



St. Gregory's Episcopal Church

The Holy Eucharist—Rite II

MAY 8, 2022

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 AM

THE REVEREND ANDREW J. SHERMAN, *CELEBRANT*
THE REVEREND BENJAMIN A. THOMAS JR., *PREACHER*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Ms. Norma Jenkins, Guest Organist.*

All stand, as able, as the bells peal and the Procession enters.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

CELEBRANT Alleluia. Christ is risen.

PEOPLE ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

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 Congregation remains standing for

THE GLORIA

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, 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

ACTS 9:36-43

Laura Crabtree, reader.

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 *Read responsively by whole verse.*

PSALM 23

1	The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.		<i>for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.</i>
2	He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.	5	You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
3	He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.	6	Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.
4	Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *		

A READING FROM THE REVELATION OF JOHN

REVELATION 7:9-17

Roberta Kjelgaard, reader.

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 GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

JOHN 10:22-30

PEOPLE **Glory 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."

READER The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The People are seated for

THE SERMON THE REVEREND BENJAMIN A. THOMAS JR., ASSOCIATE RECTOR

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 Reader and People pray responsively. The people stand or kneel as able. Walter Jones, Lay Reader.

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we praise you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this day and through our lives give us hope, to trust in your promise of abundant, eternal life, for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE *Christ is risen indeed.*

During Eastertide which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, as we especially remember Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Peter, our Bishop, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE *Christ is risen indeed.*

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE *Christ is risen indeed.*

For all who have need of the gift of New Life; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE *Christ is risen indeed.*

For Joseph, our President, and the leaders of all the nations that they may work for justice, freedom, and peace for all peoples, for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE *Christ is risen indeed.*

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our hurting world, for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE *Christ is risen indeed.*

May we be one in faith with all who died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen:

PEOPLE *Christ is risen indeed.*

The Celebrant adds the concluding collect.

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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 *All stand.*

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.

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The Celebrant faces them and says

PEOPLE The Lord be with you.
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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending 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.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We remember his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation **AMEN**.

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

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.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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 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.stgregorysepiscope.org or follow us on Facebook or Instagram. God is doing extraordinary things among us. We invite you to be part of it!

We welcome Ms. Norma Jenkins as our Guest Organist and Choral Director today.





WILL YOU BE THE RIVET?

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TRULY MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

Did you notice that there are no single rivets showing in the pictures we have of the Golden Gate Bridge? The strength of the steel fabric of the bridge comes from vast numbers of rivets arranged so that each holds up a tiny part of the structure. Each and every one of the 2+ million rivets that hold that bridge together is part of a "community" of rivets and those communities form larger community groups until we have an entire bridge.

We're asking everyone to "be a rivet;" each to put something in the pail, as part of the community that's building our remodeled St. Gregory's because as a single giver, you join with others to make up the structure that is the church.

We are called upon by God to be a blessing to the community and our improved and enhanced facilities will amplify that effort and help us to each meet our part of that goal.

Not all of us are fortunate enough to be able to write a large check for this project...and we thank and bless those that can...but each of us can be part of the community of "rivets" that will get the job done!

All we're asking is that you keep up your pledge, consider making a sacrificial contribution to the project and drop your pocket change in the pail. Encourage your children and grandkids to do the same...maybe help them out, lift them up so they can reach, and let them learn the God-pleasing habit of generous and cheerful giving.

Just as every one of those bridge rivets was carefully hammered into place by workers, so we are lovingly "guided and placed" by our Clergy and Staff which allows us to help to do God's work. Work that is bigger than ourselves.

Euclid was wrong! St. Gregory's proves every day that the whole can be larger than the sum of its parts!

--Jim Sorensen

**Please join a "community" of rivets.
Make us bigger and stronger than ever!**

St. Gregory's, an agent of change in the heart of Boca Raton.





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