



St. Gregory's Episcopal Church  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II**  
 EASTER V  
 APRIL 28, 2024

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 peal. All sing together*

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 657** LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

HYFRYDOL

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY**

CELEBRANT Alleluia, Christ is risen.

PEOPLE ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

*The Celebrant continues*

**A**lmighty 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.

**A**lmighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*The People are seated for*

### A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

[ 8:26-40 ]

*Elizabeth Rockafellow, Lector.*

**A**n angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

READER The Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM *Sung by all while remaining seated.*

[22:24-30]

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



24 My praise is of him in the great as **sembly**;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who **worship him**.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall **praise him**:  
"May your heart live for **ever!**"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the **LORD**,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow **before him**.

27 For kingship belongs to the **LORD**;  
he rules over the **nations**.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in **worship**;  
all who go down to the dust fall **before him**.

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall **serve him**;  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for **ever**.

*Sung to last half of chant.*

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet un**born**  
the saving deeds that he has **done**.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

[4:7-21]

*Annmarie McLaughlin, Lector.*

**B**eloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

READER The Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 610 LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE

BLAENHAFREN

## THE GREAT ALLELUIA

TIM BRUMFIELD

*Sung by the Choir and repeated by all.*



## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

[15:1-8]

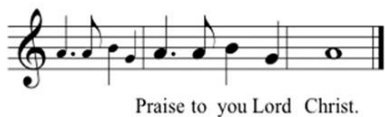
PEOPLE



Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

GOSPELLER The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE



*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

**W**e 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.

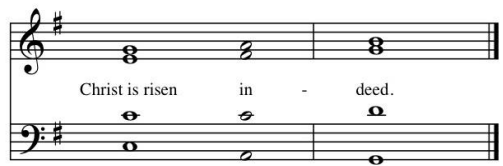
## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*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.*

**G**od 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.*

**M**ost 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,*

**A**lmighty 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 HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### THY PERFECT LOVE

15<sup>TH</sup> CENT./JOHN RUTTER

*with The Choristers*

*Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast that I thee love and never rest; and make me love thee of all things best,  
and wounde my heart in thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.*

*All stand for*

### THE PRESENTATION HYMN 296 WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED AND DIES NO MORE ENGELBERG

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

*The Celebrant faces them and says*

PEOPLE The Lord be with you.  
***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.

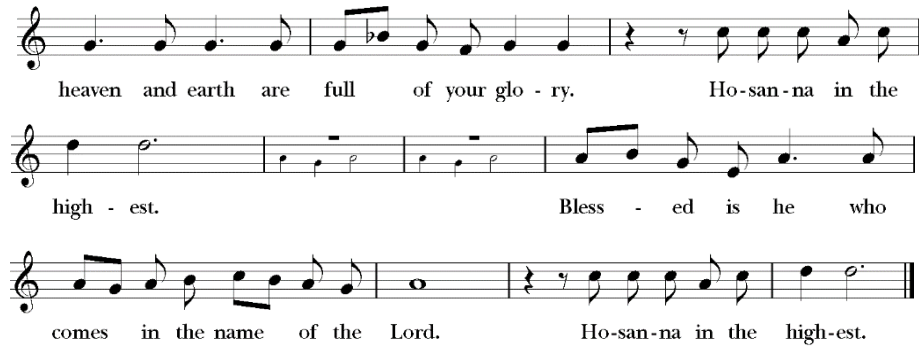
***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

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:

### THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

MATHIAS

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*

**A**nd 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.***

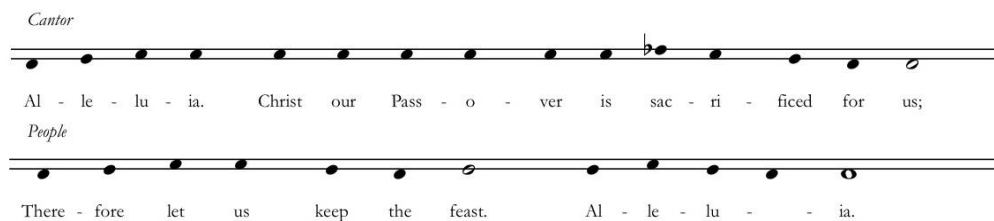
Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation **AMEN**.

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**ur 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*

**T**he 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.

We are happy to welcome those celebrating the **Children's Communion Retreat**:  
Naya Reid, Alexander Kosby, Ian Oullette, Amiri Reid, and Bryce Chomko.

We are happy to welcome those who are celebrating their **First Communion**:  
Lucia Hancock, Bennett Chomko, and Theodore Whitworth.

## THE COMMUNION PROPER *Sung by the Schola.*

CANTÁTE DÓMINO, ALLELÚIA: CANTÁTE DÓMINO, BENEDÍCITE NOMEN EJUS:  
BENE NUNTLÁTE DEDIE IN DIEM SALUTÁRE EJUS, ALLELÚIA, ALLELÚIA.

*Sing ye to the Lord, alleluia, sing to the Lord and bless his name; give the good news of his salvation from day to day, alleluia, alleluia.*

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

*I SAT DOWN UNDER HIS SHADOW*

EDWARD BAIRSTOW

*I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was Love.*

*After Communion, the People stand or kneel and the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A**lmighty 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

**T**he 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 379

*GOD IS LOVE, LET HEAVEN ADORE HIM*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*The Procession retires as the Trumpets sound.*

## THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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*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. We invite you to explore life at St. Gregory's by speaking with one of the clergy following the service or by filling out an information card, which can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. You can also visit us at [www.stgregoryepiscopal.org](http://www.stgregoryepiscopal.org) or follow us on Facebook or Instagram. God is doing extraordinary things among us. We invite you to be part of it!

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