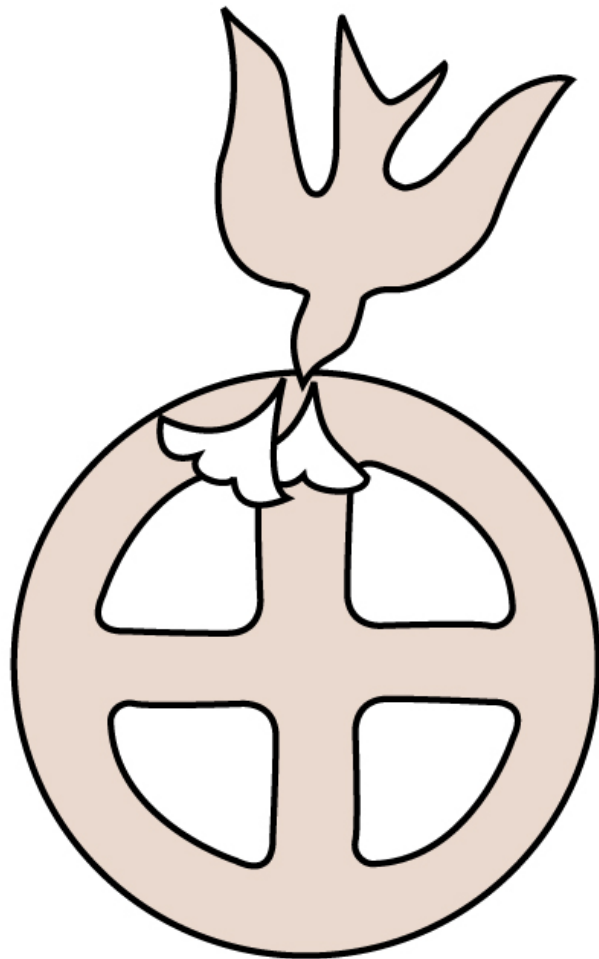


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT EPISCOPAL CHURCH



OCTOBER 15, 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)**

*\*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 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 23

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

Processional Hymn 556

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart!*

MARION

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while  
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from  
5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King,  
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.  
re - joice, re - joice,

\*6 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
Jerusalem the blest.

*Refrain*

\*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high  
the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 351

Celebrant: *Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your

fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

### Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

- 1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is /good, \*  
for his mercy endures for /ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the /Lord \*  
or show forth all his /praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with /justice \*  
and always do what is /right!
- 4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your /people, \*  
and visit me with your saving /help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your /people, \*  
that I may glory with your in-/heritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears /did; \*  
we have done wrong and dealt /wickedly.
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at /Horeb \*  
and worshiped a molten /image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their /Glory \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on /grass.
- 21 They forgot God their /Savior, \*  
who had done great things in /Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of /Ham, \*  
and fearful things at the Red /Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the /breach, \*  
to turn away his wrath from con-/suming them.



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### THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -  
 2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when  
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the  
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and

*Refrain*

tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift  
 keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.  
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

1-3  
 up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -

*Final Ending*

joyce! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a -

gain I say, re - joyce!

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON: The Rev. Nikki Mathis

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

*(said by all)*

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.

## 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV

BCP 388

*The congregational response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."*

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE PEACE

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

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

*Rejoice in the Lord always*

Henry Purcell

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice!  
Be careful for nothing;  
but in ev'ry thing by pray'r and supplication with thanksgiving  
let your requests be made known unto God.  
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice!

*Jill Crandall, conductor*

### Presentation Hymn 11 v. 4

*Doxology*

MORNING HYMN

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
2 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis -  
3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
\*4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
I de - sign, or do, or say; that all my powers, with  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice:  
thought and will, and with thy - self my spi - rit fill.  
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a Proper Preface is said*)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

\* **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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People* **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.



Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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-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 Hymn 317

*This is the hour of banquet and of song*

MORESTEAD

1 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;  
 3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,  
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,  
 yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,  
 here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long  
 the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our  
 days giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal  
 joy,  
 the brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.  
 thou still art here with us— our Shield and Sun.  
 the Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

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.

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn 569

God the Omnipotent!

