

The Gregorian Chant

St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church, Athens, GA

April 2011

Dearly Beloved,

The resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth is the promise of radical transformation and freedom here and now by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is available and accessible to us all. It is not just a magical tale or a beautiful idea that has happened to somebody else. Resurrection is as deeply rooted in us as the experience of death. The Risen Christ is within us and among us reminding us of the unimaginable love that is this life. Too many of us are painfully aware of the Passion of Christ in our own lives and in the suffering of people who are lonely, hungry, sick, dying and in the midst of war, violence and oppression. We pray for healing, love and the joy of living for everyone everywhere.

The words of the Holy week and Easter liturgies speak to our faith, hope and deep longing. When we live into the deaths of our lives – experiences of loss, emptiness, disappointment and death – we die into the vast and spacious risen life of Christ.

The Three Great Days of Easter, the Triduum, are not three separate events but one celebration of living, dying and rising with Christ. **Maundy Thursday** is the celebration of the beloved community freed from slavery. The Risen Christ is made known in the breaking of the bread; the Great Commandment is made known in the washing of the feet. **Good Friday** is more than the remembrance of a bloody execution, but the celebration of the Triumph of the Cross, which culminates in resurrection; love that is willing even to bear death in service to life. **Easter** is the celebration of resurrection that remembers and embraces death. Life rises from and transcends every death and creates the true, free and loving community.

Dying and rising are one, just as they are throughout our celebration of Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

Come join us, for comfort, strength, renewal and joy as we celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Come enter into these holy mysteries and celebrate life that has no end and love that transforms all that we are and all that we do.

A blessed Easter to all of you!

Beth

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, April 17

8 a.m., 10:30 a.m, 6 p.m. Procession of the Palms, St. Luke's Passion and Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 20

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

Holy Thursday, April 21

5:30 – 6 p.m. Bring your potluck offerings for the dinner to the Parish Hall. St. Gregory's will provide the ritual Seder foods.

6 p.m. Seder Supper

7:30 p.m. Service of Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing, the Stripping of the Altar

You are invited to pray and mediate in the church throughout the night until noon on Good Friday.

Good Friday, April 22:

12 noon and 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Cross, Solemn Collects, and St. John's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 23

8:30 p.m. **The Great Vigil of Easter:** Lighting of the Paschal Fire, the Story of Salvation, Festival Eucharist and Choir. Bring small bells and noisemakers to ring with the first "Alleluia"! Celebrate the baptisms of Zach and Dakota Hamlin!

Easter Sunday, April 24

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Hymns

10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist and Choir, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

6 p.m. Evening Prayer

Festive Coffee Hour will follow all Easter Services.

Bring something to share!

Easter

Flowering of the Cross

All children attending the 10:30 am service on Easter morning are invited to help flower the cross. Bring garden flowers if you have them to share.

Easter Eggs

We will have an Easter Egg hunt after the 10:30 service Easter morning. Children through fifth grade are invited to participate in the hunt, and older kids are invited to help hide the eggs (and they'll get a treat, too!). Donations of candy and plastic eggs are needed. Thanks!

Flowers for the Easter altar

If you would like to contribute towards the flowers for the Easter altar, please fill out one of the yellow forms in the narthex and leave it at the church office. The suggested donation is \$10.

In sympathy

Our condolences to Beverly Chalk and her family on the death of her brother Charles Davis on February 24, in Winston-Salem;
to Sara Cross and her family on the death of her husband Dan Beshara, on March 3;
to Debbie Perry and her family on the death of her brother Darryl McCarthy on March 15;
and to Sue Alford and her family on the death of her father Frank Alford on March 27 in San Antonio. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Celebrate Life

with Adrianna and Britt Freeman on the birth of their son Emery William Freeman on March 16!

Thanks

Many thanks to Sue Alford for all her help with our recent teacher training event, Come to the Well. Sue helped with set-up, registration, book sales, and refreshments! Our portion of the proceeds from the book sale will go towards new books for the library. Thank you to Alice Mohor for leading a great class about intergenerational games that involve movement. And, thank you to all our wonderful teachers who spent the day learning and sharing experiences!

