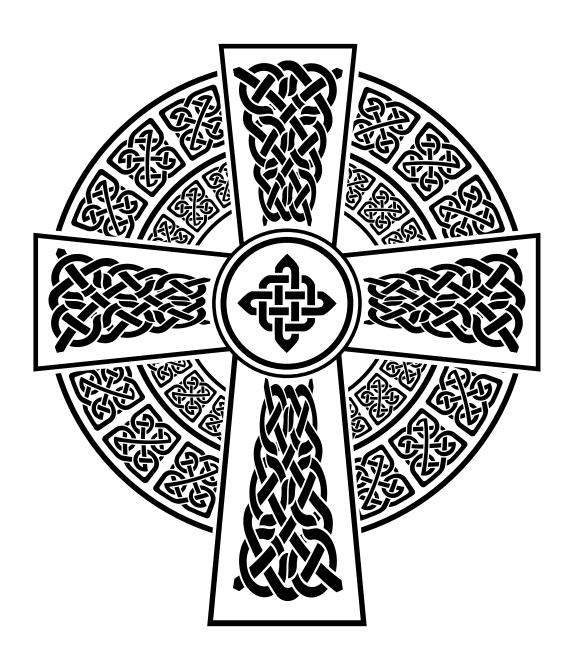
The Sunday of the Resurrection:

Easter Sunday

APRIL 9, 2023 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 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.

Choral Introit O Sons and Daughters arr. Mark Schweizer

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heav'n, the glorious King, O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia! That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia! An angel clad in white they see, who sat, and spake unto the three, "Your Lord doth go to Galilee." Alleluia! That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia! On this most holy day of days to God your hearts and voices raise, in laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia!

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!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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**.

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

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

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

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

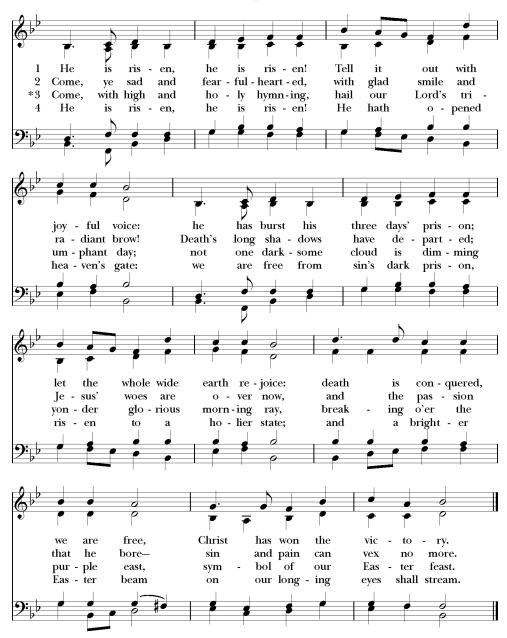
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Sequence Hymn 180

He is risen, he is risen!

UNSER HERRSCHER



THE GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

THE SERMON: The Rev. Nikki Mathis

The Baptism

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

BCP 301 BCP 304 BCP 305 BCP 307

We rejoice for Eloise Paige Streeter-Lowe in the Body of Christ and welcome her into the community of faith at St. Gregory's.

Baptismal Hymn 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

ENGELBERG



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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Donald McCullough

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Christ hath broken ev'ry chain. Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed; take our sins and guilt away; Let us sing by night and day Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed; Alleluia!

Doxology
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

BCP 372

William Mathias

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.

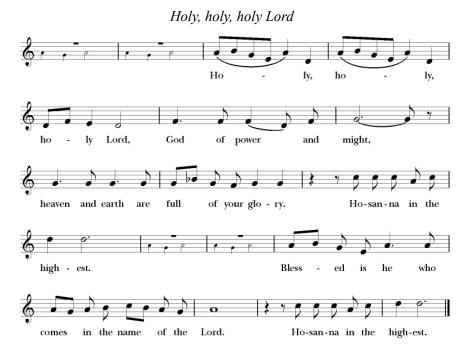
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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,

Sanctus S-128



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.

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

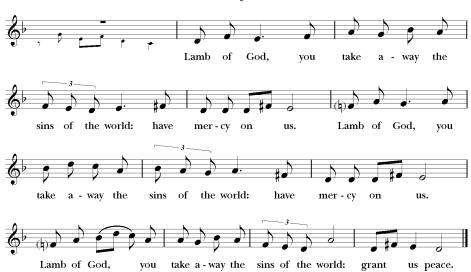
BCP 364

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-163

Lamb of God

Robert Powell



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.

Communion Volutary

I Know My Redeemer Lives

arr. J. J. Hilfiger

Communion Hymn 213

Come away to the skies

MIDDLEBURY





SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER (for our livestreaming community)

Enriching Our Worship 2

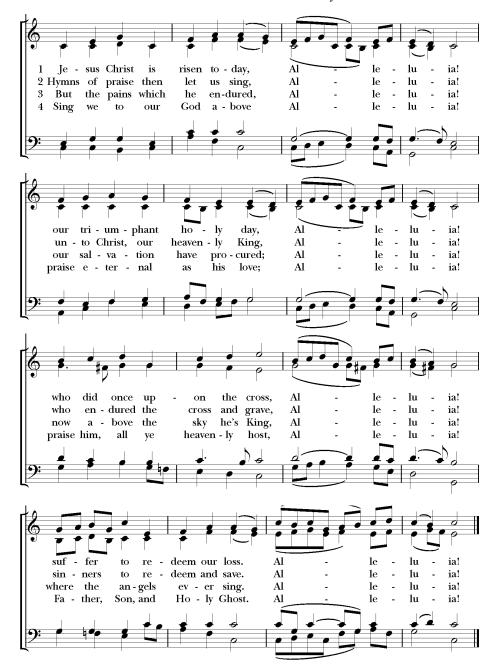
Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot physically consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness 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

BCP 366

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 BLESSING



THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choral Postlude

Ah, Lord, thy dear sweet angels send

Ah, Lord, Thy dear sweet angels send,

In my last hour my soul attend, To Abraham's arms bear it.

