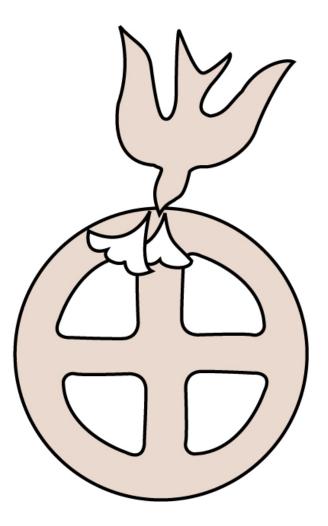
# St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church



JUNE 11, 2023 Live Streamed on <u>YouTube</u>

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 by 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 Second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 5

# THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

**Processional Hymn 372** 

Praise to the living God!

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### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Celebrant:Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.People:And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

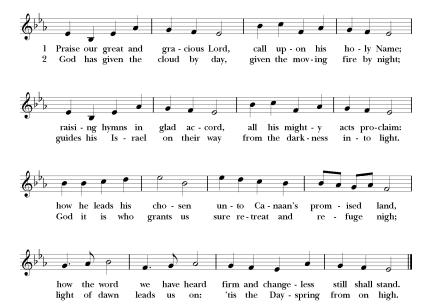
#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 351

BCP 355

Praise our great and gracious Lord



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb

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

#### Psalm 33:1-12 (spoken)

1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; \* it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the Lord with the harp; \* play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; \* sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the Lord is right, \* and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; \* the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, \* by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \* and stores up the depths of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; \* let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; \* he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; \* he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, \* and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \* happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

#### THE SECOND READING

#### Romans 4:13-25

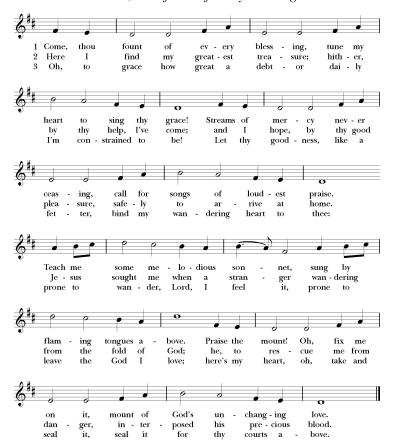
The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

#### Sequence Hymn 686

#### *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just

died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Doug Adkins

### THE NICENE CREED

#### (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.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The congregational response to "O gracious God" 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** Day by day Martin How Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day. Presentation Hymn 380, vs. 3 Doxology OLD 100TH Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise him, all creatures here below: Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3 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.

Enriching Our Worship 1

**BCP 358** 

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create in a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed , and ] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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-164

#### Jesus, Lamb of God

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THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Franz Schubert

**BCP 364** 

### **Communion Hymn 706**

In your mercy, Lord

HALTON HOLGATE

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### 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 366

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

#### **Closing Hymn 493**

O for a thousand tongues to sing

0 thou - sand tongues to dear Re deem - er's praise, 1 for a sing my 2 My Mas - ter God. gra cious and mv as sist me to pro - claim -3 Je sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease; 4 He lis - tening the dead speaks; and, to his voice, new life re - ceive, 5 Hear him, deaf; voice - less ones, your loos-ened tongues em - ploy; ye ye 8 0 0 P σ σ his grace! the ries of God and King, the tri-umphs of 1 glo my 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name. life and health and peace. 3 'tis mu sic in the sin - ner's ears. 'tis 4 the mourn - ful bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve. 5ve blind, be hold, your Sa vior comes; and leap, ve lame, for jov! 0

> Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon:Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.People:Thanks be to God.

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Special thanks to Joanna Elder for her music this morning! \* \* \*

The altar flowers this morning are dedicated by Susanne Burton to the honor and glory of God and in thanksgiving for her son, Jon, and for family, friends, & fellow church members.

