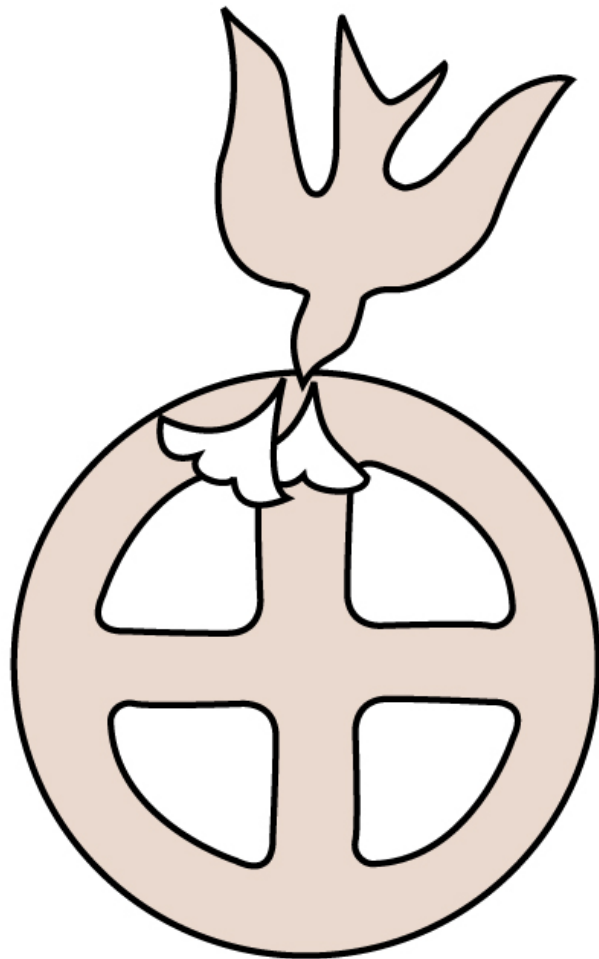


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT EPISCOPAL CHURCH



OCTOBER 29, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prelude**

*Kirche Sarabande in D Minor*

G. F. Handel

**Processional Hymn 375**

*Give praise and glory unto God*

DU LEBENSBRÖT

*Unison or harmony*



1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;  
2 The host of hea - ven prais - eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;  
3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er - more sus - tain - eth;  
his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious - ness con -  
and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing  
he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er  
fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his  
pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that  
wan - eth. Through all his king - dom's wide do - main, his  
com - fort all my an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.  
do - eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.  
right - eous - ness and jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

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.

# Gloria

## Glory to God

Richard Rasch

INTRO

Glor - y 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 - Fa - 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  
Fa - 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 fa - 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 Fa -  
ther. A men!

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17



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- 1 Lord, you have been our / refuge \*  
from one generation to a-/nother.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were / born, \*  
from age to age you are / God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and / say, \*  
"Go back, O child of / earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is / past \*  
and like a watch in the / night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a / dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the / grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and / flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and / withered.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you / tarry? \*  
be gracious to your / servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the / morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our / life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you a-/fflicted us \*  
and the years in which we suffered ad-/versity.
- 16 Show your servants your / works \*  
and your splendor to their /children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be up-/on us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our / handiwork.

## THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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



1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy  
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy  
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -  
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.  
bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*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**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Derek Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.  
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.  
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heav'n can boast.  
Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be Thine!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

*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:

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.

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.**



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion Hymn 517

How lovely is thy dwelling place

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to  
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a  
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with  
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -  
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and  
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till  
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and  
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose  
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in  
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.  
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.  
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.  
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

Communion Hymn 74 LEVAS

*Jesu, Jesu*

Ghana Folk Song

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

*Fine*

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

*D.C.*

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
5. feet, this is the way we should live with you.

