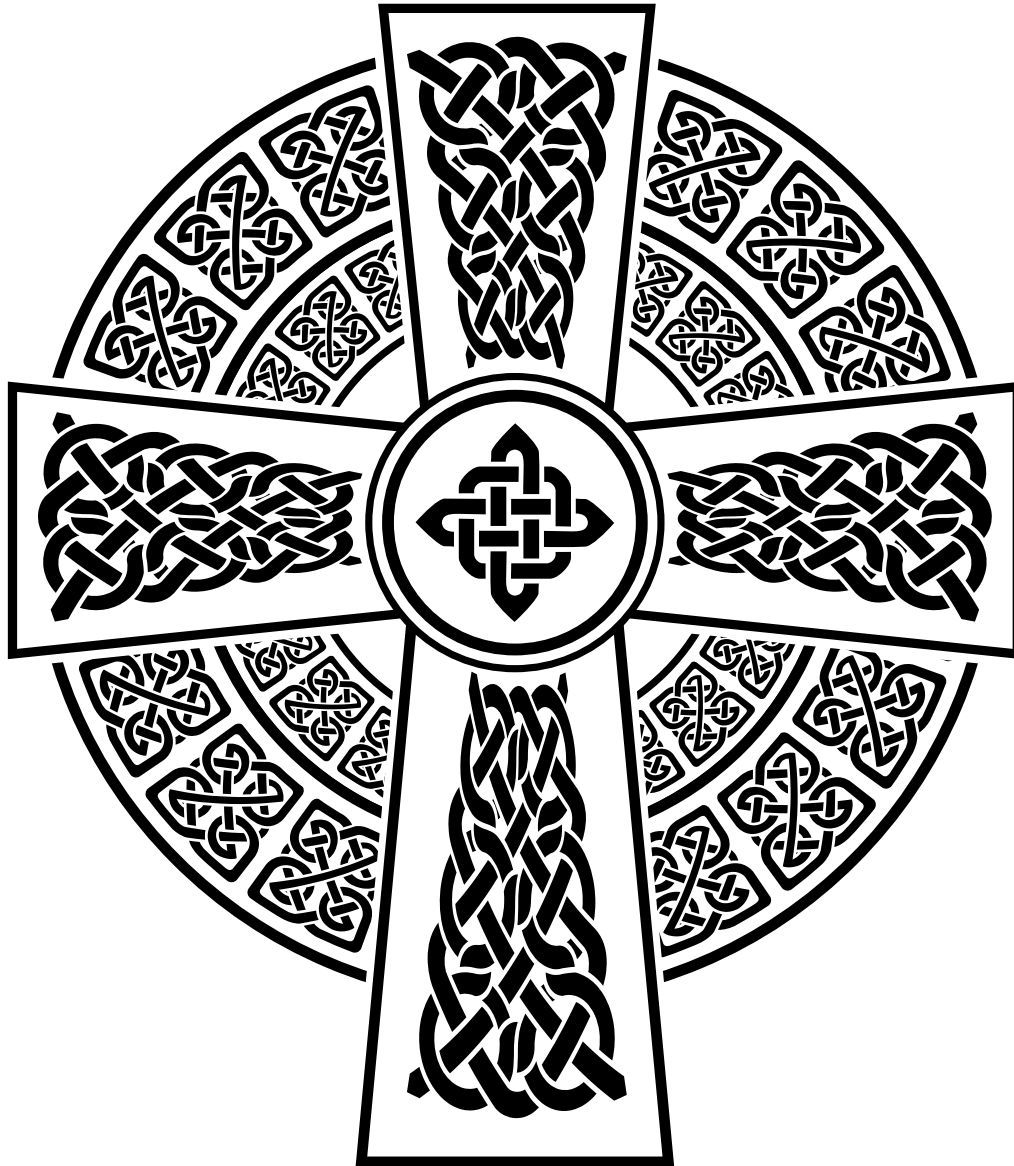


The Sunday of the Resurrection:
Easter Sunday

MARCH 31, 2024

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

Easter Anthem

William Billings

The Lord is ris'n indeed, Hallelujah.
 Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. Hallelujah.
 And did he rise? Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead.
 He rose, He burst the bars of death and triumph'd o'er the grave.
 Then I rose, then first humanity triumphant past the crystal ports of light, and seiz'd eternal youth.
 Man, all immortal hail, Heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man,
 Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

Processional Hymn 179

"Welcome, happy morning!"

