

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MARCH 24, 2023
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 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:

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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 156

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

THE KING'S MAJESTY



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and
 5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his
 2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -
 3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering
 4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire
 5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal



1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

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)

Ride On, King Jesus

Arr. Philip Kern

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can a-hinder me.
For He's the King of kings, He's the Lord of lords.
Jesus Christ, the First and Last, no man works like Him.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, no man can a-hinder me.
King Jesus rides on a milk white horse, no man works like Him.
The river of Jordan He did cross, no man works like Him.
King Jesus rides in the middle of the air, no man works like Him.
He calls the saints from ev'rywhere, no man works like Him.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, no man can a-hinder me.
For He's the King of kings, He's the Lord of lords.
Jesus Christ, the First and Last, no man works like Him.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, no man can a-hinder me.
No man can a-hinder me!

THE READING OF THE PASSION GOSPEL (Mark 14:1-15:47)

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.

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

Thou Wast O God

Tallis/Arr. Clarke

Thou wast, O God, and Thou wast blest, Before the World began,
Of thine eternity possessed. Before time's hourglass ran.
Thou needest none Thy praise to sing, As if thy joy could fade;
Could'st Thou have needed anything, Thou could'st have nothing made.
Great and good God it pleaseth Thee Thy Godhead to declare;
And what Thy goodness did decree Thy greatness did prepare.
Thou spoke and heav'n and earth appeared, And answered to Thy call;
As if their maker's voice they heard, which is the creature's all.
To whom, Lord, should I sing, but Thee, The maker of my tongue?
Lord, other lords would seize on me, But I to Thee belong,
As waters haste into the sea, And earth into its earth.
So let my soul return to Thee, From whom it had its birth.

Josh Klein, trumpet

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

BCP 372

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-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

Communion Hymn 158

Ah, holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -
 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty
 1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

Refrain
 of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

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.

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: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Hassler/Arr.Lanier



Special thanks to Josh Klein for his music today!

Join us for our one Easter Sunday service at 10AM!

About today's music...

It's not often that the authorship of a medieval poem can be ascribed with any degree of certainty; but it seems to have happened in the case of hymn #154. There seems no doubt that the 38-stanza Latin poem from which the text is derived was actually written by Theodulph, bishop of Orleans in the year 814. Theodulph was a great favorite of Charlemagne; but when his benefactor died and was succeeded by son Louis (aka "the Pious"), Theodulph was accused of being complicit in a plot to overthrow Louis and was sent to prison. Chances are that, despite myths to the contrary, he spent the rest of his life either locked-up or in exile. John Mason Neale first translated the poem in 1854, using six verses as a hymn text. He revised his work in 1861 and wisely omitted verse 10, which read: "Ve Thou, O Lord, the Rider/And we this little ass /That to God's holy city / Together we may pass."

The melody to which we sing these words was composed by a German clergyman, Melchior Teschner, to be used with words written by a colleague of his as a hymn for the dying -- this was no doubt prompted by the terrible devastation caused by the plagues in 1631 in Europe. .

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: Maggie Reinberger, Evan Lewis, Jill Crandall, Miles Peck, Bernice Clark, Viviane Van Giesen, Mick Gilbert, Randall Abney, and Ann Stoneburner.

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

GUIDED LABYRINTH WALK | 6:30PM

You are invited to join a guided labyrinth walk tonight, from 6:30-8:30PM in Parish Hall. Piano meditation provided by Dr. Grace Huang.

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.

THIS WEEK

EASTER LILIES DEADLINE TOMORROW

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 Sign-Up Genius online (link found in weekly email).

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

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!

COMING UP ...

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Kendall will be out of the office from Monday, April 1 - Thursday, April 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 | 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, *except Weds, April 3.*

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, boxed mac & cheese, and cold breakfast cereals! Please help us fill the Little Red Wagon!



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

Those Who Serve

Vestry: Shelby Welch
Readers: Anna Thornton
Passion Readers: Dutton Morehouse, Roger Schwenke, Annette Bates, Joyce Morehouse, Paula Sanford, June Ball, Shelby Welch,
EMs: June Ball & Beth Thornton
Crucifers: Charlotte Lamm & Roger Schwenke

Torches: Aiden & Warren Lamm
Flowers: The Flower Guild
Altar Guild: Polishing Team, Carol Flenniken, Lin Kromhout, Anna Thornton
Counters: Angela Greene & Katie Reinberger
Livestream: Jeff Welch

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