Catherine Drewry

Our Processional Crosses

We are using two historic crosses in the procession this Lent. The smaller is St. Gregory's first processional cross, used when church was held in the cafeteria of Barnett Shoals School. It was made in 1973 by artist Jean Skies Crone, a member of Emmanuel Church, and given to the mission. Mrs. Crone dug in the ground beneath Emmanuel's windows and found small pieces of stained glass, which she fastened to the wooden cross with gold leaf.

The larger cross, which traditionally leads our procession, was designed and sandcast by Berry and Peter Rice and their children, Clai and Sarah, in 1977. Cast in brass with a mahogany rod, it is much sturdier than the first cross, which was beginning to show signs of wear. The Rices gave the cross to St. Gregory's in memory of Peter's father, Charles Milton Rice, and a friend, Maria Alf, who had recently died of breast cancer. After years in storage, the Crone cross has been leading our youngsters to Children's Chapel. In its place, they are now using a wooden cross during Lent and will walk behind a brightly-painted Haitian cross during the rest of the year. The Rev. P.J. Woodall, our former interim priest donated the Haitian cross, and George Drewry made the child-sized staff for the cross for All Saints Chapel.

Adult Christian Education

The Adult class meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

On April 2 we will start a series on the culture of Islam. The recommended reading for this series is *Tablet and Pen: Literary Landscapes from the Modern Middle East* (Words without Borders), edited by Rewa Aslan.

Bill Alworth

Outreach

As many of you already know, due to budget shortfalls this year, St. Gregory's is only able to give \$7,000 (or 2.5% of the overall budget) to Outreach. This is a drastic reduction over previous years. In light of this the Outreach committee has chosen 2011 to be a year of hands on projects. We hope to provide regular opportunities for Gregorians to serve the poor in different ways through different organizations.

First up – Hands on Athens!

This year *Hands on Athens* will run for three days — April 8th, 9th, and 10th. As in previous years, *Hands On Athens* will provide free maintenance, repairs and landscaping improvements for low-income homeowners in the historic Hancock Corridor, East Athens and Newtown neighborhoods.

This is a great Lenten opportunity to make a difference in the life of someone in need. And it's fun! Shifts are 8:30 am to noon or 1:00 to 5:00 pm. No experience is needed although shift supervisor positions are available for more experienced handypersons. If you would like to join us for this once-a-year opportunity, please give Julie Phillips a call at (706) 614-0342 or email her at littleapple44@gmail.com. Let's bring a little bit of the Kingdom to Athens!

For the Gardeners of Saint Gregory:

The Starbucks just inside the front door of our neighbor the College Station Kroger is now saving their coffee grounds. Whether one puts them in the compost or directly to the base of plants, Mother Nature will benefit. According to Master Gardener Franchesca Lane about 98% of plants will prosper with coffee grounds scattered around the base. Just stop by with your own bucket/container and ask the Starbucks staff. They have a little white 1.5 gallon bucket behind the counter they will happily allow you to empty!

Support your local poets

The Poet-CounterPoet group will present its second annual reading at St. Gregory on May 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Poets Rebecca Baggett, Lee Ann Pingel, and Sarah Gordon will read from their work for about an hour. Refreshments will be served. You are cordially invited to this free event, whether poetry is your "thing" or not. You might be surprised!

Terracycle

A few updates to the list of recyclables that Terracycle will use: Cereal Bags – any and all brands

Diaper Wrappers – any and all brands!

Lunchable Trays – any TV looking tray or disposable plate

Cheese wrappers – any and all materials that touch cheese in the way of packaging is included, from little "Tupperwares" of Cream Cheese, to the plastic that wraps big blocks of cheese and those little cute Mozzarella Sticks Packs that kids love to snack on.

Tortilla/Taco/Burrito/Tostada bags – any and all plastic wrap and bags that touch the above mention Mexican bread shells!

