



St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

10:00 AM

THE REVEREND BENJAMIN A. THOMAS, *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.

Please turn off all electronic devices including cell phones. 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.

THE PRELUDE

ALLEGRO FOR TWO FLUTES

BEETHOVEN

Maria Provost, Lori Snow, Flute. Norma Jenkins, Guest Organist.

All stand, as able, as the bells peal.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 372

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 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 *Sung by all, standing.*

SETTING BY ROBERT POWELL

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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.

Grant 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

JEREMIAH 18:1-11

The 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 *Read responsively by whole verse, while remaining seated.*

PSALM 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

PHILEMON 1-21

Paul, 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 603

WHEN CHRIST WAS LIFTED FROM THE EARTH

ST. BOTOLPH

PEOPLE *Glory to you Lord Christ.*

Now 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."

READER The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

The People are seated.

THE SERMON THE REVEREND ANDREW J. SHERMAN, RECTOR

Silence is kept.

The People stand for

THE NICENE CREED *Said by all.*

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

FORM III

A Deacon or other 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 a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Deacon or Celebrant.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Most 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,

Almighty 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.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MEDITATION ALLEGRETTO SCHERZO FROM DUO IN A MINOR

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Maria Provost, Lori Snow, Flute. Norma Jenkins, Guest Organist.

All stand for

THE PRESENTATION HYMN 380 PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

OLD HUNDREDTH

Verse 3 Only

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2, FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

PEOPLE 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 him thanks and praise.***

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 sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven 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 Celebrant continues as The People stand or kneel.

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.**

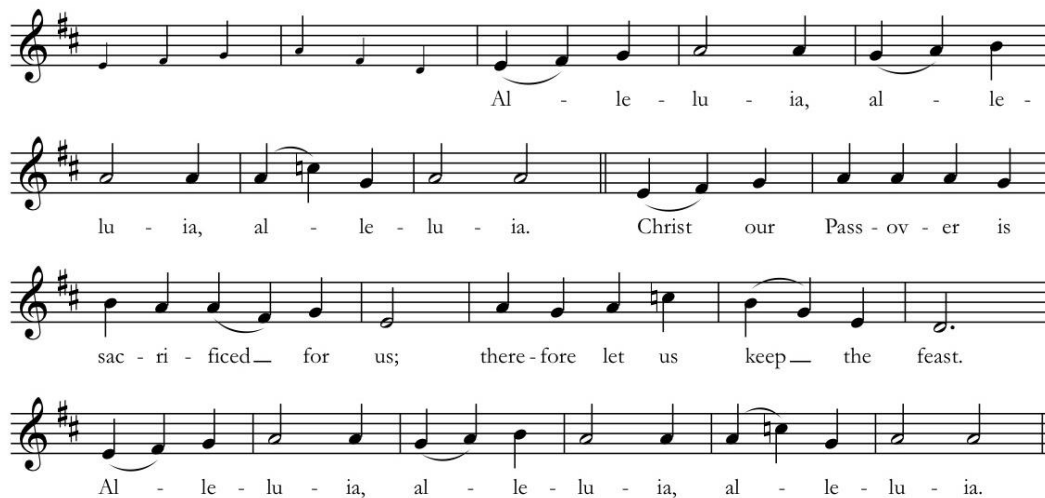
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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

SETTING BY GERALD NEAR



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.

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION

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THE COMMUNION HYMN 675 TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID

BOURBON

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion the Celebrant says Let us pray.

God of Abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **AMEN.**

THE BLESSING

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love, I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness 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 in the name of Christ.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 594 GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

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THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

MS. NORMA JENKINS, GUEST ORGANIST

We welcome you to our 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 or Instagram. God is doing extraordinary things among us. We invite you to be part of it!

The Choir of St. Gregory's is on summer vacation and will return to our service of worship on September 22. ***We are pleased to welcome*** our Flute Consort members *Maria Provost, and Lori Snow* as our guest musicians this morning and Ms. Norma Jenkins as our guest organist.

Are you are interested in joining the *Choir of St. Gregory's*? Do you have a child who would like to join our choristers? Interested in playing in the hand-bell choir? Speak with Tim Brumfield, Director of Music Ministries or send him an email. Would you like to lead the congregation in singing the hymns and service music at the 10 am service? If so, consider joining our *Summer Choir*. There are no rehearsals, no vestments to wear, no age limit, and all are welcome including children and youth.

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