This body in its narrow room So softly rests from pain and gloom,

And waits the day prepared it.

And then from death awaken me,

Unbind my eyes that I may see In boundless joy Thy Holy Face,

My Saviour, and my Throne of Grace!

Lord Jesus Christ, O hear Thou me, O hear Thou me!

I will Thee praise eternally!

Special thanks today to

Josh Klein, trumpet | Julia Rinke, trumpet | Barbara Hawman, horn | Ron Balthazor, percussion for their music!

J. S. Bach

Prayers of the People

In our Parish we pray for Danielle Vogt, Susan Dunn & family, Donna Hall, Rosalyn Panton, Don Musholt, Beth Massey, Cayden Mitchell, Harry Stooksbury, Billy Hale, Bill Alworth, Ray Hoover, Stephen Morris, Barbara Johnson, Sue Bush, Janice Rusk, Jennifer Polzin, Susan Williams, Dan Williams, Pat MacKinnon, Shelby Welch, Don Downie, Olivia Carlisle, Angie Defalco, Ken Packer, Patricia, Ben, Mobley, Scott, and Lynn.

In thanksgiving for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Henri Johnson, Gene Ruffin, Roger Swagler, June Ball, Sarah Black, Levi Estep, Jonathan Klein, Raymond Scottright, Joshua Heard, and Eddie Van Giesen; and for those celebrating anniversaries: Ron & Annette Bates.

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 reception** in Parish Hall following this morning's service. There will be cake and other finger foods, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee!

If you dedicated an **Easter lily** and indicated that you would like to keep yours and not have it donated, please pick it up on your way out of the service today!

THIS WEEK/ NEXT SUNDAY

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, April 10 & 11.

COMMITTAL SERVICE: ERIC AGNER | SATURDAY, APRIL 15

The Committal service for Eric Groff Agner will be Saturday, April 15 at 4PM in our memorial garden. A memorial gathering will follow from 5-8PM at Lyndon House Art Center, 211 Hoyt St, downtown Athens. Bands are welcome to play. Refreshments, anecdotes and photos will be shared.

THE TREY CLEGG SINGERS | SUNDAY, APRIL 16 - 10AM SERVICE ONLY

On April 16, 2023, join us for a gospel music celebration at the 10AM service with guest choir, the Trey Clegg Singers (there will be no 8AM service that day). You may remember Trey Clegg and some of his choristers from Bishop Wright's Consecration in the Diocese of Atlanta in 2012, and some of the glorious music heard there. Some others of you may have heard of the excellent music from St. Paul's Episcopal Church and its choirs, when Mr. Clegg served as Minister of Music there. And whether you have or haven't heard this choir before, know that here at St. Gregory the Great, as we give our own excellent choir and musical staff a well-deserved break after the phenomenal music performances given to us for Lent and Easter, you are in for a treat. They will be with us at the 10AM service, and joining us for coffee hour afterward. Please come and worship with us.

FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER ALTAR WERE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND

In memory of

Dorothy Klippel, by Judith DeJoy Dwayne & Thelma Coker, by Jeff & Shelby Welch Dwayne & Thelma Coker, by Caley & Amelia Ross William & Evelyn Welch, by Jeff & Shelby Welch Bill & Evelyn Welch, by Caley & Amelia Ross Bill & Katharine Ross, by Caley & Amelia Ross Judy Lowe, by David Lowe John Rives, by Diane Barret Lief H. Carter, by his family Terry Kelley, by Sheila Kelley Richard MacKinnon, by Sheila Kelley Jack and Iris Moorhead, by Sheila Kelley Roy and Jackie Kelley, by Sheila Kelley Pauline Nicholls, by Pete Nicholls Mary Steinbauer, by Paula Sanford Eric Groff Agner, by Margaret Agner Lewis & Evelyn Bates, by Ron & Annette Bates Conrad & Diane Kamienski, by Ron & Annette Bates

In thanksgiving for

Nathaniel, Jenny, Charlie, and Hayden Welch, by Jeff & Shelby Welch
Toni and Wes Chapman, by Jeff & Shelby Welch
Amelia, Caley, Jeffery, and Kitty Ross, by Jeff & Shelby Welch
Jeffery & Kitty Ross, by Caley & Amelia Ross

Mother Carol Schwenke for the love and dedication she gives to and shares with her family and with all of the people here at St. Gregory's. The Love of our Lord shines through you being with us.

In honor of

Jeff & Shelby Welch, Paula Moon, and Bob Ross, by Caley & Amelia Ross Pat & Ralph Hitchcock, by Caley & Amelia Ross

Gail Eilers, Vestry Person of the Day
Beth Thornton, Eucharistic Minister
Karen Hankins, Eucharistic Minister
Michael Castengera, Reader
Ethan Vogt, Crucifer
Karlee Bethune, 2nd Crucifer
Jeffery Ross, torch
Rainsly Vogt, torch
Charlotte Lamm, alternate
Carol Schwenke & Lin Kromhout, Altar Guild
Flowers, Flower Guild
Pete Nicholls, Live Stream



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