Digital Cameras – any and all; please put them in the drawer with the batteries and cell phones.

Method Soap – the containers that are used to refill the permanent, pretty Method soap bottles

Plastic cookie trays – the cookie trays that cookies like Oreos come in.

Captain "PLaneT" (CPT Andrew Lane, State Safety Specialist, 48th BDE Safety, 706-296-6631)

In the past two weeks Andrew and Cedric Van Giesen have shipped off over 30 boxes of trash to NJ.

Heifer Project International

As a part of their Lenten studies, the children in Sunday School are learning about Heifer Project International. We have two cylinders that each will hold \$120 in quarters – enough to provide a needy family with a goat, sheep, or pig, or lots of chickens or bunnies or bees or trees! The children will be happy to deposit any extra quarters you have in the cylinders for you. Larger donations are also welcome, of course!

Founded in 1944, Heifer Project International is a humanitarian assistance organization that works to end world hunger and protect the earth. Through livestock, training and passing on the gift, Heifer has helped 8.5 million families in more than 125 countries improve their quality of life and move toward greater self_reliance. Heifer helps build strong communities because each project participant agrees to pass on the gift of animal offspring, training, or skills to another family in need.

St. Gregory's groups

If you are interested in joining any of the activities at St. Gregory's, please contact the chairperson or coordinator or Vestry Liaisons listed below.

Committee Chairs:

Stewardship – David Lockman
Buildings – Mark Reinberger
Green Committee – Andrew Lane
Grounds Committee – Franchesca Lane
Worship Committee – David Stooksbury
Finance Committee – Sam Preston
Communications Comm. – Joan Curtis
Parish Life Committee – Suzy Preston
Inreach Committee – Marilyn Healey
Outreach Committee – Julie Phillips
Adult Christian Ed. – Bill Alworth
Spiritual Formation – Bill Alworth
Welcoming Committee – Vicky Tavernier
Flower Guild – Sybil Langford
Acolytes – Katie Coyne
Readers – David Fisher
Altar Guild – Susan Risler
Eucharistic Ministers – David Stooksbury
Ushers – Ann Stoneburner
Youth Director – Thomas Dunbar
Creation Keeper – David Stooksbury

Vestry Liaisons:

Stewardship – Steve Philips
Buildings (and Green) – Gene Carr
Grounds – Ross Perry
Worship – Bill Hale
Finance – Roger Swagler
Communication – Carl Hoveland
Parish Life – Shelby Welch
Inreach – Peter Rice
Outreach – Katie Hein
Christian Education – Maggie Reinberger
Spiritual Formation – Sarah Gordon
Welcoming – Vicky Tavernier

Coffee anyone?

It is that time again! The new 3 month (April, May and June) coffee host/hostess sign up sheet is in the education building by the coffee bar. I am so grateful to all you wonderful people who have been making coffee and providing goodies these past weeks and I encourage you to take another turn. I think that St. Gregory members have been enjoying the social time that you provide and it is a good way to welcome new people as well. I am willing to train all new volunteers!

Lois Alworth

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! July 11_15 will be a fun, spirit_filled week of Vacation Bible School for adults, youth, and kids at St. Gregory's. We'll gather each evening at around 5:30 for a simple supper, watch a skit, then split into groups for fun and creative activities, and finish up with singing and compline. We need planners, actors, decorators, cooks, clean_up crew, song leaders, program leaders, and participants!

Contact Catherine Drewry to volunteer, and for more details. 706_743_3592, drewrys@hm_e.net

Entrée of Hope

On Tuesday, April 26 several community restaurants will unite in joining Entrée of Hope to provide much needed financial support for the work of two local charities whose mission is to help those in need.

Participating restaurants will donate 10% of the day's gross sales to The Ark: United Ministry Outreach Center and the Athens Emergency Food Bank.