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 551

*Rise up! ye saints of God!*

FESTAL SONG

- 1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
- 2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
- 3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong,  
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

## THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Passacaglia*

G. F. Handel



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### *About Today's Music...*

*One can't help but wonder what William Pierson Merrill would think about what "they" have done to his song (closing hymn 551). When Merrill wrote this poem in 1911, the first three verses all started out with "Rise up, O men of God" and the third verse continued "The Church for you doth wait / Her strength unequal to her task / Rise up, and make her great!". Hymnal editors objected to these lyrical leanings as early as the 1920 and now it has simply been altered or left out completely. However, the core of Merrill's poem-text endured and was set to 12 different tunes 24 years before finally finding its happy home with William H. Walter's tune "Festal Song" used today.*

*PS. Today's Gloria was written by Richard Rasch who is the son-in-law of our very own Dutton & Joyce Morehouse. Rasch and is a cartographer, audio engineer and graphic designer and has composed a variety of liturgical music. He lives in St. Paul, MN with his wife Alison.*

## Prayers of the People

**In our Parish** we pray for Cecil Hudson, Peter Rice, Jean Estes, Elmer Clark, Nancy Carter, Randy Harrelson, Teri Bouknecht, Kara Russe, 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:** Amanda Aycock, Ellen Gibson, David Lowe, and Simeon Bjork; **and for those celebrating anniversaries:** Britt & Adrienne Freeman.

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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

### INGATHERING SUNDAY

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

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT & HALLOWEENIE ROAST | 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!

## THIS WEEK

### **ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE & MEMORIAL GARDEN | OCT. 29 - NOV. 5**

*Rest eternal, grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

All Saint's Day is the time in the liturgical year when we pause to celebrate the lives of those saints who have gone before us; loved ones who made us who we are today. Lane Norton has placed votive candles in our Memorial Garden, They will be there 10/29-11/5 for anyone who may like to come and light a candle in memory of someone. There are matches provided in a ziplock bag for you to use. Please remember to extinguish the candle(s) before you leave.

### **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.

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

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.

### **DIA DE LOS MUERTOS | THURSDAY, NOV. 2**

Emmanuel Episcopal invites everyone to Dia de los Muertos on Thursday, Nov 2 at 7PM. Come enjoy Bilingual Eucharist, followed by a potluck and mariachi band!

## NEXT WEEK

### **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.

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE | NOVEMBER 5-12**

St. Gregory's is holding a special Thanksgiving food drive for the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank during the week of November 5-12. Please bring donations on any time during the week or on either of the 2 Sundays. Donations brought during the week/Sat. may be left in the entryway hall of the office building. The following foods have been suggested:

Canned pumpkin	Turkey Gravy
Cranberry Sauce	Chicken Broth
Fresh or Canned Sweet	French Fried Onions
Potatoes	Mushroom Soup
Stuffing Mix	Salty, Savory Snack Foods

## COMING UP ...

### **FAMILY PROMISE | NOV. 12-18**

St. Gregory's next and last week to participate in Family Promise this year is November 12-18. You will have opportunities to cook a supper or to serve as a host at the shelter at Milledge Avenue Baptist church. This organization helps families become self sufficient. This is a way we can share God's love in the world. **Here is the sign-up link so you can select the date you want to help:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca5aa29a4fe3-2022#/> For questions, please contact Annette Bates at [bateskannette@gmail.com](mailto:bateskannette@gmail.com) or 706-255-2539.

### **SWEENEY TODD | NOV. 16-19 (ALMOST SOLD OUT)**

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](http://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

### **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 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

### **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.

### **ONE MORE NURSERY WORKER NEEDED**

We found 1! but the nursery would still love 1 more weekly staff member. This person should be a responsible teenager or kind adult that would be interested in having a background check, completing a short Safeguarding training online, 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 canned corn, mac-and-cheese, and saltines! Please help us fill the Little Red Wagon!

## Those Who Serve

Vestry: John Barrett  
Reader: Stacie Court (8AM);  
Joyce Morehouse (10:30AM)  
EMs: Roger Schwenke & Karen Hankins  
Crucifers: Charlotte Lamm  
Torches: Aiden & Warren Lamm

Flowers: Rhonda Hefner-Packer  
Altar Guild: Berni McCranie, Susanne Burton  
Ushers: Anthony & Deb Garner  
Counters: Gail Eilers & Alice Mohor  
Livestream: Jeff Welch

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