repairing harm from urban renewal and other racist policies incurred by the former Linnentown community.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE | NOVEMBER 5-12

St. Gregory's is holding a special Thanksgiving food drive for the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank during the week of November 5-12. Please bring donations on any time during the week or on either of the 2 Sundays. Donations brought during the week/Sat. may be left in the entryway hall of the office building. The following foods have been suggested:

Canned pumpkin	Turkey Gravy
Cranberry Sauce	Chicken Broth
Fresh or Canned Sweet Potatoes	French Fried Onions
Stuffing Mix	Mushroom Soup
	Salty, Savory Snack Foods

NEXT WEEK

FAMILY PROMISE | NOV. 12-18

St. Gregory's next and last week to participate in Family Promise this year is November 12-18. You will have opportunities to cook a supper or to serve as a host at the shelter at Milledge Avenue Baptist church. This organization helps families become self sufficient. This is a way we can share God's love in the world. **Here is the sign-up link so you can select the date you want to help:** https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca5aa29a4fe3-2022# For questions, please contact Annette Bates at bateskannette@gmail.com or 706-255-2539.

SWEENEY TODD | NOV. 16-19 (ALMOST SOLD OUT)

Athens Creative Theatre (ACT) presents Sweeney Todd at the Morton Theatre in downtown Athens Thursday, November 16 through Sunday, November 19. (*Melinda Jones & Kendall Kookokey and the rest of the Bono gang are performing!*) Sweeney Todd (with Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Hugh Wheeler), is the unsettling tale of a Victorian-era barber who returns home to London after fifteen years of exile to take revenge on the corrupt judge who ruined his life. Show times are

Thursday-Saturday at 7:30pm and Sunday at 3:00pm. Tickets are now on sale online at www.mortontheatre.com, by phone at 706-613-3771, or in person at the Morton Theatre Box Office located at 195 W. Washington Street Mondays through Fridays from 12n-4pm.

COMING UP ...

CONFIRMATION CLASSES | DECEMBER - JANUARY

Confirmation classes will begin Sunday, December 3, immediately following the 10:30AM service, in the Parish Hall. If you're interested in being confirmed, reaffirmed, received, an adult wishing to be baptized, or you'd just like to learn more about the Episcopal Church, please come! We'll meet on the following dates, leading up to confirmation during the Bishop's visit in February: Dec. 3, 10, 17 and Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 28.

ONGOING

HOLY EUCHARIST & HEALING SERVICE | WEDNESDAYS

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6PM in the sanctuary for eucharist and prayers for healing.

BLINDSPOT GROUP | THURSDAYS

Our 20s and 30s group meets on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM for dinner and a small group study (usually off-site of the church). We also meet at least once a month for game nights, dinner and drinks, movie nights, and more. Newcomers are always welcome! Contact Wade McGlamery, 770-624-4837 for more information.

NOTES

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Community Christmas of Oglethorpe County is gearing up for their annual toy and clothing drive! But in addition to and prior to that, they are in need of funds in November to help qualifying families pay their bills in December so hopefully they have a bit left over for Christmas! Thanks to neighbors like you, in 2022 they provided Christmas gifts and assistance plus emergency funds throughout the year totaling \$93,552 to 412 children from 175 Oglethorpe County families. The amount of aid needed was up 16% from 2021, and the number served increased by 94 children. Financial donations can be made online at their website, www.CommunityChristmasOglethorpe.org, dropped off at The Commercial Bank in Crawford, or mailed to 143 Bowen Farm Road, Crawford, GA 30630. There are many more details on the webpage.

ONE MORE NURSERY WORKER NEEDED

We found 1! but the nursery would still love 1 more weekly staff member. This person should be a responsible teenager or kind adult that would be interested in having a background check, completing a short Safeguarding training online, and are current with their CPR & First Aid. The hours are 9am - 12pm each Sunday. We could also have volunteers rotating if they take the training and pass the background check.

THE LITTLE RED WAGON

The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank needs dried goods like pasta/rice, mac-and-cheese, snacks (sweet & salty), and saltines! Please help us fill the Little Red Wagon!

Those Who Serve

Vestry: John Bray
Reader: Michael Castengera (8AM);
Karen Hankins (10:30AM)
EMs: Lin Kromhout & Karen Hankins
Crucifers:
Torches:

Flowers: Lane Norton
Altar Guild: Carol Flenniken, Lin Kromhout, Jane
Sheridan, Berni McCranie
Ushers: Anthony & Deb Garner
Counters: Mark Reinberger & Jane Hudson
Livestream: Anthony Barkdoll

Clergy and Staff

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Peachy Green Clean Co-op Sexton

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Vestry Person of the Day/Week: John Barrett jbearit2000@hotmail.com