FORTUNATUS

1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say:
 *2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,
 *3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length-en'ing light,
 4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
 5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!
 2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:
 3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.
 4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
 5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
 2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,
 4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

Refrain

"Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say.

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!

Refrain

*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

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,

preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - li - er state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore-- sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our savior, Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus

of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*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
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BCP 305
BCP 307

*We rejoice for Landry “Andy” Atticus Billingsley
in the Body of Christ
and welcome him into the community of faith at St. Gregory’s.*

Baptismal Hymn 213

Come away to the skies

MIDDLEBURY

Unison or harmony

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our
3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the
4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath
*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joice in the day thou wast born; — on this fes - ti - val day,
2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, — while his grace we re - ceive
3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! — Now cre - a - ted a - gain
4 joined us to Je - sus' — Name; — so u - ni - ted in heart,
5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: — to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn. —
2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God. —
3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine. —
4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb. —
5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet. —

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

Love's Redeeming Work Is Done

Tom Trenney

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
The three sad days are quickly sped; Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
For love's redeeming work is done; he fought the fight; the battle won;
eternal life now has begun! Alleluia!
Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free;
that we may live and sing to thee: Alleluia!
We soar now where our Christ has led and follow our exalted Head,
for Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Presentation Hymn 400

Doxology

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,

Sanctus S-128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

William Mathias

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

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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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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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 Voluntary

I Know My Redeemer Lives

arr. J. J. Hilfiger

Antiphon (at the beginning)



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



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



1 O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful wo - men
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, who sat and spake un -
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a - midst them came their
 5 On this most ho - ly day of days, to God your hearts and




1 glo - rious King, o'er death and hell rose tri - um - phing.
 2 went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 3 to the three, "Your Lord doth go to Gal - i - lee."
 4 Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here."
 5 voic - es raise, in laud and ju - bi - lee and praise.




1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



Antiphon (at the end)



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



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

Descant

Refrain

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

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

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

Communion Anthen

This Is The Day

W. A. Mozart

This is the day the Lord has made;
 He calls the hours his own;
 Let Heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad,
 And praise surround the throne.
 Hosanna in the highest strains,
 The Church on earth can raise;
 The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,
 Shall give Him nobler praise.
 The God of our Salvation.
 Give thanks to God for he is good.
 Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia!

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.

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

EASTER HYMN

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Sovereign King

arr. Elliget

Special thanks to

*Josh Klein, Barbara Hawman, Peter Lawless, and Brady Szymanski
for their music this morning!*

About today's music...

The closing hymn this Easter Day (207) was first published in a collection of songs called "Lyrica Davidica" in London (1708). It was one of the first hymns to be used in addition to the Psalms, which up to that point had been considered the only words suitable for singing in church. The first three verses are a translation of ancient Latin poems; the fourth verse is a Doxology from the prolific pen of Charles Wesley.

The tune, Easter Hymn was written with an eye to "jubilations" on the Alleluias, according to the preface in "Lyrica Davidica". In all, we sing sixteen of them - perhaps to make up for the ones we didn't sing in Lent! .

