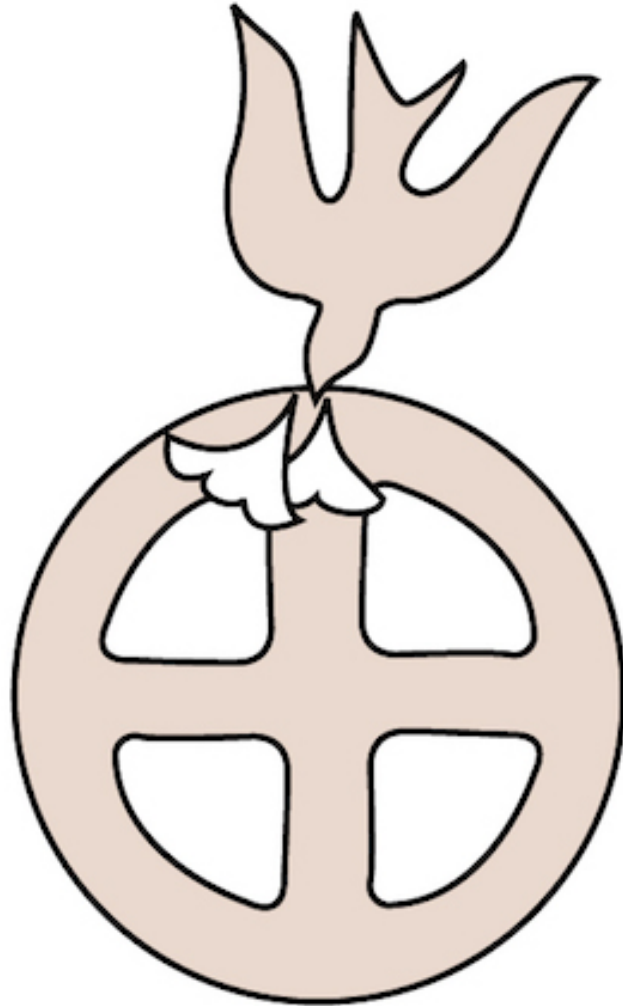


ST. GREGORY THE GREAT EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MARCH 17, 2024
LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE

10:30AM

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *

What happens when you are spiritually prepared and desire to receive communion, but can't?

Such a case is referenced by a paragraph in the 1979 Prayer Book:

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

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

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

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

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

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

OR

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

OR

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

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THE HOLY VIRTUAL EUCHARIST

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

Silent processional

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 351

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

THE DECALOGUE *(please kneel if you are able)*

BCP 350

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

The Celebrant continues

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *(Mark 12:29-31)*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 352

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Kyrie S-89

James McGregor

Unison or harmony

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-/ kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my of-/fenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my / wickedness *
and cleanse me from my / sin.
- 3 For I know my trans-/gressions, *
and my sin is ever be-/fore me.
- 4 Against you only have I / sinned *
and done what is evil in your / sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you / speak *
and upright in your / judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my / birth, *
a sinner from my mother's / womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep with-/in me, *
and will make me understand wisdom / secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be / pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean in-/deed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and / gladness, *
that the body you have broken may re-/joice.
- 10 Hide your face from my / sins *
and blot out all my in-/iquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O / God, *
and renew a right spirit with-/in me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your / presence *
and take not your holy Spirit / from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help / again *
and sustain me with your bountiful / Spirit.



