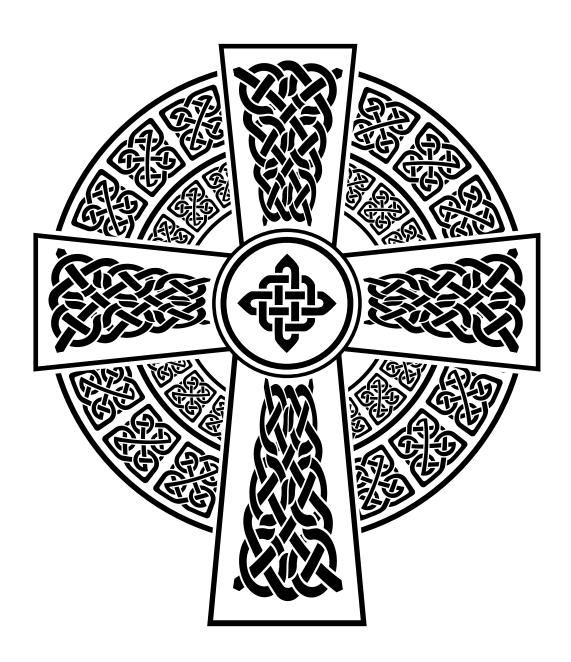
The Sunday of the Resurrection:

Easter Sunday

APRIL 17, 2022 10 am



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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VISION STATEMENT FOR ST. GREGORY THE GREAT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The vision of St. Gregory the Great is to be a program-sized, culturally integrated parish, proclaiming and loving like Jesus with varied worship, music, and outdoor spaces.

DIOCESE OF ATLANTA STATEMENT OF PURPOSE Adopted at Annual Council 2015

We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus as we: Worship Joyfully; Serve Compassionately, and Grow Spiritually.

Dear Friends & Visitors,

Thank you for joining us today in the joyous celebration of the risen Christ!

If you are visiting in the area or already have a spiritual home, may you carry the blessings of this day back with you.

If you are looking for a place to know and celebrate God's love for all God's children, we invite you to return next Sunday at 8:00AM or 10:30AM to worship with us and meet other members of St. Gregory's family. We are an inclusive community welcoming without barriers all who come to us. In addition to our regular worship services, we celebrate our life in God through service to others, active engagement in our community, study, fellowship, and prayer. We would be delighted for you to join us in all parish activities.

Please sign our guest book or fill out a pew card. A blessed and happy Easter to you!

Faithfully,

The Clergy and People of St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church

Assistance: Please let an usher know if you are unable to come to the altar for communion; the elements will be brought to you.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Hymns may be found in The Hymnal 1982

Service music is at the front of The Hymnal 1982 and is indicated by an *S before the number LEVAS = Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal

THE HOLY EUCHARIST The Word of God

Children flower the Easter cross before the service begins.

WELCOME

Prelude This Joyful Eastertide arr. Charles Evan

Processional Hymn 179

"Welcome, happy morning!"

FORTUNATUS



6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain; all that now is fallen raise to life again; show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see; bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**.

Song of Praise 210 The day of resurrection ELLACOMBE



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people are seated for the reading and psalm.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 65:17-25

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent— its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is / good; * his mercy endures for / ever.
- 2 Let Israel now pro-/claim, *
 "His mercy endures for / ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my / song, * and he has become my sal-/vation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and / victory * in the tents of the / righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has / triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has / triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but / live, *

and declare the works of the / LORD.

- 18 The LORD has punished me / sorely, * but he did not hand me over to / death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of / righteousness; * I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the / LORD .
- 20 "This is the gate of the / LORD; *
 - he who is righteous may / enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you / answered me * and have become my sal-/vation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders re-/jected * has become the chief / cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD 'S / doing, * and it is marvelous in our / eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has / acted; * we will rejoice and be / glad in it.



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THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

Thanks be to God.

The people stand to sing and remain standing for the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn 180 He is risen, he is risen! Unser Herrscher



THE GOSPEL Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our savior, Jesus Christ, according to Luke. Glory to you, O Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

THE SERMON: The Rev. Nikki Mathis

BCP 387

RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

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 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.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ASPERGES

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III

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, and Don, and all priests, especially Nikki, and deacons, especially Christina;

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;

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.

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

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

We give special thanks for ...

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Easter Festival

Michael S. Bryson

Christ the Lord is ris'n today! All creation join to say; Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply; Christ is risen! Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Christ is risen! Lives again our glorious King. Where, O death, is now thy sting? Dying once He all doth save. Where thy victory, O grave? Christ the Lord is ris'n today. All creation, join to say: Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Love's redeeming work is done. Fought the fight, the battle won. Death in vain forbids Him rise. Christ has opened paradise, Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n today! All creation join to say: Christ is risen! He is risen!

Presentation Hymn 400

Doxology

Alleluia!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
O praise him O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

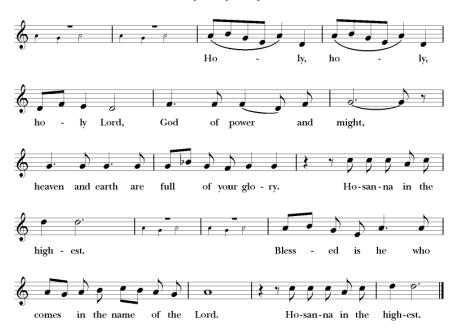
Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Gregory and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

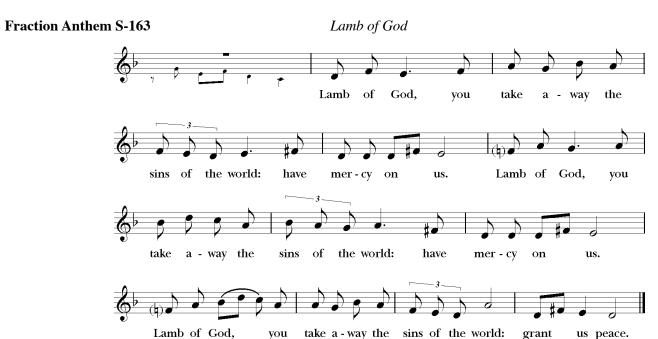
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Robert Powell

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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of faith, know that you are welcome to join with us at God's table to share in the holy communion. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine, cross your arms over your chest when the priest comes to you in the communion circle.

