

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church

Choral Evensong

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

6:00 PM

The Very Reverend Dr. Mary Ellen Cassini, *Officiant*

GREAT MUSIC AT ST. GREGORY'S

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 refer to the blue Hymnal 1982, located in the pew racks. 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 silence all cell phones.

The Organ Prelude

The Choral Introit *Sung by the Choir.*

Evening Hymn: Balfour Gardiner
circa A.D. 502 / attributed to Ambrose of Milan

Te lucis ante terminum Reum Creator poscimus ut pro tua Clementia sis praesul et custodia.
Procul recedant somnia et montium phantasmata hos temque nostrum comprime ne polunatur corpora.
Praesta, Pater piissime Patrique compar unice Cum Spiritu Paraclito Regnans per omne saeculum.
Amen.

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray that with Thy wonted favor Thou wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now.
From all ill dreams defend our eyes from nightly fears and fantasies; tread under foot our ghostly foe, that no pollution we may know.
O Father, that we ask be done, through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son; who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee, shall live and reign eternally.
Amen.

All who are able, please stand for

The Entrance Hymn 488 — *Be Thou My Vision* — *Slane*

The Opening Sentence

Officiant

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. *Amos 5:8*

The Invitatory *Sung by the Choir and Cantor.* — *Setting by Philip Radcliffe*

Versicle — O Lord, open thou our lips
Response — *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

V O God, make speed to save us.
R *O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*
V Praise ye the Lord.
R *The Lord's name be praised.*

The Phos Hilaron *Sung by the Choir and Cantor.* — *Greek, 3rd century; trans.*

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving father in heaven, O Jesus Christ: holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The People are seated for

THE PSALM *Sung by the choir.*

PSALM 19; CHANT: BAIRSTOW

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever;
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The People shall stand as able for the Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

All are seated for the reading of

THE FIRST LESSON

JAMES 3:1-13

Laura Crabtree, Lector.

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

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

The People stand as able for

THE MAGNIFICAT *Sung by the choir.* *SETTING BY HERBERT BREWER*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him, throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with His arm, he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy that holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Gloria Patri:
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

All are seated for the reading of

THE SECOND LESSON *MATTHEW 13:44-52*

Greg Hyden, Lector.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?"

They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."

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

The People stand as able for

THE NUNC DIMITTIS *Sung by the choir.* *SETTING BY HERBERT BREWER*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy Word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Gloria Patri:
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

All are seated for

THE MEDITATION *The Very Reverend Dr. Mary Ellen Cassini*

The People stand as able for

THE APOSTLES' CREED *Sung by all, monotone.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Sung by the Choir and Cantor.*

SETTING BY PHILIP RADCLIFFE

CANTOR The Lord be with you.
CHOIR *And with thy spirit.*
CANTOR Let us pray.
CHOIR *Lord, have mercy upon us,*
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us,

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.
Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES *Sung by the Choir and Cantor.*

SETTING BY PHILIP RADCLIFFE

VERSICLE O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
RESPONSE *And grant us thy salvation.*

V O Lord, save the State.
R *And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.*
V Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
R *And make thy chosen people joyful.*
V O Lord, save thy people.
R *And bless thine inheritance.*
V Give peace in our time, O Lord.
R *Because there is no other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.*
V O God, make clean our hearts within us.
R *And take not thy holy spirit from us.*

The Collects

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *AMEN.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *AMEN.*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *AMEN.*

The People are seated for

The Anthem

We Wait for Thy Loving Kindness O God
Psalm 48/Music: William McKie
Composed for the marriage of
HRH The Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten
(HM The Queen Elizabeth II and HRH The Prince Philip)

We wait for thy living kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia…
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluia…O Lord send us now prosperity. Amen.

All stand as able for

The Closing Prayer

Be present, Spirit of God, within us, your dwelling place and home, that this house may be one where all darkness is penetrated by your light, all troubles calmed by your peace, all evil redeemed by your love, all pain transformed in your suffering, and all dying glorified in your risen life. ***AMEN.***

From the New Zealand BCP

The Blessing

The Retiring Procession 35

Christ, Mighty Savior, Light of All Creation *Mighty Savior*

All are seated for

The Organ Meditation *Timothy Brumfield, Organist*

After the Organ Meditation, the People may remain for quiet meditation, if desired. Those wishing to leave may do so quietly.

