



St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
ADVENT I

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

8:00 A.M.

THE REVEREND ANDREW J. SHERMAN, CELEBRANT
THE REVEREND DR. ROBYN M. NEVILLE, 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 the bells peal and the Procession enters the sanctuary.

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

CELEBRANT Let us join together in the lighting of the Advent Wreath.

LEADER The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

PEOPLE ***Those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.***

LEADER We join with sisters and brothers around the world, lighting candles to mark our steps in this Advent journey.

PEOPLE ***Today, we light the candle of Hope.***

LEADER Even though the world seems dark and cold, we know that the light of Christ is coming. The face of our Lord will shine, and we shall be saved.

PEOPLE ***Testifying against all suffering and darkness, we kindle this light. Together, we proclaim to the world that in Christ, we have hope.***

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

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 TRISAGION *Said by All three times.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

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

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 ISAIAH

ISAIAH 2:1-5

Rob Mitchell, Lector.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE ***Thanks be to God.***

THE PSALM *Said responsively by whole verse.*

[122]

1 I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

**2 Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

**4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

**6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

**8 For my brethren and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good."

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

[13:11-14]

Betsy Wenzel, Lector.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 ST. MATTHEW

[24:36-44]

PEOPLE ***Glory to you Lord Christ.***

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

GOSPELLER The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

The People are seated.

THE SERMON THE REVEREND DR. ROBYN M. NEVILLE, PH. D.

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 *The Leader and People pray responsively with words in **Bold.** Jeff Miller, leader.*

Sisters and brothers, as we joyfully await the full manifestation of God’s reign in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world.

O *Wisdom*, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, mightily ordering all things. Behold and bless your church. Be present in the ordering of our common life together at St. Gregory’s.

Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O *Adonai*, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and will.

Come and redeem us for our life together.

O *Root of Jesse*, you stand as a sign to humankind. Before you rulers will shut their mouths and nations bow in worship. We pray for your peace and justice in every nation. Be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war and strife. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the path of peace.

Come save us and do not delay.

O *Key of David*, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open. Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for the homeless, for prisoners, and for all who are oppressed. And lead us in closing the doors to poverty, bigotry, and injustice.

Come and free the captives.

O *King of the Nations*, you are the cornerstone that makes us one. We lift up all who are suffering and in need. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous and help us minister to them in your love.

Come and save us whom you have fashioned out of clay.

O *Dayspring*, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness. Shine your light on those who have died and bring comfort to all those who mourn.

Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

O *Emmanuel*, God with us, Expected One and Savior, we give thanks for all the blessings of this life. Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all whom we meet, and to greet you in the fullness of your glory in the day of your appearing.

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

The People may add their own petitions at this time. The Celebrant adds the 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.

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.

An offering is collected. The people stand as the Gifts are presented.

The Celebrant faces them and 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 our thanks and praise.</i>

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 or sit as the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Gregory, all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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 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

POEM BY JAN RICHARDSON

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

Blessed are you who bear the light in unbearable times, who testify to its endurance amid the unendurable, who bear witness to its persistence when everything seems in shadow and grief. Blessed are you in whom the light lives, in whom the brightness blazes— your heart a chapel, an altar where in the deepest night can be seen the fire that shines forth in you in unaccountable faith, in stubborn hope, in love that illumines every broken thing it finds. AMEN.

THE BLESSING

As we wait expectantly and with hope renewed for the coming of Christ as both the Child of Bethlehem and the Judge of the nations, may the blessing of God, Abba, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

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



CHORAL EVENSONG

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | ADVENT I
6 PM | SANCTUARY

Choral Evensong is one of the most beautiful and time-honored services in the Episcopal Church, rich in history and tradition. Over the centuries, some of the most profound and inspiring music has been composed specifically for Evensong.

Please join us for a beautiful and moving Choral Evensong as we begin the season of Advent, sung by the Choir of St. Gregory's under the direction of Timothy Brumfield, Director of Music, Organist, and Choirmaster. All are warmly welcome. Bring your friends and family!



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