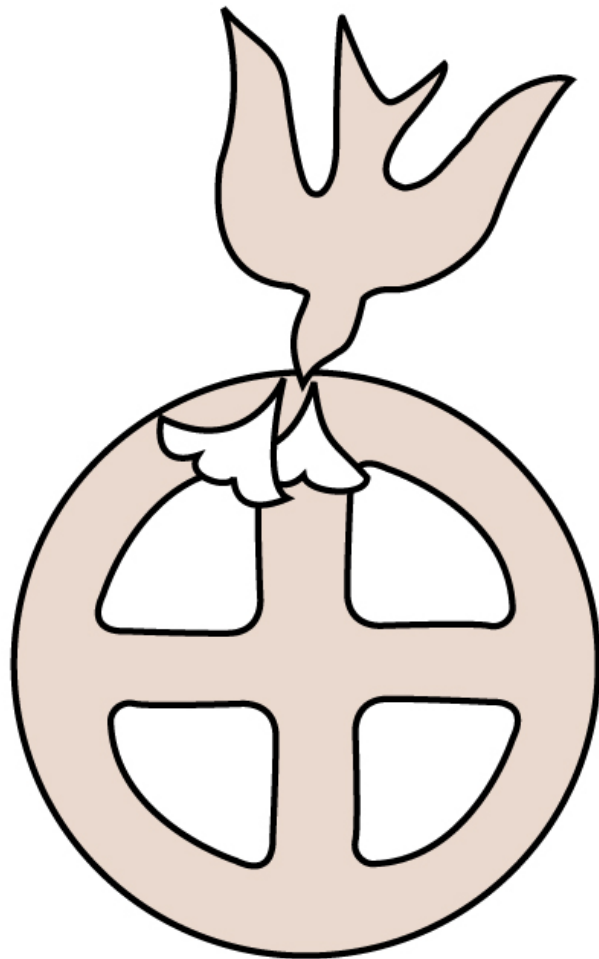


ST. GREGORY THE GREAT EPISCOPAL CHURCH



OCTOBER 22, 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 21st Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on 'Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Johann Krüger

Processional Hymn 377

All people that on earth do dwell

OLD 100TH

Unison or harmony

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
*5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly
5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - joice.
2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.
5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

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.

BCP Rite Two, p.356 $\text{♩} = 76$ Richard Rasch

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99



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- 1 The Lord is King; let the people / tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth / shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in / Zion; *
he is high above all / peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and / awesome; *
he is the Holy / One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established / equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in / Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his / footstool; *
he is the Holy / One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his / Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he / answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of / cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he / gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them in-/deed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil / deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy / hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy / One.

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

Thanks be to God.

1. I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
 2. In my tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my
 3. In my sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); All a -
 2. tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When the
 3. sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When my

1. long my _____ pil - grim jour - ney, _____ Lord, I want
 2. shades of _____ life _____ are fall - ing, _____ Lord, I want
 3. heart with - in _____ is ach - ing, _____ Lord, I want

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 2. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 3. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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.

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

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

O Sing Unto the Lord

Hans Leo Hassler

O sing unto the Lord, sing Him a new song;
 O sing unto the Lord, all the earth;
 O sing unto the Lord!
 O sing unto the Lord, blessing His holy name.
 Declare His glory in ev'ry nation,
 show forth His salvation from day to day;
 Declare his glory to the nations, and to all people;
 Declare to all people now His marvelous glory;
 Show His marvelous glory.

Presentation Hymn 56 LEVAS

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

John Hatton

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise Him all creatures, here below,
 Praise Him above ye heavenly 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

