

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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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)**

*\*Except where otherwise indicated, the whole of this article (with only very little amendment) is taken from the website of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where it was posted on April 5, 2020. No author was specified.*

# THE HOLY VIRTUAL EUCHARIST

## The Liturgy of the Palms

*The service begins outside in the courtyard  
or in Parish Hall in the case of rain.*

*Celebrant:* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE READING:

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

### THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*The blessed palm fronds are now distributed to all people in the congregation  
while singing Hymn 154.*

## The Procession

Deacon: *Let us go forth in peace.*  
 People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### Hymn 154

*All glory, laud, and honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Holy Eucharist The Word of God

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: *Blessed be the God of our salvation.*

People: **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn 97 LEVAS

*Ride on, King Jesus*

Negro Spiritual

Ride on, King— Je - sus, No man can - a hin - der me.

Je - sus, ride on, no man can - a 1.

Ride on, King— Je - sus, ride on, no man can - a hin - der me.

2. **Fine**

hin - der me. 1. King Je - sus rides a milk - white horse, No man works like  
2. I know that my re - deem - er lives,

*D.C.*

Him, 1. De riv - er Jor - d'n He did cross no man works like Him. Oh  
2. And of His bless - ing free - ly gives,

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 272

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

## Psalm 31:9-16



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- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in / trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my / belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with / sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are con-/ sumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my ac- /quaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they a-/void me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of / mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken / pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all a-/round; \*  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my / life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O / LORD . \*  
I have said, "You are my / God.
- 15 My times are in your / hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who / persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your / servant, \*  
and in your lovingkindness / save me."

## THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**Gospel Acclamation (choir)**

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

David Halls

Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

THE READING OF THE PASSION GOSPEL (Matthew 26:14-27:66)

*Congregation is seated for the first part of the passion narrative and stands at the place noted in the passion narrative insert. At the end of the Passion reading, all are seated for a moment of silent meditation.*

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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.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant 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.**

THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **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**

*Lamb of God*

John Reim

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.  
With your stripes we are healed.

The Lord has placed on You the iniquity of all.  
Have mercy.

The chastisement of our peace was upon You.  
You were despised, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.  
You were despised and we esteemed you not.  
Grant us peace.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.  
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, grant us peace.  
Grant us peace.

*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.**

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

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

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

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

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

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

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

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

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

**Sanctus S-125**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Richard Proulx

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

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

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

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

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



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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* Fraction Anthem S-161

*Lamb of God*

David Hurd

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

Communion Solo

*Adagio*

Tomaso Albinoni

Communion Hymn 458

*My song is love unknown*

LOVE UNKNOWN

*Unison or harmony*

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
 \*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -  
 \*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He  
 \*5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.  
 5 stead - fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

\*6 In life no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heaven was his home;  
 but mine the tomb  
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
 no story so divine:  
 never was love, dear King,  
 never was grief like thine,  
 This is my friend,  
 in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 could gladly spend.

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 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

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 474

*When I survey the wondrous cross*

ROCKINGHAM

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Prelude in C*

Louis Vierne



*Special thanks today to Josh Klein (trumpet) and Molly Schneider (violin) for their music!*

**There will be no Sunday school next Sunday, Easter Sunday.  
Join us for our one Easter Sunday service at 10AM!**

### **Prayers of the People**

**In our Parish** we pray for 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, Ben, Mobley, Scott, and Lynn.

**In thanksgiving for those celebrating their birthdays this week:** Davis Gabriel and Barbara Kuhn; **and for those celebrating anniversaries:** Kate Avinger & Gina Defalco.

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*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.*

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### **TODAY**

#### **ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS | 9:15AM**

The Right Rev. Porter Taylor (retired) will be here at the 9:15AM adult discussion group in the parish hall today to do a reading and book signing for his new book, *Are You Persuaded? In and Out of Being a Bishop*.