Prayers of the People

In our Parish we pray for Cheryl Lowry, Jennifer Johnson, Sheldon Clements, Evan Powell, Janet Wright, Billy Hale, Kyra Madden, Eddie Bennett, Mary Burkett, Cecil Beagle, Diana Beagle, William Beagle, Jim Klippel, Jackie Dorsey, Denise Glynn, Mike Fowler, Cecil Hudson, Jean Estes, Elmer Clark, Shelby Welch, Nancy Carter, Teri Bouknecht, Kara Russe, Ellen Kappel, Cayden Mitchell, Bill Alworth, Stephen Morris, Barbara Johnson, Sue Bush, Janice Rusk, Jennifer Polzin, Susan Williams, Pat MacKinnon, Don Downie, Angie Defalco, Ken Packer, Donna, Kelly, Michael, Rachel, Christy, Rosina, Eliot, Patricia, Ben, Scott, and Lynn.

In thanksgiving for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Nathan Cape, Johnny Wheeler, Klara Lankford, Tristan Lankford, Davis Gabriel, and Barbara Kuhn; **and for those celebrating anniversaries:** Kate Avinger & Gina DeFalco.

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.

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, 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

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish offices will be closed on Monday - Thursday, April 1-4.

YOUTH DnD NIGHT | FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Our next youth DnD night will be April 5th at 7pm in the youth room. Snacks will be provided but feel free to bring your favorites! Feel free to come dressed as your character or in pajamas!

OUTPACE PARKINSONS RACE | SAT., APRIL 6

Jack Armistead has again chaired a committee to plan the annual 5K run/walk in support of Parkinson's research through the Michael J. Fox Foundation. This year's event will honor his late wife Jane (1946-2023) for her work toward finding a cure for Parkinson's. Outpace Parkinson's 9 will start at 8 am on April 6th in Sandy Creek Park, Pavilion 1. Runners can choose either on-site or virtual participation. To qualify for a T-shirt, they should register by midnight, March 22nd. Late registration will be available as well. There will be a full slate of awards and plenty of refreshments and opportunities to socialize. Donations to the Parkinson's research effort are also encouraged. Details about the race and links to registration and donations can be found at pdathens.com.

COMING UP ...

CONFIRMATION CLASSES | BEGIN APRIL 14

For all those interested in getting confirmed, received, reaffirmed, or if you just want to learn more about the Episcopal Church - confirmation class will be offered starting on April 14th following the 10:30am service then every Sunday leading up to Diocesan confirmation on June 2nd in Atlanta. If you are interested in joining the class please reach out to Mother Nikki or Wade McGlamery and let us know.

BLUE JEAN SUNDAY | SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Save the date for Sunday, April 14: Blue Jean Sunday! Come enjoy a free lunch and help us spring clean the church! Everyone wear their blue jeans to church that day and bring your gardening gloves. Jobs for every ability!

THE PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN | WEDS., APRIL 17

Come see The Philadelphia Eleven, the historic story of civil disobedience in ordaining the first women priests in the Episcopal Church. Transportation is available from Emmanuel Episcopal Church to this event. To register for transportation, please call Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Administrator at 706-543-1294. Registration for the screening and reception requires a separate step. Please use the QR code to reserve your space at the screening. See ya there!



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING | FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Next Stewardship meeting will be April 19th @ 3:30 pm - meet in the Parish Hall. We welcome all who are interested in participating in our next Stewardship Campaign.

NEW FOLK SERVICE OFFERING | FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Beginning on Friday, April 19, St Gregory's will be offering a monthly Ceilidh service (pronounced kay-lee). Based on a Gaelic tradition of celebrating community and hospitality, a folk liturgy complete with live folk music and a meal will be offered in the Christian Education building at 6:30PM. Foot washing and hand anointing will also be available at these services for anyone who wants to take part. Any musicians that are interested in helping to provide the music for these services, as well as anyone with questions about the service, are encouraged to reach out to Wade McGlamery.