The Choir of St. Gregory's

*Soprano: *Casey Kunmann, Brittany Sloane*, Lori Snow, Anja Yargici**
Alto: Helen Dinetta, Pancy Gabriel, Reid Masters, Wendy McHugh*
Tenor: Sam Cucci, John Gardner*, Tom Hancock, Noah Torres, Christopher Waite**
*Bass: Paul Hamaty, Tim Beasor, Lovell Rose**
**Denotes Schola Cantorum*

GREAT MUSIC AT ST. GREGORY'S

Choral Evensong

Evensong is perhaps one of the most beautiful of all services that comes out of the Anglican church. The service is quite literally a living history of our church and its traditions. Being basically Evening Prayer, apart from a few prayers and scripture readings, the service is sung by a choir and cantor. The office of Evensong traces its history of origin all the way back to Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury during the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, and Mary I under whose hand he was burned at the stake in Oxford during her attempt to return England to Catholicism. Cranmer was trying to figure out a way to reduce the number of services within a day as there was a series of services known as *The Hours* which required one to attend many services throughout the day. He ended up combining two of the final services of the day which were *Vespers*, sung at sunset, and *Compline,* so called because it completed the day, into one service. We find that the two major canticles of Evensong, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, come from Vespers and Compline respectively. The form of the service, with its psalms, scripture, collects, and prayers, originates from these two services and hasn't changed too terribly much since first appearing in the 1549 Prayer Book.

Many countless musical settings of the canticles and psalms have been composed throughout the centuries making the service of Evensong rich in musical diversity, beauty, and heritage, and we in the Anglican Church are very blessed to have these services upon which to draw inspiration and guidance through their graceful elegance and tradition.

Choral music performed of this caliber would normally be sung by concert choirs, however, at St. Gregory's, we are privileged and blessed to hear this glorious music sung in the setting for which it was intended, the sacred and holy service of Choral Evensong, as part of our usual schedule of liturgies.

Tim Brumfield,
Dir. of Music, Organist, and Choirmaster,
Coordinator for Liturgy and the Arts

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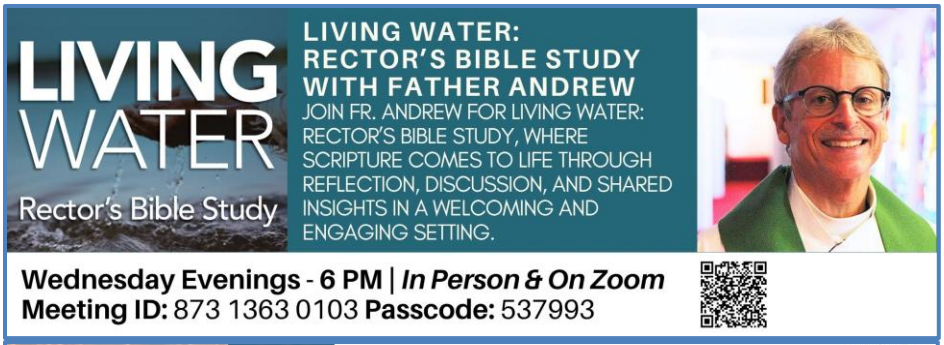
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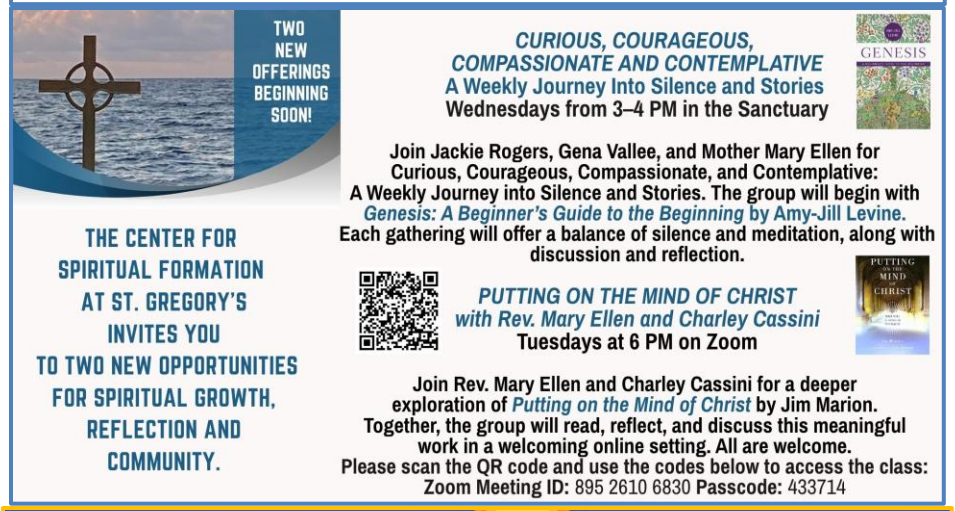
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For more information, please reach out to Rosie Sandoval at Rose@rose-sandoval.com.


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