RUSSIA

1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! King, who or - dain - est  
 2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth hath for - sak - en  
 3 God the All - right - eous One! earth hath de - fied thee;  
 4 God the All - prov - i - dent! earth by thy chas - tening

thun - der thy clar - ion, the light - ning thy sword;  
 thy ways all ho - ly, and slight - ed thy word;  
 yet to e - ter - ni - ty stand - eth thy word,  
 yet shall to free - dom and truth be re - stored;

show forth thy pi - ty on high where thou reign - est:  
 bid not thy wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:  
 false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side thee:  
 through the thick dark - ness thy king - dom is haste - ning:

give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
 give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
 give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
 thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



*A little about Today's Music...*

*The opening hymn this morning, 'Rejoice, ye pure in heart!', is the work of William Plumptre, an English clergyman of great versatility who was widely known as a translator and as a writer of Biblical criticism, history, biography, and poetry. He wrote this poem - originally at least ten verses long- for a choir festival in 1865. Henry Messiter, who composed the melody, Marion, in 1883, set it to these words ten years later. He emigrated from England to the United States in 1863 and was organist and choir master at Trinity Church, New York, for 31 years.*

## Prayers of the People

**In our Parish** we pray for Cecil Hudson, Olivia Carlisle, Carol Whitson, Peter Rice, Jean Estes, Elmer Clark, Nancy Carter, Randy Harrelson, Teri Bouknecht, Kara Russe, Jamaica Miller, Ellen Kappel, Susan Dunn & family, David Kirshenblatt, Cayden Mitchell, Bill Alworth, Stephen Morris, Barbara Johnson, Sue Bush, Janice Rusk, Jennifer Polzin, Susan Williams, Pat MacKinnon, Shelby Welch, Don Downie, Angie Defalco, Ken Packer, Jonah, Michael, Rachel, Christy, Rosina, Eliot, Patricia, Ben, Mobley, Scott, and Lynn.

**In thanksgiving for those celebrating their birthday this week:** Nathan Weinmeister, Kelly Black, Roger Schwenke, Adrienne Freeman, Deirdre Murray, Carolyn Ingle, and Anna Thornton.

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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

### CHURCH PICNIC

Who doesn't love a picnic - especially an ant-free picnic? Today, after the 10:30AM service, we'll welcome newcomers and not-so-newcomers (there was this pandemic thing...), we'll celebrate the school year being in full swing, we'll sing praise to autumnal weather, but mostly we'll eat, and talk, and greet, and meet, and do we really need an excuse for that? Bring a side dish or a dessert if you'd like, and the Parish Life Committee will provide the mains and drinks. See you there!

## NEXT WEEK

### PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING | SUNDAY, OCT. 22

Although it was originally on the calendar for today, Pastoral Care Committee will meet NEXT Sunday, Oct. 22 in the library immediately following the 10:30AM service. All are welcome!

## COMING UP...

### INGATHERING SUNDAY | SUNDAY, OCT. 29

The Estimate-of-Giving and Ministry Interest Forms can be found in the narthex. Ingathering Sunday will be Sunday, October 29, although you may turn in your forms early in the offering plate or under Kendall's office door.

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT & HALLOWEENIE ROAST | SUNDAY, OCT. 29; 5-7:30PM

Make plans to join the St. Gregory's family for a fun Halloween fellowship. The evening will consist of supper (church will provide hotdogs, drinks, and s'more makings; please bring a side such as slaw, potato salad to share!), carved/painted pumpkins, pumpkin carols, & trunk-or-treating! If it rains, we'll move the trunk-or-treat inside. **In Preparation:** All Gregorians are encouraged to bring your Halloween treats of choice to distribute from your own car trunk in the parking lot. If you don't have a trunk, we will give you an assigned space to hand out your goodies. Remember: we are a peanut-free parish. Carve or paint your own pumpkin to bring for the pumpkin display. Plan on bringing your side dish. Invite your friends and neighbors!

### LABYRINTH | OCT. 30 - NOV. 4

You are invited to walk St. Gregory's Labyrinth in the parish hall Monday, October 30 through Saturday November 4 in honor and remembrance of All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day. The labyrinth offers you the opportunity to "put feet on your prayers." Experience a walking meditation that connects your mind, body and spirit.

### FEAST OF ALL SAINTS | SUNDAY, NOV. 5

Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist and Feast of All Saints at both services.