Support this great cause by simply eating out on Tuesday, April 26 at the following participating restaurants: Brett's Casual American, Buffalo's Southwest Café, Chops & Hops, DePalma's Italian Café (Downtown, Eastside & Westside), East West Bistro, Five Star Day Café, Fresh Air Bar_B_Que Atlanta Hwy, George's Low Country Table, Gnat's Landing, Hilltop Grille, Jittery Joe's (Five Points), La Dolce Vita, La Fiesta Hawthorne, Last Resort Grill, Mama's Boy, Marti's @ Midday, Mellow Mushroom, NONA (New Orleans 'N Athens), Shane's Rib Shack Eastside, Sweet Peppers Deli, Taqueria La Parrilla (Athens & Watkinsville), The Grit, White Tiger, Your Pie Beechwood. If you are unable to dine out on Tuesday, April 26, but would like to support this cause in helping those in need, mail a tax_deductible contribution to The Ark, 640A Barber Street, Athens, GA 30601.

Servers, Sunday, April 3, 2011

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Dolores Holt
NT Reading – Don Miller
Intercessor – Don Miller
EM – Dolores Holt

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Barbara Kuhn
EM – Katie Hein
OT Reading – Katy Ulrich
NT Reading – Lois Alworth
Intercessor – Bill Alworth
1st Server – Henri Johnson
Torch – Maddy Kuhn
Torch – Sam Johnson
2nd Server – Amy Kuhn
Usher – Joe Weinmeister
Usher – Mike Peck
Usher – Robert or Miles Peck
Usher – Mark Tavernier
Counter – Mark Hein
Counter – Bill Alworth
Altar Guild – Beverly Chalk, Julia Marlowe, Susan Risler
Coffee Hosts – Robert Scott and Emma Dubberly

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Stephen Morris

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Servers, Sunday, April 10, 2011

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Ken Taylor
NT Reading – Evan Powell
Intercessor – Evan Powell
EM – Ken Taylor

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Anderson
EM – Karen Hankins
OT Reading – Katie Anderson
NT Reading – Ken Taylor

Intercessor – David Lowe
1st Server – Bobby Holmes
Torch – Isabella Van Giesen
Torch – Ian Van Giesen
2nd Server – Katie Anderson
Usher –Carol Jones
Usher – Judith Ransom
Usher – Robert Scott
Usher – Henry Scott
Counter – Roger Swagler
Counter – Mark Reinberger
Altar Guild – Beverly Chalk, Julia Marlowe, Susan Risler
Coffee Hosts – TBA

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Jim Jones

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Servers, Sunday, April 17, 2011

Palm Sundayed

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Dolores Holt
NT Reading – Sue Alford
Intercessor – Sue Alford
EM – Dolores Holt

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Rebecca Baggett
EM – Barbara Kuhn
OT Reading – TBA
NT Reading – TBA
Intercessor – Barbara Kuhn
1st Server – Thomas Peck
Torch – Olivia Knowlton
Torch – Victoria Knowlton
2nd Server – Skylar Davis
Usher – David Lowe
Usher – Roger Swagler
Usher – George Drewry
Usher – McGowan Drewry
Counter – Carol Hill
Counter – Lois Alworth
Altar Guild – Beverly Chalk, Julia Marlowe, Susan Risler
Coffee Hosts – TBA

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Jim Jones

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Servers, Sunday, April 24, 2011

Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Ken Taylor

NT Reading – Sarah Gordon

Intercessor – Sarah Gordon

EM – Ken Taylor

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Katie Hein

EM – David Stooksbury

OT Reading – Rebecca Baggett

NT Reading – Karen Hankins

Intercessor – Katie Hein

1st Server – Zach Hamlin

Torch – Dakota Hamlin

Torch – Miles Peck

2nd Server – Jerrin Jose

Usher – Sam Preston

Usher – Kathy Hale

Usher – Anthony Barkdoll

Usher – Jenifer Borg

Counter – Ken Taylor

Counter – Katie Ulrich

Altar Guild – Beverly Chalk, Julia Marlowe, Susan Risler

Coffee Host – TBA

6:00 p.m. service:

