



The Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

8:00 AM

THE REVEREND ANDREW SHERMAN, *CELEBRANT*
THE VERY REVEREND DR. MARY ELLEN CASSINI, *PREACHER*

*Welcome to Saint Gregory's! We invite you to join us in active participation in the worship of God.
This leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy taken from the Book of Common Prayer.*

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.

Please refrain from bringing food or drink into the sanctuary.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

The Bells peal. All stand, as able, as the Procession enters and 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 for ever. AMEN.***

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 *Said by all.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. **AMEN.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

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

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The People are seated for

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

[14:19-31]

Roberta Kjelgaard, Lector.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

THE PSALM *Recited by all responsively by whole verse, saying the text in **BOLD** print.*

[114]

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange
speech,

**2 Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion.**

3 The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.

**4 The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.**

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep?**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of
water and flint-stone into a flowing
spring.**

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

[14:1-12]

Jeff Miller, Lector.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

LECTOR The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

[18:21-35]

PEOPLE *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

GOSPELLER The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

The People are seated for

THE SERMON THE VERY REVEREND MARY ELLEN CASSINI

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:

A LITANY IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.

Led by Walter Jones.

*The Leader and People pray responsively. The people respond with the text printed in **BOLD**.*

Hear our prayers, O Christ, our God.

Hear us, O Christ

For all who died in the 9/11 tragedy that they may be given entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of all your saints,

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

For all who grieve the death of family, friends, and fellow citizens; remember them in your mercy, nourish them with patience, comfort them with a sense of your goodness, lift up your countenance upon them, and give them peace.

Arise, O Christ, and help us.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit that they may be comforted, healed, and given courage and hope,

Arise, O Christ, and help us.

For the victims and the perpetrators of terror, war, and violence throughout the world,

Arise, O Christ, and help us.

For all who work for unity, peace, concord, and the freedom of all people,

Arise, O Christ, and help us.

When we remember that day, the memories haunt us, the sounds echo in our ears, and the images fill our eyes,

O Christ, lead us home.

When we are hopeless and sad,

O Christ, lead us home.

When we are angry and vengeful,

O Christ, lead us home.

When tears become our only food,

O Christ, lead us home.

When we grieve and despair,

O Christ, lead us home.

When we are fearful and faithless,

O Christ, lead us home.

When in grief, anger, negligence, or ignorance we have turned against you and against one another,

Merciful God, forgive and heal us.

When we speak unjustly against others, when we blame unfairly, when we withdraw or lash out,

Merciful God, forgive and heal us.

When we seek revenge rather than reconciliation and peace,

Merciful God, forgive and heal us.

When we have engaged in torture and denied justice to members of the human family,

Merciful God, forgive and heal us.

When we have demonized people of other religions, race, color, or ethnicity,

Merciful God, forgive and heal us.

Give us the will and courage to love and forgive our enemies.

Be our strength, O Christ.

Lead them and us from prejudice to truth,

Be our strength, O Christ.

Deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge.

Be our strength, O Christ.

Enable us all to stand reconciled before you.

Be our strength, O Christ.

For men and women who have given their strength, their wisdom, and their lives for this country,

We thank you, Lord.

For firefighters, police officers, first responders, for those serving in the military and their families, and all those who were injured or died so that others might be rescued, cared for, and protected,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous who were patient in suffering, faithful in adversity, and selfless in sacrifice,

We thank you, Lord.

For all who participate in interfaith dialogue, relationships, and reconciliation,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

O Lord, hear our prayer,

Let our cry come to you.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Gregory, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord, our God.

The Celebrant adds the concluding collect.

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

Deacon or Celebrant

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept

God 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,

Almighty 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, birthday, and anniversary blessings are made.

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 SGEgive to: 833-672-4095. Your gifts make a meaningful difference. Thank you for walking in love and responding in faith.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2, FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

The People stand as the gifts are brought forward. The Celebrant says

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

The Celebrant proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we proclaim the hymn:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. *Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

The People stand, sit, or kneel as able. The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you." This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out to you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified, and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Gregory, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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

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

CELEBRANT Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
PEOPLE ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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.

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 (wine) 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 POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

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.**

THE BLESSING

BEANNACHT (BLESSING) BY JOHN O'DONOHUE

On the day when the weight deadens on your shoulders and you stumble, may the clay dance to balance you. And when your eyes freeze behind the grey window and the ghost of loss gets into you, may a flock of colors, indigo, red, green and azure blue, come to awaken in you a meadow of delight. When the canvas frays in the currach of thought and a stain of ocean blackens beneath you, may there come across the waters a path of yellow moonlight to bring you safely home. May the nourishment of the earth be yours, may the clarity of light be yours, may the fluency of the ocean be yours, may the protection of the ancestors be yours. And so may a slow wind work these words of love around you, an invisible cloak to mind your life. And may the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be with you this day and 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 Trumpets shall sound.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

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. Please scan the QR code and fill out the form provided to be sent information about all the opportunities and ministries offered at St. Gregory's!



A BIBLICAL CONVERSATION WITH FR. ANDREW
Inclusion of All God's Children
Sunday, September 13 & Sunday, September 20
11:45 AM | Second Floor Conference Room

For the past 50 years, the Episcopal Church, led by the Holy Spirit, has given witness to the full inclusion of all God's children into life with God in Jesus Christ. On Sunday, September 13, and Sunday, September 20, following the 10 AM service, Fr. Andrew invites you to join him for a deep dive into Holy Scripture to explore the biblical conversation regarding inclusion as we seek to build God's beloved community at St. Gregory's. We will meet at 11:45 AM in the second-floor conference. Bring your open hearts and your Bibles.
All are welcome!

ST. GREGORY'S Senior Gathering

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT NOON

Join us for a Healing Mass, followed by a delicious lunch sponsored by Meals with Meaning. During lunch, enjoy fellowship time together, followed by "Aging with Grace" discussions in the Youth Room.

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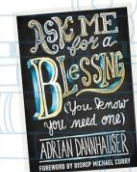
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Rector's Bible Study

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JOIN FR. ANDREW FOR LIVING WATER:
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INSIGHTS IN A WELCOMING AND
ENGAGING SETTING.



Classes resume on Wednesday, September 16 at 6 PM!
Wednesday Evenings - 6 PM | In Person & On Zoom
(Please scan the QR code with your smartphone for the Zoom meeting link)



The event is free to attend, with a suggested donation of \$10.

THE BIG CHURCH READ

Book Selection:
Ask Me for a Blessing (You Know You Need One)

**HALF-DAY RETREAT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
AT 10:00 AM IN HARRIS HALL**

Doors open at 9:45 AM. We'll gather for coffee, tea, donuts, a discussion with the author via Zoom, and fellowship as we explore this year's book together.

A delicious light lunch, prepared by Meals with Meaning, will be graciously provided by the ECW.

and childcare will be available with advance notice.

RSVP Today! To RSVP, please scan the QR code or visit:
www.stgregorysepiscopal.org/thebigchurchread



Author
Reverend
Adrian Dannhauser
will join us via Zoom!

Special thanks to the ECW and The Very Reverend Dr. Mary Ellen Cassini for hosting the retreat.

CHORAL EVENSONG

AT ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6 PM | SANCTUARY

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