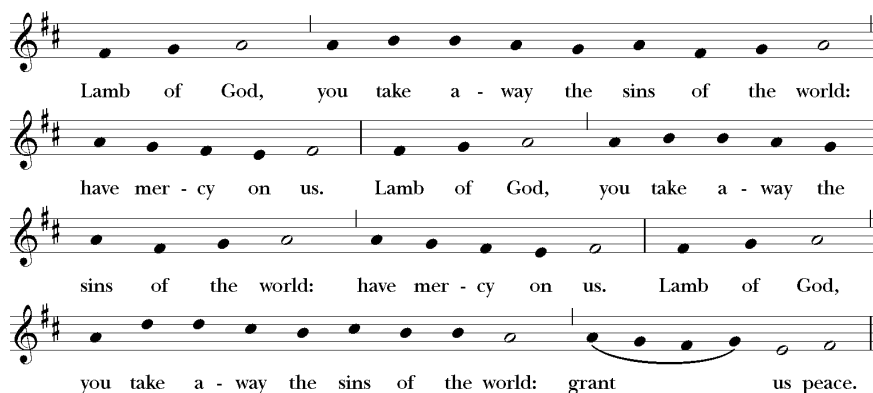
BCP 364

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 689

I sought the Lord

FAITH



1 I sought the Lord, and af - ter - ward I knew he
2 Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine en - fold; I
3 I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole of
moved my soul to seek him, seek - ing me; it was not
walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea; 'twas not so
love is but my an - swer, Lord, to thee; for thou wert
I that found, O Sa - vior true; no, I was found of thee.
much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.
long be - fore-hand with my soul, al - ways thou lov - edst me.

Communion Hymn 314

Humbly I adore thee

ADORO DEVOTE

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,
 who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:
 lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,
 tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

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 544

Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun

DUKE STREET

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar
 1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throug to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with
 1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



*The altar flowers are dedicated to the honor and glory of God,
and in gratitude for her daughter-in-law, Beth,
our families, and our fellow church members,
by Susanne Burton.*

A little about Today's Music...

Tradition and innovation have a momentous meeting in "Jesus shall reign." It was written by the Puritan minister Isaac Watts (1674-1748) in 1719. Watts felt constricted by the practice of singing Old Testament hymns (the Psalms) to express a New Testament faith, and preceded in this revolutionary hymn to do something about it.

Watts based the hymn on Psalm 72 and translated the "King" of the psalm to mean the "King Jesus," and thus changes for all time the course of English hymnody. He is credited with well over three hundred hymns including "O God, our help in ages past," "Joy to the world," and "When I survey the wondrous cross." A monument in his memory stands in Westminster Abbey, London.

The tune "Duke Street" is the work of John Hatton who named the tune for the street on which he lived in England. Very little is known about Hatton, but he was most likely a Presbyterian, and the story goes that he met his demise in a stagecoach accident.

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: Katie Hein, Hannah Scarbrough, Warren Lamm, Aiden Lamm, Jason Vogt, Dolores Holt, Bruce Bowman, Carole Zavitz, Raymond Hoover, Barbara Dean, Deborah Miller, & Dona Conway; **and for those celebrating anniversaries:** Scott & Beth Thornton.

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

TODAY

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING | SUNDAY, OCT. 22

Pastoral Care Committee will meet today in the library immediately following the 10:30AM service. All are welcome!

NEXT WEEK

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!

COMING UP ...

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.

SWEENEY TODD | NOV. 16-19

Athens Creative Theatre (ACT) presents Sweeney Todd at the Morton Theatre in downtown Athens Thursday, November 16 through Sunday, November 19. (*Melinda Jones & Kendall Kookogey and the rest of the Bono gang are performing!*) Sweeney Todd (with Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Hugh Wheeler), is the unsettling tale of a Victorian-era barber who returns home to London after fifteen years of exile to take revenge on the corrupt judge who ruined his life. Show times are Thursday-Saturday at 7:30pm and Sunday at 3:00pm. Tickets are now on sale online at www.mortontheatre.com, by phone at 706-613-3771, or in person at the Morton Theatre Box Office located at 195 W. Washington Street Mondays through Fridays from 12n-4pm.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES | DECEMBER - JANUARY

Confirmation classes will begin Sunday, December 3, immediately following the 10:30AM service, in the Parish Hall. If you're interested in being confirmed, reaffirmed, received, an adult wishing to be baptized, or you'd just like to learn more about the Episcopal Church, please come! We'll meet on the following dates, leading up to confirmation during the Bishop's visit in February: Dec. 3, 10, 17 and Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 28.

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, or Jane Sheridan, 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, 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: John Bray
Reader: Michael Castengera (8AM);
Lois Alworth (10:30AM)
EMs: Karen Hankins & Beth Thornton
Crucifers:
Torches:

Flowers: Maryann Cox
Altar Guild: Carol Schwenke, Lin Kromhout, Nancy
Watson, Jenifer Marquardt
Ushers: Mark & Ellen Richardson
Counters: Angela Greene & Katie Reinberger
Livestream: Alec Nelson

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Peachy Green Clean Co-op Sexton

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Vestry Person of the Day/Week: John Bray *johnpatrickbray@gmail.com*