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THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

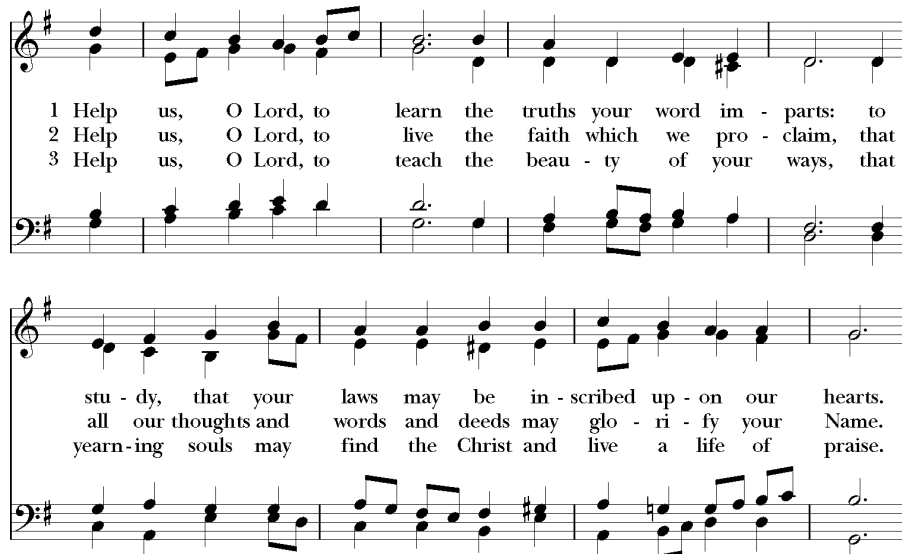
Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Sequence Hymn 628

Help us, O Lord, to learn

ST. ETHELWALD



1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

THE GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

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

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

(said by all, standing)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form I

BCP 383

The people's response to "let us pray to the Lord" is "**Lord, have mercy.**"

Final petition: *In the communion of Mary, Gregory, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.***

The Celebrant adds a Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Go Not Far From Me, O God

Nicola Zingarelli

Go not far from me, far from me, O God;

Cast me not away in the time of age.

Forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise,

That I may sing Thy glory and honor all the day long.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is 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 (say),

* **Sanctus S-129**

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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

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-169

My flesh is food indeed

Ray W. Urwin

Cantor or Choir
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
2 *Cantor or Choir* flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

All
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,
 be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;
 I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Communion Anthem

Hide Me Away

Keith Lancaster

Hide me away, O Lord (Hide me away, O Lord)
 In the day of trouble, 'neath the shadow of your wings
 Hide me away, O Lord (Hide me away, O Lord)
 Give me your peace, O Lord (Give me your peace, O Lord)
 In the day of trouble, 'neath the shadow of your wings
 Give me your peace, O Lord (Give me your peace, O Lord)
 Safe in your dwelling place (Safe in your dwelling place)
 In the day of trouble, 'neath the shadow of your wings
 Safe in your dwelling place (Safe in your dwelling place)

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.

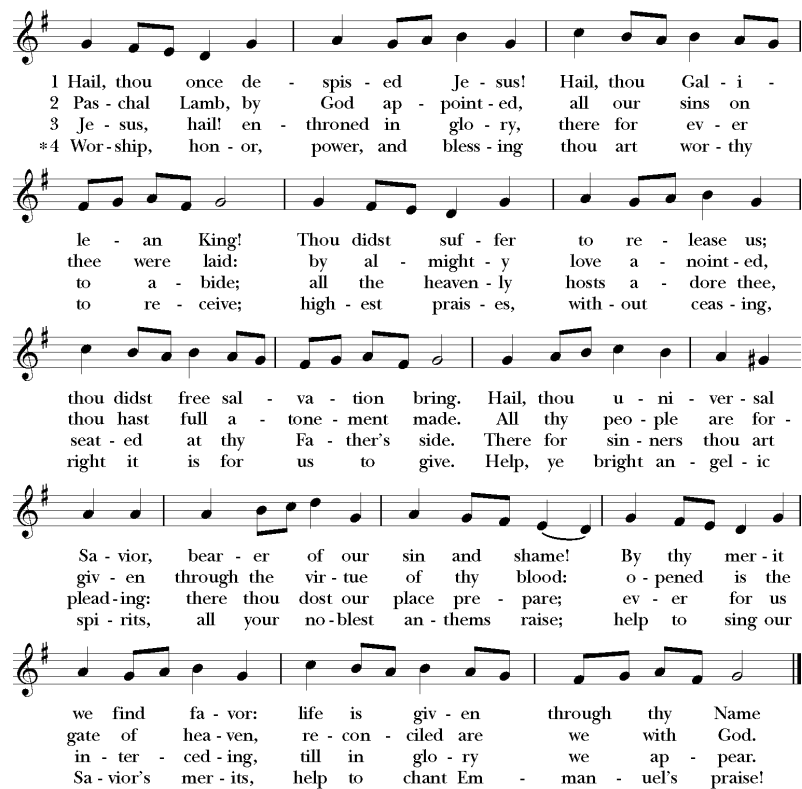
POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy

