

ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II  
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025  
8:00 AM

THE REVEREND ANDREW J. SHERMAN, CELEBRANT & PREACHER

The  
Order  
of the  
Daughters  
of the King  
Diocese of  
Southeast Florida

*Welcome to Saint Gregory's! We invite you to join us in active participation in the worship of God.  
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 and the Procession enters the Sanctuary.*

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.***

CELEBRANT

**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 IN EXCELSIS *Said by All.*

**G**lory 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 SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

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

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

**G**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

[18:1-11]

*Jackie Rogers, Lector.*

**T**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.***

THE PSALM *Recited by all, by whole verse.*

[139:1-5, 12-17]

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

***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 altogether.

***4 You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.***

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain 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!***

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]

*Michelle Santarelli, Lector*

**P**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 HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

[14:25-33]

PEOPLE *Glory to you Lord Christ.*

**N**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 *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

*The People are seated for*

THE SERMON THE REVEREND ANDREW J. SHERMAN

*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 Jeff Miller, Leader.

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.*

**A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND CHAPLAIN,  
THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING  
AVONELLE FORBES, PRESIDENT OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA DAUGHTERS OF THE KING  
LAURETTE BAGLEY, PALM BEACH DEANERY COORDINATOR**

*During the Service of Installation of Officers, new officers agree to devote themselves to the tasks their office demands and members promise to support and cooperate with their chosen officers. The clergy of the parish installs the following persons as chapter officers: President, Maria Provost; Vice President, Patricia Lusk; Secretary, Paula Behul; Treasurer, Jean McDonald.*

**CLERGY** We are gathered here to install the elected officers of the *St. Brigid of Kildare Chapter*. In the presence of God and each other, let us here covenant with Him and with one another to do the things we believe He would have us do, and try to do well whatever we attempt. Let us offer ourselves to Him that He may continually work through us.

*The officers are addressed as follows:*

**Y**ou have been chosen by these your friends to serve in a position of responsibility. To you comes the call of leadership; upon all rests the obligation of cooperation. Receiving now the responsibility place upon you, will you agree to devote yourselves to the task that your office demands, continually seeking to be used by your Lord Jesus Christ?

**OFFICERS** *I will with God's help.*

*The members are addressed as follows:*

**CLERGY** As members of The Order of the Daughters of the King®, your duty this coming term is to cooperate with the officers you have chosen and to work together to fulfill the Rules of Prayer and Service here in the congregation (diocesan assembly, province) and beyond.

**MEMBERS** *We promise to pray for and support and cooperate with our officers, offering our best efforts to fulfill the mission of the Order. We declare our loyalty to our Kin, the Lord Jesus Christ, to His church and its works, asking the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength in all that we undertake.*

**CLERGY** May God richly bless you in all your efforts to the glory of His Name. For His Sake. Amen.

*During The Service of Installation of a Chaplain, (Susamma Cherian), the chaplain agrees to accept the duties and responsibilities of the position to which she is called.*

**PRESENTER** I present to you in the love of God, to be a *Chapter Chaplain* for the of The Order of the Daughters of the King®. To you comes the call to be a spiritual guide and advisor, to provide pastoral care and liturgical services, and to communicate the work of the Order to other clergy. Because you are called to service in the things pertaining to Christ's church, we ask you to covenant with God and with us to undertake these new responsibilities on behalf of the Daughters of the King.  
*Susamma, are you ready and willing to accept these duties and responsibilities to which you are called?*

**CHAPLAIN** *I am.*

**PRESENTER** Will you devote yourself to this ministry, continually seeking to be of service to our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ?

CHAPLAIN *I will with God's help.*

PRESENTER Almighty and everlasting God, we dedicate *Susamma* to your service in faith, joy, and love. We pray that you will confirm and strengthen *her* that *she* may grow in the love and knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ. Give *her* grace to nurture the Daughters under *her* care that we may grow together in our Rule of Life. We pray that *she* will be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and that *her* life will be an example of righteousness and wholeness. May *she* know the nearness of God always. **AMEN.**

*Taking the Chaplain by the right hand, the following words of reception are said:*

Chaplain, in love we receive you as our spiritual guide and leader. We offer you our faith and trust believing that God will accomplish His work through you. May God richly bless you in all your efforts as our Chaplain, to the glory of His name. **AMEN.**

ALL DOK MEMBERS *Heavenly Father, we thank you for calling Susamma to be our Chaplain. Bless us as we walk together in this new relationship and guide us always to do your work in this world. In your name we pray. AMEN.*

*All new officers and the new chaplain are presented. Applause is appropriate.*

## 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



*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.*

*The People stand as the Gifts are presented.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1, FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP*

*The Celebrant says*

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

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

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 Celebrant continues*

**B**lessed 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*

**R**emembering 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

**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

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*

**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.

*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 POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

**E**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

**M**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, Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
PEOPLE ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

*The Trumpets sound as the Procession retires.*

## 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.stgregorysepiscopal.org](http://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!



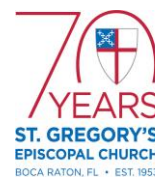
*For His Sake, I am but one, but I am one.  
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.  
What I can do, I ought to do.  
What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.  
Lord, what will you have me do?*

*Transforming  
Hearts and  
Community  
through  
Jesus' Love*




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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.



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