




St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
 THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION
 EASTER VII
 MOTHERS' DAY
 MAY 12, 2024

*Transforming
 Hearts and
 Community
 through
 Jesus' Love*



10:00 AM

THE REVEREND BENJAMIN A. THOMAS JR., *CELEBRANT*
 THE REVEREND ANDREW J. SHERMAN, *PREACHER*

Welcome to Saint Gregory's! We invite you to join us in active participation in the worship of God. This leaflet contains the service music and congregational portions of the liturgy taken from the Book of Common Prayer. Hymn numbers are found in the Blue Hymnal 1982.

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ.

Through its power and brilliance, may you feel God's majesty and glory—in its quietness, God's peace.

Please turn off all electronic devices including cell phones.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

All stand as the bells peel. All sing together

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 214 HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

LLANFAIR

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

CELEBRANT Alleluia, Christ is risen.
 PEOPLE ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

The Celebrant continues

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.**

THE GLORIA



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
 on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE ***And also with you.***

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **AMEN.**

The People are seated for

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

[1:15-17, 21-26]

Bill Brockman, Lector.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE ***Thanks be to God.***

Verses are sung to chant below, changing notes on the words in **BOLD**



1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the **wicked**,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the **scornful!**

2 Their delight is in the law of the **LORD**,
and they meditate on his law day and **night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not **wither;**
everything they do shall **prosper.**

4 It is not so with the **wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind blows a**way.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment **comes**,
nor the sinner in the council of the **righteous.**

6 For the LORD knows the way of the **righteous**,
but the way of the wicked is **doomed.**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

[5:9-13]

Maggie Brockman, Lector.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 603 WHEN CHRIST WAS LIFTED FROM THE EARTH

ST. BOTOLPH

THE GREAT ALLELUIA

TIM BRUMFIELD

Sung by the Choir and repeated by all.



PEOPLE



Glo-ry to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

GOPELLER The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE



Praise to you Lord Christ.

*All repeat the Alleluias.**The People are seated.*

THE SERMON THE REVEREND ANDREW J. SHERMAN, RECTOR

*Silence is kept.**The People stand for*

THE NICENE CREED

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.

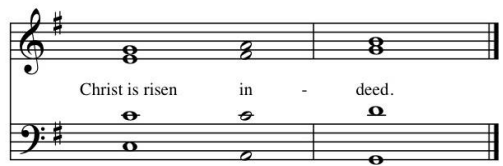
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Cantor and People pray responsively. The people stand or kneel as able. Sam Cucci, Cantor.

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we praise you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this day and through our lives give us hope, to trust in your promise of abundant, eternal life, for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE



During this Eastertide, may we continue to commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, as we especially remember Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Peter, our Bishop, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE ***Christ is risen indeed.***

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE ***Christ is risen indeed.***

For all who have need of the gift of New Life; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE ***Christ is risen indeed.***

For Joseph, our President, and the leaders of all the nations that they may work for justice, freedom, and peace for all peoples, for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE ***Christ is risen indeed.***

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our hurting world, for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE ***Christ is risen indeed.***

May we be one in faith with all who died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE ***Christ is risen indeed.***

The Celebrant adds the concluding collect.

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Deacon or Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

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.**

The Celebrant says,

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.**

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.
All are welcomed formally as announcements, birthday, and anniversary blessings are made.*

THE RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

THE PRESENTATION OF THE ECW WOMAN'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM CHRIST WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

WESLEY/CANDLYN

*Christ, Whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day's return, till Thy mercy's beams I see; till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.
Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiance Divine;
scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display,
shining in the perfect day. Amen.*

All stand for

THE PRESENTATION HYMN 484 THE HEAD THAT ONCE WAS CROWNED WITH THORNS ST. MAGNUS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**
CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE **We lift them to the Lord.**
CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven 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.

The People stand or kneel as able. The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We remember his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation **AMEN.**

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

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Cantor
 Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
People
 There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Facing the people, the celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION PROPER *Sung by the Schola.*

PSALM 95:2/MODE IV

PATER, CUM ESSEM CUM EIS, EGO SERVÁBAM EOS, QUOS DEDÍSTIMIHI, ALLELÚA: NUNC AUTEM AD TE VÉNIO: NON ROGO UT TOLLAS EOS DE MUNDO, SED UT SERVES EOS A MALO, ALLELÚA, ALLELÚA.

Father, when I was with them, I kept safe those whom you gave me, Alleluia, but now I am on my way to you; I do not ask that you would take them out of the world, but that you would keep them from the evil one, alleluia, alleluia.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

AVE VERUM CORPUS

ELGAR

with The Choristers

Ave verum corpus, natum Ex María Vírgine, Vere passum, immolátum in cruce pro hómine. Cujus latus perforátum vero fluxit sáanguine; Esto nobis praegustátum, mortis in exámine. O Clemens, O Pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Maríae. Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born, on the Cross Thy sacred Body for us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side; feed us with Thy Body broken, now and in death's agony! O Jesu, hear us, Son of Mary.

After Communion, the People stand or kneel and the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

All stand for

THE EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

THE DISMISSAL

DEACON Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

THE CLOSING HYMN 494

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

DLADEMATA

The Procession retires as the trumpets sound.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

We welcome you to this service of worship! It is our fervent prayer that you will find God's love and peace in this holy place.

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