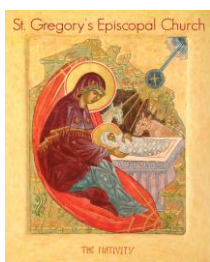




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St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
CHRISTMAS II—RISE AND SHINE
JANUARY 4, 2026

10:00 AM

THE REVEREND DR. ROBYN M. NEVILLE, CELEBRANT & PREACHER

*Welcome to Saint Gregory's! We invite you to join us in active participation in the worship of God.
This leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy taken from the Book of Common Prayer.
Please silence all cell phones.*

All stand as the procession enters.

THE OPENING HYMN: "GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"

SPIRITUAL

Refrain Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo! a - bove the earth
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger our hum - ble Christ was born,

Repeat Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.____
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.____
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bles - sed Christ - mas morn.____

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

CELEBRANT Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE ***And blessed be God's 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 IN EXCELSIS *Said by All.*

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 We're going to pray to God now. So let's take a deep breath in, a deep breath out, let our bodies be still, and bow our heads. The Lord be with you.

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

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The People are seated for

READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

[31:7-14]

(International Children's Bible)

READER A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, chapter 31, verses 7-14.

This is what the Lord says:

“Be happy and sing for the people of Jacob.
Shout for Israel, the greatest of the nations.
Sing your praises and shout this:
‘Lord, save your people!
Save those who are left alive from the nation of Israel!’
Look, I will bring Israel from the country in the north.
I will gather them from the faraway places on earth.
Some of the people are blind and crippled.
Some of the women will be pregnant and ready to give birth.
A great many people will come back.
Those people will be crying as they come back.
But they will pray as I bring them back.
I will lead those people by streams of water.
I will lead them on an even road where they will not stumble.
This is because I am Israel’s father.
And Israel is my firstborn son.

“Nations, listen to the message from the Lord.
Tell this message in the faraway lands by the sea:
‘The one who scattered the people of Israel will bring them back together.
And he will watch over his people like a shepherd.’
The Lord will bring the people of Jacob back.
The Lord will buy them back from people stronger than they were.
The people of Israel will come to the high points of Jerusalem.
There they will shout for joy.
Their faces will shine with happiness about all the good things from the Lord:
the grain, new wine, oil, young sheep and cows.
They will be like a garden that has plenty of water.
And the people of Israel will not be troubled anymore.
Then young women of Israel will be happy and dance.
The young men and old men will also dance.
I will change their sadness into happiness.
I will give them comfort and joy instead of sadness.
The priests will have more than enough sacrifices.
And my people will be filled with the good things I give them!” says the Lord.

READER The Word of the Lord.

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

A READING FROM PSALM 81

[84:1-8]
(International Children's Bible)

READER A reading from Psalm 81.

Lord of heaven's armies,
how lovely is your Temple!
I want to be in
the courtyards of the Lord's Temple.
My whole being wants
to be with the living God.
The sparrows have found a home.
And the swallows have nests.
They raise their young near your altars,
Lord of heaven's armies, my King and my God.
Happy are the people who live at your Temple.
They are always praising you.

Happy are those whose strength comes from you.
They want to travel to Jerusalem.
As they pass through the Valley of Baca,
they make it like a spring.
The autumn rains fill it with pools of water.
The people get stronger as they go.
And everyone meets with God in Jerusalem.

Lord God of heaven's armies, hear my prayer.
God of Jacob, listen to me.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

[1:3-6, 15-19A]
(International Children's Bible)

READER A reading from the Epistle to the Romans, chapter 15:4-13.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ, God has given us every spiritual blessing in heaven. In Christ, he chose us before the world was made. In his love he chose us to be his holy people—people without blame before him. And before the world was made, God decided to make us his own children through Jesus Christ. That was what he wanted and what pleased him. This brings praise to God because of his wonderful grace. God gave that grace to us freely, in Christ, the One he loves.

That is why I always remember you in my prayers and always thank God for you. I have always done this since the time I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people. I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ—to the glorious Father. I pray that he will give you a spirit that will make you wise in the knowledge of God—the knowledge that he has shown you. I pray that you will have greater understanding in your heart. Then you will know the hope that God has chosen to give us. I pray that you will know that the blessings God has promised his holy people are rich and glorious. And you will know that God's power is very great for us who believe. That power is the same as the great strength.

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

The People stand for

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

[2:1-23]
(International Children's Bible)

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea during the time when Herod was king. After Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the baby who was born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east. We came to worship him."

When King Herod heard about this new king of the Jews, he was troubled. And all the people in Jerusalem were worried too. Herod called a meeting of all the leading priests and teachers of the law. He asked them where the Christ would be born. They answered, "In the town of Bethlehem in Judea. The prophet wrote about this in the Scriptures:

But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are important among the rulers of Judah.
A ruler will come from you.