# Prayers of the People

In our Parish we pray for Roger Swagler, Alice Castengera, Susan Dunn & family, David Kirshenblatt, Cayden Mitchell, Billy Hale, Bill Alworth, Stephen Morris, Barbara Johnson, Sue Bush, Janice Rusk, Jennifer Polzin, Susan Williams, Dan Williams, Pat MacKinnon, Shelby Welch, Don Downie, Olivia Carlisle, Angie Defalco, Ken Packer, Rosina, Eliot, Patricia, Ben, Mobley, Scott, and Lynn.

In thanksgiving for those celebrating their birthday this week: Simone Coppins, Jane Armistead, Jeffery Ross, Cindy Vail, Jared Holton, Lewis Heald, Angela Lankford, Caley Ross, Jennie Sturgis, Denise Everson, Jud Davis, and John Russe; and for those celebrating anniversaries: John & Linda Barrett.

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**

# OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

The Outreach Committee will meet today in the library right after the 10:30AM service. All are welcome.

# FINANCE COMMITEE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet today after the 10:30AM service. All are welcome.

# ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION MEETING

The ASF committee will be meeting after the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall to discuss adult participation in VBS this Summer. All are welcome.

# THIS WEEK

# MOVIE NIGHT | FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Come join us this month, on Friday, June 16, when we will watch *Field of Dreams* (1989)! *"Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella is inspired by a voice he can't ignore to pursue a dream he can hardly believe. Supported by his wife, Ray begins the quest by turning his ordinary cornfield into a place where dreams can come true."* Join us in Parish Hall and enjoy some popcorn and soft drinks - or bring a blanket and a picnic dinner! The movie begins promptly at 7pm.

# NEXT WEEK

### DOUG ADKINS'S ORDINATION | SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Doug Adkins completed his coursework at Bexley-Seabury Seminary and was awarded a Diploma in Anglican Studies May 12. His ordination to the priesthood is scheduled for Saturday, June 24 @ 2PM at The Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta. *If you are interested in carpooling to this event, either you need a ride, or are willing to provide a ride to another, please contact LeeAnne Krause at leeanne.krause@uga.edu to let her know.* 

# COMING UP ...

### PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE | SATURDAY, JULY 8

The Parish Life committee will meet at 10:30AM Saturday July 8 for planning mixed with a bit of tidying. Come join this fabulous group of gregarious Gregorian party planners!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JULY 17-20

The dates for VBS 2023 are July 17-20, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM. We will begin with supper; participate in three rotations; and conclude with Compline in the nave. Like last year, children will be participating in "Compassion Camp." This year's theme is "Every Living Thing." Watch future news for details about each night's theme.

For now: please look at your calendar and check your availability to help make "camp" a success for our children. We need folks to help with the three rotations (Art/Crafts; Bible Story; Recreation/Movement). We also need people to help with the set-up, serving, and clean-up of the nightly meals. See Doug Adkins for details.

# **NOTES**

### **CLERGY ON CALL**

Just a reminder that during the month of June, for any emergencies and/or hospital calls, you may contact Kendall at the office (706-546-7553) or Carol Schwenke at 213-280-7495.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee hour needs your help! Danielle keeps us well-supplied with coffee and lemonade, but we need parishioners to sign up to bring either homemade or store-bought goodies...nothing fancy, just cookies, muffins, fruit, pastries, or cheese/crackers. There is a sign up sheet next to the kitchen counter in the Christian Education building. **Remember:** Coffee Hour is an ideal time to meet and get to know our visitors and newcomers!

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### Those Who Serve

Vestry: Kate Avinger Reader: Lynn Hanna (8AM); Joyce Morehouse (10:30AM) EMs: Barbara Kuhn & David Stooksbury Crucifers: Gavin Avinger & Mariel Sanford Torches: Julia Sanford & Grayson Krause Flowers: Viviane Van Giesen Altar Guild: Carol Schwenke, Lin Kromhout, Nancy Watson, Jenifer Marquardt Ushers: Bruce Zavitz & Gail Eilers Counters: Maggie Reinberger & Stacie Court Livestream: Pete Nicholls

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