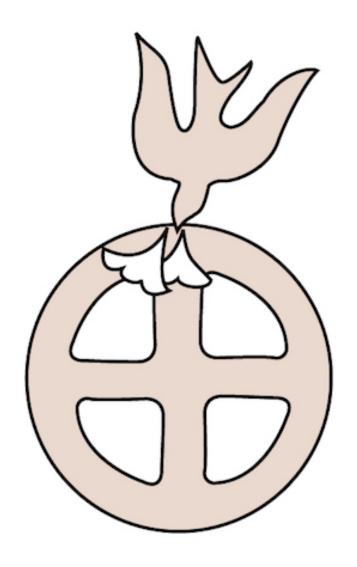
St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

November 6, 2022 Live Streamed on <u>YouTube</u>

10:30АМ

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 by 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 & BAPTISM

Feast of all Saints

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

Voluntary on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Charles Callahan

SINE NOMINE

We invite you to please silence your cell phones and to enter worship in stillness, silence, and reverence during the Prelude, which begins our service.

Opening Hymn 287



- 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.

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

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149



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1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a / new song; *

sing his praise in the congregation of the / faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his / Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their / King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the / dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and / harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his / people *

and adorns the poor with / victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in / triumph; *

let them be joyful on their / beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their / throat *

and a two-edged sword in their / hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the / nations *

and punishment on the / peoples;

8 To bind their kings in / chains *

and their nobles with links of / iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment de-/creed; *

this is glory for all his faithful people. Halle-/lujah!

THE SECOND READING Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 625

Ye holy angels bright

DARWELL'S 148TH



THE GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Nikki Mathis

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE THE BAPTISM

BCP 301 BCP 304 BCP 305 BCP 307

WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

We rejoice with Katharine Lynn Ross and welcome her into the Body of Christ.

ASPERGES

Baptismal Hymn 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

NETTLETON



THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Lacrimosa

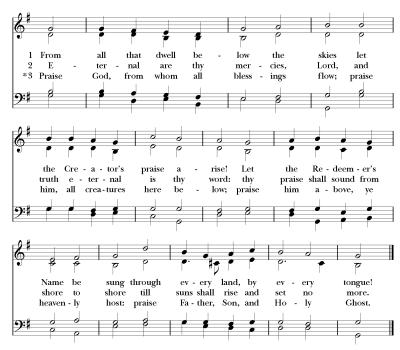
W. A. Mozart

Sorrowful shall be that day,
When from the ashes shall arise
The sinful man to be judged.
Thus spare them, Dear God:
O Holy Lord Jesus,
Grant them rest.
Amen.

Presentation Hymn 380 v.3

Doxology

OLD 100TH



Eucharist this morning is said in memory of

George Watson
The Rev. Dr. Judy Gay
John Gay
Katherine Maltese
Peter Stone
Patricia Titus
Katie Bienvenue
Stephen Corn

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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.

BCP 369

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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



THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE



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



THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Sine Nomine Charles Callahan



Prayers of the People

In our Parish we pray for Sue Bush, Janice Rusk, Jennifer Polzin, Carol Whitson, Karen Kassinger, Susan Williams, Dan Williams, Amy Watkins, Pat MacKinnon, Dick MacKinnon, Shelby Welch, Ali Elyaman, Ben Barkdoll, Don Downie, Olivia Carlisle, Angie Defalco, Stephanie Gamble, Ken Packer, Kay, Ben, Mobley, Scott, Lynn, and Pete.

In thanksgiving for those celebrating their birthday this week: Julia Swagler, Joan Curtis, Elise Camoston, Charlie Ingle, Allie Ibarra, Mark Hein, Cole Byers, Morgan Vick, and Mariel Sanford.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their completed 2023 stewardship pledge form. Anyone who has not yet returned their forms can do so by bringing your completed pledge form to worship, by mailing your pledge form to church, or on our home page www.stgregoryathens.org via the

QUICK LINKS tab GIVING TO ST. GREGORY'S.

TODAY

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING | 12PM

The Finance Committee will meet on Sunday, Nov. 6 right after the 10:30AM service. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend. We meet the Sunday before the monthly Vestry meetings (which are the 2nd Tuesday of the month) in Parish Hall.

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE & MEMORIAL GARDEN | OCT. 24 - NOV. 5/6

Rest eternal, grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

All Saint's Day is the time in the liturgical year when we pause to celebrate the lives of those saints who have gone before us; loved ones who made us who we are today. All parish families are invited to place the names their departed loved ones, small photos, and other mementos on this altar, which will be in Parish Hall. Candles will be available for prayerful lighting. Lane Norton will also place votive candles in our Memorial Garden, They will be there 10/23-11/6 for anyone who may like to come and light a candle in memory of someone. There are matches provided in a ziplock bag for you to use. Please remember to extinguish the candle(s) before you leave.