Brass Anthem

I Know My Redeemer Lives

arr. J. J. Hilfiger





The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER (for our livestreaming community)

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

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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.

Recessional Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

EASTER HYMN



THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Celebration Fanfare Charles Callahan

Special thanks today to

Josh Klein, trumpet | Nathan Pak, trumpet | Chuck Musholt, trombone
for their music!

Prayers of the People

In our Parish we pray for Ann Darby, Dan Nolen, Jr., Jamaica Miller, Diane Barret, Brenda Browning, Becky Thomas, Carol Whitson, Tom Sturgis, Diane Miller, John Granrose, Martha Beach, Tammy Bowman, Rose Ann Pace, John Gay, Cameron Steele, Nathan Parrish, Ed Spivey, Hannah Bennett, Anna Thornton, Sheryl King, Ellen Peck, Bill Alworth, James Morris, Tom Hiers, Jane Bowen, Marge Massey, Pat Irby, Pat Titus, Stephanie Gamble, Stephen Morris, Shelby Welch, Roger Swagler, Stanley Armour, Cindy Beagle, Bill Beagle, Sally Stuckey, Diane Holcomb, Stephen Corn, Ken Packer, Melissa, Karyna, Ben, Byron, Andi, Jennie, Benedict, Patrick, Robby, Cecil, Brooke, Jim, Dianne, Peter, Jason, Lynn, Pete, Sophia, Samantha, Jennifer, Buddy, Nicholas, Mike, and Margaret.

In thanksgiving for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Gavin Avinger, Paul Heald, Clare Severens, Del Hicks, Walker McNiff, Alex Buckley, Amelia Ross, Philip Walter, Chere Peterson, Madelyn Coyne, and Ali Elyaman; and for those celebrating anniversaries: Ed & Susan Risler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

The Easter Egg hunt for toddlers through 5th graders will be held after the service this morning. Youth 6th grade and up are invited to hide the eggs after taking communion. We'll be hiding empty eggs, which the children will trade-in for an Easter goody bag, and will also have goody bags for the youth as well!

You are invited to a **festive coffee hour** in Parish Hall following this morning's service. There will be cake and other finger foods, coffee and lemonade. Just hop on in!

THIS WEEK

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish offices will be closed on Monday, April 18.

Flowers for the Easter Altar were given to the Glory of God and

In memory of Conoly Hester, by her children Katherine and Al
In memory of Al Hester, by his children Katherine and Al
In memory of John Rives, by Diane Barret
In memory of Dwayne & Thelma Coker, by Jeff & Shelby Welch
In memory of Dwayne & Thelma Coker, by Caley & Amelia Ross
In memory of Bill & Evelyn Welch, by Jeff & Shelby Welch
In memory of Bill & Evelyn Welch, by Caley & Amelia Ross
In memory of Bill & Kitty Ross, by Caley & Amelia Ross
In memory of Judy Lowe, by David Lowe
In memory of my mother, Pauline Nicholls, by Pete Nicholls
In memory of my mother, Esther Freeman, by Tina Carlson
In memory of Peter Stone, by Tali Stone

In thanksgiving for Nathaniel, Jenny, Charlie, and Hayden Welch, by Jeff & Shelby Welch
In thanksgiving for Toni and Wes Chapman, by Jeff & Shelby Welch
In thanksgiving for Amelia, Caley, Jeffery, and Kitty Ross, by Jeff & Shelby Welch
In thanksgiving for Jeffery & Kitty Ross, by Caley & Amelia Ross
In thanksgiving for Jeff & Shelby Welch, by Caley & Amelia Ross
In thanksgiving for Bob Ross & Paula Moon, by Caley & Amelia Ross
In thanksgiving for Lane Norton, by Rhonda & Ken Packer
In thanksgiving for Anthony Barkdoll, by Rhonda & Ken Packer
In thanksgiving for Jane Hudson & Ron Balthazor, by Rhonda & Ken Packer
In thanksgiving for Ellen Richardson, by Rhonda & Ken Packer

In honor of innocent lives lost worldwide in brutal conflicts, by Tina Carlson

Stacie Court, Vestry Person of the Day
Jane Hudson, Eucharistic Minister
Karen Hankins, Eucharistic Minister
Martha Beach, Eucharistic Minister
Maggie Reinberger, Eucharistic Minister
June Ball, Old / New Testament Reader
Annette Bates, Intercessor
Philip Scottright, Crucifer
Anna Thornton, 2nd Crucifer
Audry Davis, torch
Claudia Cook, torch
Anna Thornton & Jenifer Marquardt, Altar Guild
Flowers, Flower Guild

The Rev. Nikki Mathis, Rector
The Rev. Christina Dondero, Deacon
Jonathan Klein, Music Director & Organist
Joseph Napoli, Choir Director
Doug Adkins, Director of Children's Ministries
Wade McGlamery, Coordinator of Youth Ministries
Jude Red Bear, Nursery Director
Mark Hein, Buildings & Grounds
Kendall M. Kookogey, Parish Administrator

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