le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,

thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic

Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing; there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our

we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**



*Special thanks to all our young singers today
 under the direction of Catherine Holton and Jared Holton!*

About today's music...

Today's communion Hymn "O Jesus, I have promised" (#665) John Ernest Bode was another of those 19th century English clergymen who wrote poetry on the side - and lots of it! In 1860 he published a collection of poems, each one inspired by the particular Gospel reading designated for every Sunday and festival day of the church year. The hymn text we sing today was written for the service at which three of his children were confirmed together. He called it "Hymn for the Newly Confirmed".

The Melody to which Mr. Bode's words are set is an old Finnish folk tune of uncertain origin. It was first published in 1909 in Finland's Evangelical Lutheran Church Chorale Book. The editors of the hymnal that introduced the melody to English congregations in 1927 named the tune 'Nyland' after one of the provinces in Finland. However, the Finnish experts contend that the name ought to be 'Kourtane' instead, that being the province where the song originated they say. And, that is indeed the name Lutherians give it in their hymnal to this day.

Prayers of the People

In our Parish we pray for Cheryl Lowry, Sue Hall, 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: Beth Davis, Paul Davis, Cheryl Copeland, Jessica Severens, Dylan Severens, Margaret Agner, Bruce Copeland, Barbara Goodwin, Rhonda Packer, & Berry Rice; **and for those celebrating anniversaries:** David & Stacie Court.

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

TODAY

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Pastoral Care Committee will meet in the library right after the 10:30AM service. Anyone is welcome to join!

FLOWER GUILD MEETING

The Flower Guild will meet in the office next to Kendall's right after the 10:30AM service. We are also seeking new members! So please join us!

FAMILY PROMISE | MARCH 17-24

Family Promise is planning for a new family to enter the program and getting both duplex units occupied. Right now there is only one family. They will not need a van driver or anyone to help with children's activities during our week.

If you would like to help out with hygiene supplies of tissues, paper towels, deodorant, cleaning products and gently used washcloths and towels, you can drop these off at the church office or in the narthex in the box for Family Promise. Thank you for your care and concern for these families we have been serving and for your generosity!

THIS WEEK

LENTEN PROGRAM | FEB. 21 - MARCH 20

Adult Spiritual Formation will be offering a Wednesday evening program for Lent. The wonderful Matt Rogers will once again be leading us in Bibliodrama, this time in an exploration of the Psalms. Wednesday evenings 2/21-3/20, 6:30PM for a simple supper with the program to follow at 7PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS | WEDNESDAYS @ 5:30PM

Wednesdays February 21, 28, & March 6, 13, 20, & 27 @ 5:30PM in the Sanctuary

The stations mark Jesus' journey through the streets of Jerusalem from his arrest and trial to his crucifixion and burial. At each station, we pause for a brief reading and prayer.

NEXT WEEK

LABYRINTH | MARCH 23 - MARCH 28

The cloth labyrinth will be out in Parish Hall from Saturday, March 23 through Maundy Thursday, March 28. Please come and walk the labyrinth at your leisure, when other events are not going on in Parish Hall, during Holy Week.