He will be like a shepherd for my people, the Israelites.” *Micah 5:2*

Then Herod had a secret meeting with the wise men from the east. He learned from them the exact time they first saw the star. Then Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem. He said to them, “Go and look carefully to find the child. When you find him, come tell me. Then I can go worship him too.”

The wise men heard the king and then left. They saw the same star they had seen in the east. It went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was. When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy. They went to the house where the child was and saw him with his mother, Mary. They bowed down and worshiped the child. They opened the gifts they brought for him. They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But God warned the wise men in a dream not to go back to Herod. So they went home to their own country by a different way.

After they left, an angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream. The angel said, “Get up! Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Herod will start looking for the child to kill him. Stay in Egypt until I tell you to return.”

So Joseph got up and left for Egypt during the night with the child and his mother. Joseph stayed in Egypt until Herod died. This was to make clear the full meaning of what the Lord had said through the prophet. The Lord said, “I called my son out of Egypt.”

When Herod saw that the wise men had tricked him, he was very angry. So he gave an order to kill all the baby boys in Bethlehem and in all the area around Bethlehem who were two years old or younger. This was in keeping with the time he learned from the wise men. So what God had said through the prophet Jeremiah came true:

“A sound was heard in Ramah.

It was painful crying and much sadness.

Rachel cries for her children,

and she cannot be comforted,

because her children are dead.” *Jeremiah 31:15*

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream. This happened while Joseph was in Egypt. The angel said, “Get up! Take the child and his mother and go to Israel. The people who were trying to kill the child are now dead.”

So Joseph took the child and his mother and went to Israel. But he heard that Archelaus was now king in Judea. Archelaus became king when his father Herod died. So Joseph was afraid to go there. After being warned in a dream, he went to the area of Galilee. He went to a town called Nazareth and lived there. And so what God had said through the prophets came true: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

GOSPELER The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People are seated.

THE SERMON THE REVEREND DR. ROBYN M. NEVILLE, PH. D., SENIOR ASSOCIATE RECTOR

The People stand for

THE CHILDREN’S CREED SONG / SONG OF FAITH / “I BELIEVE”

***I believe in the Father,
I believe in Jesus,
And the Holy Spirit,
And the Holy Church. (sung two times)
Lord, prepare me
To be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy,
Right and true.***

***With thanksgiving
I’ll be a living
Sanctuary,
Lord, for you.
I believe in the Father,
I believe in Jesus,
And the Holy Spirit,
And the Holy Church. (sung two times)***

The People shall stand for

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *The Leader and People pray together, the People answering* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Leader says,

As the family of God, let us now pray for all God's children, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for our teachers, coaches, and clergy, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church, the family of God and the Body of Christ, that we may faithfully serve others and care for the needs of all God's people, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our nation and leaders, and for the earth, for the environment, for endangered species and all the animals, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in need, including the homeless, the hungry, those without clean water, those who are sick, and all who look to you for help, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving we remember those who have gone before us in faith, and the souls of all the faithful departed, that they may find rest and blessing in the arms of your love, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all whose lives are closely linked with ours, that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds the concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

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 seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE



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.

All stand as the Gifts are presented.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE CHILDREN'S EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 God 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. 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: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Holy, holy, holy: Lord, God, Almighty, early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy: Merciful and Mighty; God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

The Celebrant continues

We praise you that through a woman, Mary, the eternal Word took on human flesh and lived among us, giving himself to the people so that we might become the family of God. One night at supper, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it, and gave it to his friends and family, saying, "This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks to God for it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my blood of the promise of God, given for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

So we remember and proclaim the mystery of faith:

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

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

The Celebrant continues

Come now, Holy Spirit, and dwell within these gifts, to change them and change us so that we may change the world. Unite us to Jesus, so that we may grow into our calling as the children of God, and serve all families, all children, and the poor in Christ's holy name. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as Jesus himself taught us, we 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
PEOPLE *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ is here for you and draw near to him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER SONG / "THANK YOU, THANK YOU, JESUS"

After Communion, all stand as the Celebrant says

Let us pray by singing together.

*Thank you, thank you, Jesus,
Oh, thank you, thank you, Jesus,
Thank you, thank you Jesus in my heart.
Thank you, thank you, Jesus,
Oh, thank you, thank you, Jesus,
Thank you, thank you, Jesus in my heart.*

THE BLESSING

God loves you very much and wants you to be happy and healthy and safe. As we start a new program year in the church, may your life be filled with hope and kindness and goodness—and may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

THE DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
PEOPLE *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

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!



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