## **BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES: REPARATIONS FOR LINNENTOWN | NOV. 5**

The next Brown Bag Lecture will be held at St. Gregory's on Sunday, Nov. 5 in the Parish Hall right after the 10:30AM service. Please join us for Alys Willman's presentation on Athens Reparations Action, a project committed to repairing harm from urban renewal and other racist policies incurred by the former Linnentown community.

## **ONGOING**

### **CLOTHING DRIVE | OCT. 1 - NOV. 3**

Every Fall, St. Gregory's sponsors a parish-wide clothes drive to support our neighbor, Barnett Shoals Elementary School. This year, we are seeking donations, in the following prioritized order, to replenish the school's clothes closet:

- boys' pants/sweatpants/shorts -all sizes, youth XS-XL
- girls' pants/shorts/leggings -all sizes, youth XS-XL
- boys' and girls' underwear -all sizes, XS- XL
- boys' and girls' shirts -all sizes, XS-XL (can include t-shirts in multi-packs, not necessarily gendered)

*Boys' and girls' pants may include new and gently-used, clean items.*

Donations will be collected from **Sunday, October 1 through Friday, November 3**, in the boxes located in the lobby of the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Eilers, [eilersgail@gmail.com](mailto:eilersgail@gmail.com), or Jane Sheridan, [jsheridan@friendlycity.net](mailto:jsheridan@friendlycity.net). Thank you, in advance, for your support.

### **HOLY EUCHARIST & HEALING SERVICE | WEDNESDAYS**

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

### **BLINDSPOT GROUP | THURSDAYS**

Our 20s and 30s group meets on the last Thursday of each month (**Oct. 26 this month!**) at 6:30PM for dinner and a small group study (usually off-site of the church). We also meet at least once a month for game nights, dinner and drinks, movie nights, and more. Newcomers are always welcome! Contact Wade McGlamery, 770-624-4837 for more information.

## **NOTES**

### **HELP**

HELP! The Buildings and Grounds Committee will begin cleaning out the fenced-in area next to the Christian Education Building soon so that the HVAC equipment can be reached for maintenance. If you, your committee or any church function with which you are involved has items stored in that area, please see that they are removed immediately! Anything left there when work begins (hopefully by the end of October) will be hauled away. If you need help or have questions, please contact Mark Reinberger or Gail Eilers. Thanks.

### **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS**

Community Christmas of Oglethorpe County is gearing up for their annual toy and clothing drive! But in addition to and prior to that, they are in need of funds in November to help qualifying families pay their bills in December so hopefully they have a bit left over for Christmas! Thanks to neighbors like you, in 2022 they provided Christmas gifts and assistance plus emergency funds throughout the year totaling \$93,552 to 412 children from 175 Oglethorpe County families. The amount of aid needed was up 16% from 2021, and the number served increased by 94 children. Financial donations can be made online at their website, [www.CommunityChristmasOglethorpe.org](http://www.CommunityChristmasOglethorpe.org), dropped off at The Commercial Bank in Crawford, or mailed to 143 Bowen Farm Road, Crawford, GA 30630. There are many more details on the webpage.

### **NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED**

The nursery is in need of two (2) more weekly staff members. We need two responsible teenagers or kind adults that would be interested in taking the Safeguarding God's Children certification program, doing the background check and are current with their CPR & First Aid. The hours are 9am - 12pm each Sunday. We could also have volunteers rotating if they take the training and pass the background check.

### **THE LITTLE RED WAGON**

The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank needs paper bags, canned tuna, canned tomatoes, and cooked cereals (i.e. grits, oatmeal)! Please help us fill the Little Red Wagon!

## Those Who Serve

Vestry: LeeAnne Krause  
Reader: Karen Radde (8AM);  
Roger Schwenke (10:30AM)  
EMs: Jane Hudson & David Stooksbury  
Crucifers: Charlotte Lamm & Rainsly Vogt  
Torches: Warren & Aiden Lamm

Flowers: Kris Braman  
Altar Guild: Jennifer Caplinger, Mary Ann  
Caplinger, David Lowe  
Ushers: Anthony & Deb Garner  
Counters: Lois Alworth & Katie Hein  
Livestream: Ron Balthazor

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