Evening Prayer

CALENDAR

Friday, April 1, 2011

Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872

9:30 a.m. AMC
noon – 10:00 p.m. AMS auction set-up
6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)
6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, April 2, 2011

James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876

5:00 p.m. Athens Montessori Auction
6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday, April 3, 2011

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
4:00 p.m. Inquirers' Class
6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, April 4, 2011

Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights Leader, 1968

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. AA (upstairs)
7:00 p.m. EfM (library)
7:00 p.m. Private function (parish hall)

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

9:30 a.m. AMC
5:30 p.m. Yoga (parish hall)
6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

9:00 a.m. Library closed
9:00 a.m. Dream Group (All Saints Chapel)
11:45 a.m. Fitness Group (parish hall)
5:30 p.m. Discussion Group (upstairs)
6:00 p.m. H. E. & Healing Service
7:00 Lenten program (Chr. Ed.)
7:00 p.m. AA (parish hall)
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Tikhon, Patriarch of Russia, 1925

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (parish hall)

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

Friday, April 8, 2011

William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877

9:30 a.m. AMC

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, April 9, 2011

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1945

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday, April 10, 2011

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Inquirers' Class

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, April 11, 2011

George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand and of Lichfield, 1878

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. MD Group (small mtg. room)

7:00 p.m. AA (upstairs)

7:00 p.m. EfM (library)

7:00 p.m. Private Function (parish hall)

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Christian Ed. Building)

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

9:00 a.m. Library closed
9:00 a.m. Dream Group (All Saints Chapel)
11:45 a.m. Fitness Group (parish hall)
5:30 p.m. Discussion Group (upstairs)
6:00 p.m. H. E. & Healing Service
7:00 p.m. Lenten program (Christian Ed. Bldg.)
7:00 p.m. AA (parish hall)
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, April 14, 2011

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (parish hall)
7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

Friday, April 15, 2011

9:30 a.m. AMC
6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)
6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, April 16, 2011

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday, April 17, 2011

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
4:00 p.m. Inquirers' Class
4:30 p.m. Outreach Committee
6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, April 18, 2011

Monday in Holy Week

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. AA (upstairs)
7:00 p.m. EfM (library)
7:00 p.m. Private Function (parish hall)

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Tuesday in Holy Week

9:30 a.m. AMC
5:30 p.m. Yoga (parish hall)
6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

Wednesday in Holy Week

9:00 a.m. Library closed
9:00 a.m. Dream Group (All Saints Chapel)
11:45 a.m. Fitness Group (parish hall)
5:30 p.m. Discussion Group (upstairs)
6:00 p.m. H. E. & Healing Service
7:00 p.m. AA (Christian Ed. Bldg.)
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, April 21, 2011

Maundy Thursday

noon Good Women's Brown Bag Lunch (parish hall)
6:00 p.m. Seder Super
7:30 p.m. Service of Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing, the Stripping of the Altar
7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

Friday, April 22, 2011

Good Friday

12 noon Good Friday Service
6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 23, 2011

Holy Saturday

8:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter and Baptisms

Sunday, April 24, 2011

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Hymns
No Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist & Choir
noon Easter Egg Hunt
6 p.m. Evening Prayer

Monday, April 25, 2011

Monday in Easter Week

Office closed
6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:30 p.m. MD Group (small mtg. room)
7:00 p.m. AA (upstairs)
7:00 p.m. EfM (library)
7:00 p.m. Private Function (parish hall)

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Tuesday in Easter Week

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Wednesday in Easter Week

9:00 a.m. Library closed

9:00 a.m. Dream Group (All Saints Chapel)

11:45 a.m. Fitness Group (parish hall)

5:30 p.m. Discussion Group (upstairs)

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

7:00 p.m. AA (Christian Ed. Bldg.)

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, April 28, 2011

Thursday in Easter Week

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (parish hall)

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

Friday, April 29, 2011

Friday in Easter Week

9:30 a.m. AMC

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Saturday in Easter Week

10:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m. Private function, Christian Ed. Building

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer