

ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 10:00 AM

THE REVEREND ANDREW J. SHERMAN, CELEBRANT & 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 or the LEVAS II hymnal when indicated.

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

All stand, as able, as the bells peal.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 372 (1982)

PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD

LEONI

The People remain standing for

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

CELEBRANT Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

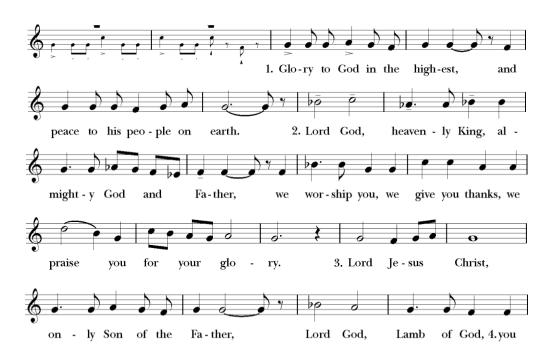
PEOPLE And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever, AMEN.

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 Sung by all, standing.

SETTING BY WILLIAM MATHIAS





THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

rant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The People are seated for

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH Matthew Deitz, Lector.

[18:1-11]

he word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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 LORD, you have searched me out and *known me;*

you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from a far.

- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-*places* and are acquainted with all my *ways*.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my *lips*, but you, O LORD, know it alto *gether*.
- 4 You press upon me behind and be *fore* and lay your hand up*on me*.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful *for me;* it is so high that I cannot at*tain to it.*
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost *parts*; you knit me together in my mother's *womb*.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously *made;*your works are wonderful, and I know it *well.*

- 14 My body was not hidden *from you*, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the *earth*.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your *book;*

they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of *them.*16 How deep I find your thoughts, O *God!* how great is the sum of *them!*

Sung to the last half of chant:

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the *sand;* to count them all, my life span would need to be like *yours.*

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO PHILEMON

[1-21]

Jim Sornensen, Lector

aul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

The People stand for

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 635 (1982)

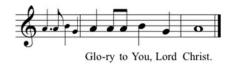
Played once by the organ, then sung by all.



THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

[14:25-33]

PEOPLE



ow large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

GOSPELER The Gospel of the Lord. PEOPLE



All repeat the Alleluias.

The People are seated.

THE SERMON THE REVEREND ANDREW J. SHERMAN

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 Led by Tony Hernandez.

FORM III

The Leader says

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you:

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions at this time. The Celebrant adds the concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

Deacon or Celebrant

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept

od of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN.

The Celebrant stands and says,

Imighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 are made.

THE HOLY COMMUNION



An offering will be collected at this time.

To make an electronic offering via your phone, simply scan this QR Code with your camera application, and follow the prompts, or text SGE give to: 833-672-4095.

THE OFFERTORY SOLO

DEUS ABRAHAM Anja Yargici, soloist.

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS

Deus Abraham, Deus Isaac et Deus Jacob vobiscum sit: Et ipse conjugat vos impleatque benedictionem suam in vobis. May the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob be with you: and may He fill you with His blessing.

As the Gifts are presented, all stand and sing together

THE PRESENTATION HYMN 675 (1982)

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID

BOURBON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1, FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

The People remain standing as the Celebrant 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.

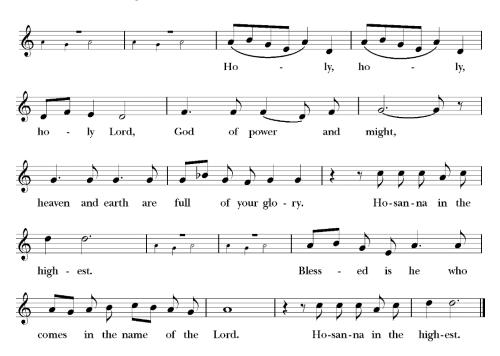
PEOPLE It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

Mathias



The Celebrant continues

Bessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Celebrant and People then say together

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Gregory, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

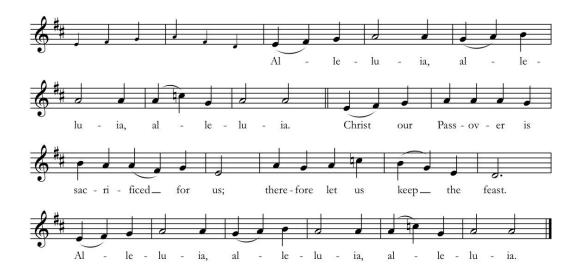
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SETTING BY GERALD NEAR



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Facing the people, the celebrant says

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.

In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. In Jesus' name, all are welcome! At the time of Holy Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. Both the Host (the blessed wafer) and the Chalice will be offered. If you prefer to receive only the Host, it is full communion. We also provide gluten-free Hosts. Please indicate your preference for a gluten-free Host to the Eucharistic Minister at the altar. Should you not wish to receive Holy Communion, you are still invited to come to the altar for a blessing.

Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference for a blessing.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 144 (LEVAS II)

I CAN HEAR MY SAVIOR CALLING

BLUNDY/NORRIS

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the People stand as the Celebrant says Let us pray.

ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE BLESSING

ay the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; 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! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

PEOPLE Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE CLOSING HYMN 594 (1982)

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

CUM RHONDDA

The Trumpets sound as the Procession retires.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

We invite 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.stgregorysepiscopal.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. God is doing extraordinary things among us. We invite you to be part of it!

We welcome Anja Yargici as our soloist today. The Choir of St. Gregory's returns next Sunday from their summer break.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 • 7:00 PM

Join together with the members of the **Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association** to stand in solidarity for the dignity, honor and humane treatment of all immigrants and refugees, regardless of their origin.

We will participate in meaningful readings, music and candlelight reflections.

All are welcome.

Please scan the QR code to RSVP.





St. Gregory's Episcopal Church 100 NE Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton, FL 33432

HIAS

Welcome the stranger. Protect the refugee.



CONTEMPLATIVE READING: LECTIO DIVINA AND GUIGO II'S "LADDER FOR MONKS"

TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00 PM ON ZOOM 10-SESSION COURSE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Join Rev. Robyn and friends for the next exciting class from the Center for Spiritual Formation at St. Gregory's!

In the modern Benedictine tradition, lectio divina, or "holy/divine reading", has become a contemplative practice of reading Scripture with the eyes of the heart and reaching out to God with the hands of the will in sincere longing for a transformative encounter with the divine. It is a four-part contemplative technique that involves the holy "R's" of Christian meditation: holy reading, holy reflection, holy response, and holy rest. This technique was first described by Guigo II, a 12th-century Carthusian monk and prior of the Grande Chartreuse monastery in France. In this 10-week course, we will read Guigo's "Ladder for Monks", a very short treatise on the practice of lectio divina, and we will learn to practice lectio divina as a group. This transformative class will renew your own prayer practice and draw you closer to God and to your fellow learners! The class meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM via Zoom, starting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, with in-person meetings scheduled as the group begins to practice lectio divina together. It is recommended that you purchase your own copy of the book (the version edited by Edmund Colledge and James Walsh), which you can find at any online retailer, including here: https://tinyurl.com/yc6pm2s6

Or you can download a free .pdf of the "Ladder of Monks" here (it does not have the introduction or the second treatise, but it's free): https://tinyurl.com/vmctv64x



THE REV. DR. ROBYN M. NEVILLE, PH.D.

The Rev. Dr. Robyn M. Neville, Ph.D., Senior Associate Rector of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, is the director of *The Center for Spiritual Formation at St. Gregory's*. A noted theologian, educator, and historian, Rev. Robyn holds a Ph.D. in Historical Studies in Theology and Religion from Emory University. Her scholarship focuses on early medieval Christianity, with expertise in monastic spirituality, gender in the medieval church, and Celtic

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Required Course Material: Ladder of Monks and Twelve Meditations (Volume 48) (Cistercian Studies Series)

THE BIG CHURCH READ EVENT



JOIN US FOR AN ENGAGING BOOK DISCUSSION, NOON SERVICE, LIGHT LUNCH, AND A LIVE DISCUSSION WITH THE AUTHOR VIA ZOOM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 10:00 AM IN HARRIS HALL

Have you read yet **A Faith of Many Rooms**, the St. Gregory's Big Church Read book?

We are a month away from the Saturday, September 20, event when the parish will discuss the book together.

And Breaking News! We are excited to announce that **the** author, Debi Thomas, will be joining us by zoom for a presentation and question/answer session during the event.

The ECW and Rev. Robyn hope that this inaugural event will encourage our own faith journeys.

Starting at 10:00 am in Harris Hall, it will also include small group discussions, a noon service, and a light lunch. We plan to end at 1:30 pm. The event is free, and child care (with lunch) will be provided.

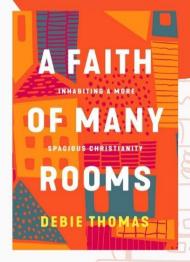
Please RSVP Today!

Please help us plan for everyone's attendance by registering here: www.stgregorysepiscopal.org/thebigchurchread
We will also have a registration table at church on Sunday. When you register, please let us know if you will need childcare.

We look forward to your joining us!

PS If you have borrowed the book this summer from the office, please return it to the office. The book is also available at Barnes and Noble and on Amazon.com

Register today!



Book Selection: **A Faith of Many Rooms**by Debie Thomas



Author Debie Thomas will join us via Zoom during The Big Church Read Event!



RSVP Today!

Help us plan for attendance by registering online or visiting the registration table on Sunday.

Register at:

stgregorysepiscopal.org/ thebigchurchread

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Choral Eucharist 9:45 AM Church School 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Choral Evensong

WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM (Tuesday and Wednesday, online and in-person; Monday, Thursday and Friday, in-person.) Holy Eucharist every Tuesday and Thursday at 12 noon



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