

ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 11, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



THE RIGHT REVEREND PETER EATON
BISHOP OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER



ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II
CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION
MAY 11, 2025
10:00 AM

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 silence all cell phones.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

All stand, as able, and sing together

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 477 ALL PRAISE TO THEE, FOR THOU, O KING DIVINE

ENGELBERG

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

BISHOP Alleluia. Christ is risen.
PEOPLE ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***
BISHOP There is one Body and one Spirit;
PEOPLE ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***
BISHOP One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
PEOPLE ***One God and Father of all.***

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

BISHOP The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE ***And also with you.***
BISHOP Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The People are seated for

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

[9:36-43]

Elizabeth Hussein, Lector.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

THE PSALM *Sung by the Choir*

[23; CHANT; C. HYLTON STEWART]

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
 therefore can I lack nothing.
2 He shall feed me in a green pasture:
 And lead me forth beside the waters of
 comfort.
3 He shall convert my soul
 and bring me forth in the paths of
 righteousness for his Name's sake.
4 Yea though I walk through the valley of the
 shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;
 for thou art with me,
 Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me
 against them that trouble me:
 Thou hast anointed my head with oil
 and my cup shall be full.
6 But thy loving kindness and mercy
 shall follow me all the days of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for
 ever.

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN

Jim Sorensen, Lector.

[7:9-17]

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
 and worship him day and night within his temple,
 and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
 the sun will not strike them,
 nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
 and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
 and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 625

YE HOLY ANGELS BRIGHT

DARWALL'S 148TH

THE GREAT ALLELUIA

Sung by the Choir and repeated by all.

TIMOTHY J. BRUMFIELD



PEOPLE



Glo-ry to You, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

GOSPELLER The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE



Praise to you Lord Christ.

*All repeat the Alleluias**The People are seated.***THE SERMON THE BISHOP***Silence is kept.***THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES**

BISHOP The Candidates will now be presented.

PRESENTERS

I present N., for Confirmation

I present N., to be received into this Communion.

I present N., who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

CANDIDATES **I do.**

BISHOP Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

CANDIDATES **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.***After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in their life in Christ?PEOPLE **We will.***The Bishop then says these words*

Let us stand and join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The Congregation stands as able.

BISHOP Do you believe in God the Father?
PEOPLE ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

BISHOP Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
PEOPLE ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

BISHOP Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
PEOPLE ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.***

BISHOP Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
PEOPLE ***I will, with God's help.***

BISHOP Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
PEOPLE ***I will, with God's help.***

BISHOP Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
PEOPLE ***I will, with God's help.***

BISHOP Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
PEOPLE ***I will, with God's help.***

BISHOP Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
PEOPLE ***I will, with God's help.***

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Lay Leader leads the following petitions. Jeff Miller, Lay Leader.

LEADER Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
PEOPLE ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

LEADER Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
PEOPLE ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

LEADER Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
PEOPLE ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

LEADER Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
PEOPLE ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

LEADER Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
PEOPLE ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

LEADER Send them into the world in witness to your love.
PEOPLE ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

LEADER Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
PEOPLE ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

The Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

All are seated.

FOR CONFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. With your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. **AMEN.**

FOR RECEPTION

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **AMEN.**

FOR REAFFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **AMEN.**

Then the Bishop concludes with the following prayer.

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

BISHOP 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 formally welcomed as announcements, birthday, and anniversary blessings are said.*

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 OFFERTORY ANTHEM

THE SECRET OF CHRIST

ISALAH 42:14-16; REVELATION 22:1-3

RICHARD SHEPHARD

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak. I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known, I will guide them. I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them. And He showed me a pure river of the Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was a tree of life, and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nation. Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our friend. Amen.

All stand for

THE PRESENTATION HYMN 645 THE KING OF LOVE, MY SHEPHERD IS

ST. COLUMBA

Verses 1, 2, and 6 only

The people remain standing for

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Bishop faces them and sings

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

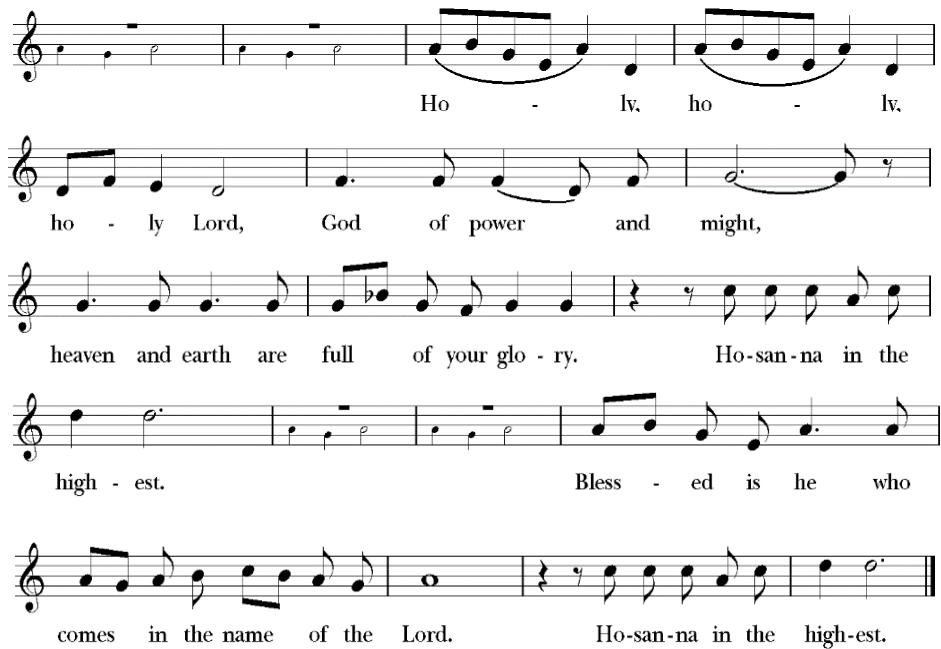
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Bishop 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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