NEEDED: CHILDREN'S CLOTHES | TODAY IS LAST DAY

One of St. Gregory's annual Outreach projects is sponsoring the parish-wide clothes drive to support our neighbor, Barnett Shoals Elementary. Your donations will replenish the following prioritized items most needed for the school's clothes closet.

- boys' pants/sweatpants/shorts all sizes, from youth XS through L
- girls' pants/shorts/leggings all sizes, from youth XS through L
- boys' and girls' underwear youth sizes XS (4-5), S (5-6), and M (7-8)
- boys' and girls' shirts youth sizes XS M (can include t-shirts that come in multi-packs, not necessarily gendered) Donations will be collected through **Sunday, November 6**, in the box located in the lobby of Parish Hall. If you have questions, contact Rhonda Packer in person or @ packer.rhonda@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK

BROWN BAG LECTURE | MONDAY, NOV. 7

Managing the Aging Journey

Sign-up sheet in the narthex this morning! Presented by Robin Lacrimosa, Life Care Coordinator. This session is for those who are determining how they will manage their elder care journey or for those who are supporting others in making these decisions. Topics include: home health care, aging in place, assisted living, long-term care, veteran's pension benefits, Medicare, and Medicaid. Monday, November 7th, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Parish Hall. Please bring a bag lunch, if you'd like!

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION for FOOD BANK | NOW - NOV. 13

Please take a paper grocery bag with a shopping list attached, fill it with the items requested by the Food Bank for their clients' Thanksgiving dinners, and return it to St. Gregory's any weekday or Sunday through November 13th. We have missed doing

this the last few years due to Covid; but we have an opportunity once again to support this important ministry in our community. If you need assistance with shopping or pick up of your purchases, call Marge Massey, 706-255-2145. Thank you. "If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out, your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight." Isaiah 58:10 MSG Bible

NOTES

COUNTING OPPORTUNITY

With the departure of Marilyn Walsh for parts South in the next couple of weeks, we have an immediate need for a counter, someone to tally the week's contributions to St. Gregory the Great between the third and fourth Sundays each month. You'll be trained and have an experienced counting partner, Katie Hein. You'll choose a time convenient for both of you to count each month at the church. It's a 30 minute, once/month commitment. Please contact Jane Hudson, janeghudson@gmail.com, to volunteer. Remember, we're still a small enough parish that we need everyone's help to get everything done.

CALL FOR NEW ARTWORK FOR CARD MINISTRY

Saint Gregory's is blessed with many artists of all ages and we are looking for new artwork for our 2023 cards. The Card Ministry sends cards to members of the congregation who are bereaved, in need of encouragement due to illness or circumstance, and for birthdays for folks 70 and older and 18 and under. If you have a work of art that you would like to share please send a jpeg file to Jenifer Borg. We will choose a two images for each category for 2023. Images should be photographed and submitted at 300 dpi. The deadline is 11/20/22. We look forward to seeing your artwork!

Email to jeniferaborg@aol.com

Please put Card Ministry Submission 2023 in the subject line.

Include your name, the title of the artwork, the dimensions of the work in the email.

Attach your jpeg file, 300 dpi. Please email submissions by Nov. 20, 2022.

THE ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU!

The altar guild is looking for new volunteers! You will be trained! Please contact Barbara Dean at 706-354-4269 or bdean70020@gmail.com.

BLINDSPOT GROUP CHAT

If you're in your 20s or 30s and would like to stay up to date on events for your age group please reach out to Wade McGlamery, 770-624-4837, to join our group chat.

Those Who Serve

Vestry: Jane Hudson Readers: Sue Alford (8AM) Wade McGlamery (10:30AM)

EMs: David Stooksbury & Barbara Kuhn Crucifer: Gavin Avinger & Grayson Krause Torches: Porter Welch & Jeffery Ross

Flowers: Rhonda Packer

Altar Guild: Barbara Dean, Nancy Watson, Anna Thornton

Ushers: Anthony & Deborah Garner Counters: Mark Reinberger & Jane Hudson

Livestream: Anthony Barkdoll

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Vestry Members: Eddie Bennett; John Bray; Stacie Court; Gail Eilers; Blaine Everson; Anna Hiers; Jane Hudson; LeeAnne Krause; Lane Norton; Maggie Reinberger; Mark Richardson; Caley Ross; Chrissy Moffett, Clerk; Les House, Treasurer

Vestry Person of the Day/Week: Jane Hudson janeghudson@gmail.com

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