#### **LABYRINTH | APRIL 2 - APRIL 7**

The cloth labyrinth will be out in Parish Hall from today (after church) through Good Friday, April 7. Please come and walk the labyrinth at your leisure, when other events are not going on in Parish Hall, during Holy Week.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **COME KEEP VIGIL WITH US | THURSDAY PM -FRIDAY AM, APRIL 6-7**

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 is here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445A8AB2FA6FC1-prayer> Click the "Sign Up" button for each slot and then click "Save and Continue" to enter your name and email. Please sign up for as many slots as you like. You may also email Ron Balthazor at [ron.balthazor@gmail.com](mailto:ron.balthazor@gmail.com) to sign up.

#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

The Holy Week schedule can be found toward the back of your bulletin.

### **THE GREAT NOISE**

We welcome Easter with a joyful Great Noise! The Great Noise announces the magnificent moment of the Resurrection! Please bring your noisemakers, like bells, pot lids and wooden spoons, rattles, hand-drums, etc. from home for the Great Noise at the Easter Vigil!

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT | SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

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 (April 9). We are grateful for any donations to contribute to the event. This year, we would gratefully receive these donations:

- **Candy!** You are welcome to drop off any candy at the church. You can leave candy in the workroom across the hall from Kendall's office, or, if you bring it on Sunday, you can give it to Doug Adkins, Jenifer Borg, or Jenifer Marquardt.
- **Baskets!** We are trying to collect a number of Easter baskets that can be used over the years for any children who may want to hunt eggs but forgot to bring a basket. If you have any baskets that are no longer used, we would gladly receive

them and keep them stored in our supply closet. You can leave any donated basket in the copy room near the candy, or give it to Doug.

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!

### **EASTER MORNING RECEPTION | APRIL 9**

The Parish Life Committee will host a festive reception in the Parish Hall after the 10AM service on Easter Day. The committee will furnish a cake, but we would welcome food offerings from the congregation! Suggestions include cookies, small sandwiches, veggies, fruit, cheese and crackers, etc. Please note that we will use disposable items at this event because no one wants to spend their Easter Sunday afternoon doing dishes; however, we are committed to being as environmentally responsible as possible in the future.

### **COMING UP ...**

### **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.

### **NOTES**

#### **EASTER LILIES**

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 Tuesday, April 4. \*\* 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? \*\***

#### **RESURRECTION OF PARISH LIFE!**

Maggie Reinberger and Shelby Welch are vestry liaisons for Parish Life, and now we are looking to form a committee! After 3 years of inactivity we are ready to start celebrating our life together. The Parish Life Committee is responsible for receptions; for special occasions, including baptisms, funerals, and parish celebrations. Committee members organize, set up and clean up after events. Not every member will have to participate in every event, or in every aspect of the events. Our first event will be a reception after the Easter Sunday service on April 9. If you are interested in supporting this committee, please contact one of us, Maggie Reinberger, 706-338-1471, mmreinberger@gmail.com, or Shelby Welch, 706-224-2835, scwelch@windstream.net.



# HOLY WEEK

## WEDNESDAY, April 5

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

## MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 6

\*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?"*  
*See announcement above for sign-up link*

## GOOD FRIDAY, April 7

12pm Good Friday Liturgy  
\*7pm Good Friday Liturgy

## THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER, April 8

\*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, April 9

\*10am Festival Eucharist & 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 streamed services

## Those Who Serve

Vestry: John Barrett  
Readers: Roger Schwenke & Porter Welch  
Passion Readers: Roger Schwenke, Barbara Kuhn, Annette Bates, Shelby Welch, Dutton Morehouse, Joyce Morehouse, Anna Thornton, Porter Welch  
EMs: David Stooksbury & Lin Kromhout  
Crucifers:

Torches:  
Flowers: The Flower Guild  
Altar Guild: Barbara Dean, Lin Kromhout, Susanne Burton, Jenifer Marquardt  
Ushers: Anna Hiers & Bruce Zavitz  
Counters: Mark Reinberger & Jane Hudson  
Livestream: Pete Nicholls

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