YOUNG DESIGNERS FASHION SHOW | SAT., APRIL 20

Call to fellow Gregorians! On Saturday, April 20 at 3PM, St. Gregory's will host the fashion show for the Young Designers Sewing Program. We did this last year and it was a huge success due to the generous help from our congregation. The Young Designers Sewing Program is a sewing program for girls from Gainesville Elementary School, Hillsman Middle School, and Cedar Shoals High School. The girls who participate in the program learn to sew, design patterns and fabrics in a variety of techniques, and much, much more. The program encourages leadership, life and work skills, and travel experiences. Maggie Reinberger and I (Jennifer Borg) are regular volunteers with this group. The girls have been working hard on their garments, and have included a number of surface design techniques such as Shibori, ice dyeing, kaleidoscope designs, and 3D printing.

The fashion show at St. Gregory will welcome the family members and friends of the girls as well as our congregation to see what the girls have made and where they are going next. Last year we had about 90 people for the show and I anticipate that we will have that many again this time. We will need volunteers to help with refreshments, setting up chairs, decorating, putting away chairs, and greeting visitors. The event is free, donations are happily accepted. If you can't make this event, they have another fashion show on 4/28 at the Athens Country Club which is the major fundraiser of the season.

If you can help with any part of this worthy event, please contact me, Jenifer Borg, at jeniferaborg@aol.com, 706-614-4895. Everyone is welcome!

ONGOING

HOLY EUCHARIST & HEALING SERVICE | WEDNESDAYS

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6PM (*except this Weds., April 3*) in the sanctuary for eucharist and prayers for healing.

NOTES

FREE BOOKS

The newly formed Library Committee has begun to sort through generations of books with the intention of making the offerings of the St. Gregory Library more accessible and useful to everyone. Those volumes that have seen better days and times will be placed for a week or so on the long white tables in the main area of the Education Building and made available for the taking with one rule—no bringing them back! Though you never know what might speak to you! Those books left there over a week or two will be donated to the public library. Hopefully by making some space the many hidden treasures that remain in St. Gregory's Library will be more easily seen, accessed and appreciated.

THE LITTLE RED WAGON

The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank needs pork & beans and plain white rice! Please help us fill the Little Red Wagon!

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

In memory of

Lucille West, by Jenifer Marquardt
Terry Kelley, by Sheila Kelley
Dick MacKinnon, by Sheila Kelley
Iris & Jack Moorhead, by Sheila Kelley
Jackie & Roy Kelley, by Sheila Kelley
Judy Lowe, by David Lowe
John Rives, by Diane Barret
Dwayne & Thelma Coker, by Jeff & Shelby Welch
Bill & Evelyn Welch, by Jeff & Shelby Welch
Our daughter Maggie by Rhonda and Ken Packer
Sheryl King by Rhonda and Ken Packer
Susanne Burton by Rhonda and Ken Packer
Sandra Everett, by the Lamm Family
Rita Murphy, by the Lamm Family
Susanne Burton, by Jon, Beth, and Parr Burton
Lief Carter, by Marilyn Vickers

In thanksgiving for

the love and support I have received from
members of my Schwenke and Flenniken families, by Roger Schwenke
Nathaniel, Jenny, Carlie, & Hayden Welch, by Jeff & Shelby Welch
Toni, Wes, & Bill Chapman, by Jeff & Shelby Welch
Amelia, Caley, Jeffery, & Kitty Ross, by Jeff & Shelby Welch

In honor of

Denise Glynn, by Judith & David DeJoy
Milner Ball, by June Ball

John Barrett, *Vestry Person of the Day*
Anna Thornton, *Eucharistic Minister*
June Ball, *Eucharistic Minister*
Stacie Court, *Reader*
Grayson Krause, *Crucifer*
Wade McGlamery, *2nd Crucifer*
Maggie Reinberger, *torch*
, torch
Anna Hiers, *Usher*
Jenifer Marquardt, Jennifer Caplinger,
Mary Ann Caplinger, *Altar Guild*
Flowers, *Flower Guild*
Ron Balthazor, *Live Stream*

Alleluia!

The Rev. Nikki Mathis, *Rector*
The Rev. Christina Dondero, *Deacon*
Jonathan Klein, *Choir Director & Organist*
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*

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