EASTER LILIES DEADLINE | MONDAY, MARCH 25

If you wish to dedicate an Easter lily in honor/thanksgiving of someone living or in remembrance of someone deceased, please complete the yellow form found in your bulletin or in the narthex and leave the form and your donation in the offering plate or in Kendall's office. The suggested donation is \$15/lily. **The deadline is Monday, March 25. ** Please note the additional question we ask on the form: Would you like to keep your lily after Easter or have it given to Pastoral Care to take to one of our shut-ins? ****

COME KEEP VIGIL WITH US | THURSDAY PM -FRIDAY AM, MARCH 28-29

It is a time-worn tradition of the Triduum (the one service containing three liturgies which include Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter) to hold vigil in prayer from Thursday evening at 8PM through Friday morning at 9AM, keeping company with the suffering Christ. Sign up for the vigil in the narthex or [via this link](#).

COMING UP...

EASTER MORNING RECEPTION | SUNDAY, MARCH 31

The Parish Life Committee will host a festive reception in the Parish Hall after the 10 am service on Easter Day. The congregation is invited to bring food offerings to share, if you would like! Suggestions include cookies, small sandwiches, veggies, fruit, cheese and crackers, etc.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT | SUNDAY, MARCH 31

The Children's Ministry of St. Gregory's will be preparing our annual egg hunt for children (preschool - through 5th grade) immediately following worship on Resurrection Sunday (March 31). We are grateful for any candy donations to contribute to the event. Please leave in the copy room or give to Jenifer Marquardt on Sundays. Remember to invite friends who may have children who would like to participate. This would be a great opportunity to introduce neighbors and community members to the St. Greg's spirit!

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 PARKINSON'S 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](#).

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!

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 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.

ONGOING

HOLY EUCHARIST & HEALING SERVICE | WEDNESDAYS

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

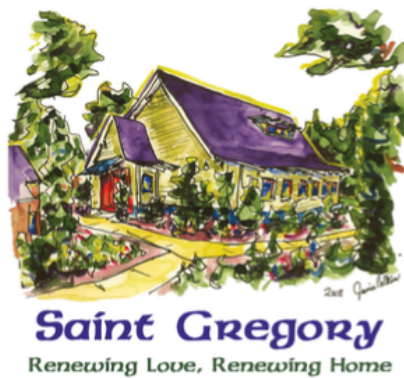
NOTES

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 boxed mac & cheese, pork & beans, dried beans, and sanitary napkins! Please help us fill the Little Red Wagon!



For more information about our Capital Campaign Improvements Campaign, please [click here](#) or use the QR code below to access our dedicated webpage



Those Who Serve

Vestry: Vicky Tavernier
Reader: Carolyn Abney (8AM)
Joyce Morehouse (10:30AM)
EMs: Jane Hudson & Karen Hankins
Crucifers: Ethan Vogt
Torches: Mariel & Julia Sanford

Flowers: Flower Guild
Altar Guild: David Lowe, Mary Ann Caplinger,
Jennifer Caplinger
Ushers: Bruce & Carole Zavitz
Counters: Lois Alworth & Katie Hein
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Vestry Person of the Day/Week: Vicky Tavernier vtavernier@aol.com



PALM SUNDAY, March 24

8am and 10:30am * Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
(8am begins in sanctuary; 10:30am begins in the courtyard)

WEDNESDAY, March 27

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
6pm Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28

7pm * Maundy Thursday Liturgy & Stripping of Altar

ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL

Thurs. 9pm - Good Fri. 11am
Jesus said, "Could you not stay awake with me one hour?"
Sign-up sheet is in the narthex for 1-hr time slots

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29

12pm Good Friday Liturgy
7pm * Good Friday Liturgy

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER, March 30

8:30pm* Festival Eucharist & Choir
starts outside with the lighting of the Paschal Candle
Please bring noisemakers, pots, pans, cowbells, airhorns, drums for the
Great Noise to ring in Easter!

EASTER DAY, March 31

10am* Festival Eucharist, Baptism, & Choir
followed by an Easter Reception
(please bring a finger food if you're able!)
& Easter Egg Hunt for children

**** (please note only 1 service on Easter morning)**

* live streaming services