MATHIAS



Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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 People stand or kneel as able. The Bishop continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

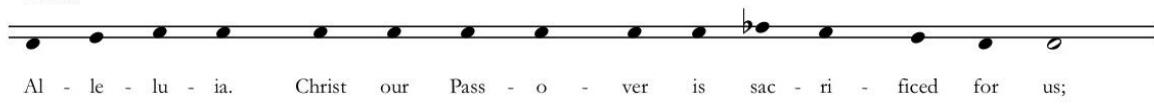
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

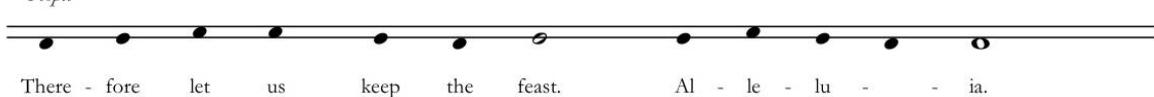
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Cantor



Al - le - lu - ia.

People



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Bishop 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 PASCHA NOSTRUM Sung by the choir.

CHANT: P. M. SMITH

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven,
the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. ALLELUIA...*

*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but
the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. ALLELUIA...*

*Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man came also the
resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ALLELUIA...*

THE COMMUNION SOLO

LET ALL THE WORLD IN EVERY CORNER SING

Sam Cucci, soloist

*FIVE MYSTICAL SONGS BY GEORGE HERBERT
MUSIC: RALPH VAUGHN WILLIAMS*

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King, The Heavens are not too high, his praise by thither fly:

*The earth is not too low, his praises there by grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.
The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out: but above all, the heart must bear the longest part.*

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, all stand as able as the Bishop 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

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to live with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remains with you for ever.
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 CLOSING HYMN 208

THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE WON

VICTORY

The Trumpets sound as the Procession retires.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

We congratulate those being confirmed and received today!

For Confirmation

Samuel Beillard
Luisany "Lisa" Bolivar
Doug Briggs
Maxfield Herman
Glenmoore Anthony Johnson Jr.
Adelia MacLaren
Juan A. Lopez Menda
Alina Pierce
Caelum Standefer
Uzie Aaron Valencía

For Reception

Jennifer Artonito
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Jane Day
Jeffry Gutierrez
Michael Pierce
Rose Sandoval
Catherine Wallace
Richard Wiley

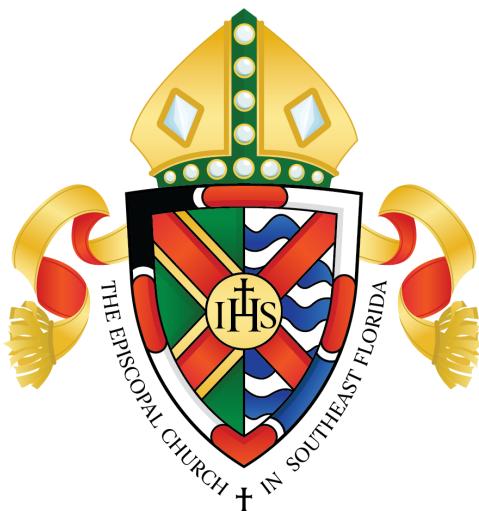
For Reaffirmation

Hannelene Beillard
Shelly Bisnoff
Stella Lawrence
Ian MacLaren
Betty Special
Ivars Strautmanis
Cali Walter
Lisa Walter
Lynne Yurosko

THE RIGHT REVEREND PETER EATON BISHOP OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA



The Right Reverend Peter Eaton was seated as Bishop of the Diocese of Southeast Florida on January 30, 2016. Most recently, Bishop Eaton was the Dean of Saint John's Cathedral, Denver, CO, a position he held from 2002 to 2015. Bishop Eaton is an experienced parish pastor, teacher, and community leader, and has served congregations in Lancaster, PA, and Salt Lake City, UT, as well as in England and France. He was born in the US, and raised in this country, Barbados, Puerto Rico, and the UK. Having trained for the priesthood at Westcott House, Cambridge (UK), he was ordained a deacon by his uncle, Bishop Paco Reus of Puerto Rico, and he was ordained a priest in 1987 by Archbishop Robert Runcie in Canterbury Cathedral. He is married to Kate, who is the founder of Mishkhah, an organization devoted to helping congregations create new worshipping communities.



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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

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

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through
Jesus' Love*



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