

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church CHORAL EVENSONG

The Second Sunday of Lent In Loving Memory of Hugh Strachan

MARCH 16, 2025



THE REVEREND DR. ROBYN M. NEVILLE, OFFICIANT



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 refer to the blue Hymnal 1982, located in the pew racks. 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.

Please turn off all cell phones.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

THE INTROIT Sung by the choir.

EVENING HYMN BALFOUR GARDINER

Te lucis anteterminum Reum Creator Poscimus ut pro tua Clementia sis praesul et custodia.

Procul recedant somnia Et montium phantasmata Hos temque nostrum comprime Ne polunatur corpora.

Praesta, Pater piissime Patrique compar Unice cum spiritu Paraclito Regnans per omne saeculum. Amen. Thee, Lord, before the close of the day, Maker of all things, Thee we pray for Thy dear lovingkindness' sake To guard and guide us in Thy way.

Banish the dreams that terrify, and night's fantastic company: Keep us from Satan's tyranny: Defend us from unchastity.

Protect us, Father, God ador'd,
Thou too, co-equal Son and Lord,
Thou, Holy Ghost, our Advocate,
Whose reign can know nor bound nor date.
Amen.

All who are able, please stand and sing together

THE ENTRANCE HYMN 29

O TRINITY OF BLESSED LIGHT

BROMLEY

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. *Amos* 5:8

THE INVITATORY Sung by the Choir and Cantor.

SETTING BY JOHN BARNARD

- V O Lord, Open thou our lips.
- R And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- V O God, make speed to save us.
- R O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- V Praise ye the Lord.
- R The Lord's name be praised.

gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving father in heaven, O Jesus Christ: holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The people are seated for THE PSALM Sung by the choir.

PSALM 84/CHANT: HOWELLS

how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!

My soul that a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; even thy altars O Lord of hosts my King and my God.

Blessed are thy that dwell in thy house; they will be always praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee, in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength, and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts hear my prayer; hearken O God of Jacob.

Behold O God our defender, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the lord God is a light and defense; the Lord will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall be withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

All stand as able for the Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The people are seated for THE FIRST LESSON *Jim Sorensen, Lector.*

I Corinthians 3:11-23

builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been build on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

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

y soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him, throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with His arm, he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy that holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

All stand as able for the Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

All are seated for the reading of THE SECOND LESSON Roberta Kjelgaard, Lector.

MARK 3:31-4:9

hen his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

THE NUNC DIMITTIS Sung by the choir.

SETTING: COLLEGIUM REGALE
HERBERT HOWELLS

ord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy Word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

All stand as able for the Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

All remain standing for

A COLLECT FOR THE DEPARTED

eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life: Give, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth thy light and thy peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served thee here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

All are seated for THE ANTHEM

THE SAINTS OF GOD/ JAMES BASSI

The saints of God their conflict past, and life's long battle won at last, no more they need the shield or sword, they cast them down before their Lord: O happy saints forever blest, at Jesus' feet how safe your rest. The saints of God their wand'rings done, no more their weary course they run, no more they faint no more they fall, no foes oppress no fears appall, O happy saints forever blest, in that dear home how sweet your rest. The saints of God life's voyage o'er, safe landed on that blissful shore, no stormy tempests now they dread, no roaring billows lift their head: O happy saints forever blest, in that calm haven of your rest. The saints of God their vigil keep, while yet their mortal bodies sleep, till from the dust they too shall rise and soar triumphant to the skies: O happy saints rejoice and sing: He quickly comes your Lord and King!

The People remain standing for

THE APOSTLES' CREED Sung by all, monotone.

believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SETTING BY JOHN BARNARD

THE LORD'S PRAYER Sung by the Choir and Cantor.

CANTOR The Lord be with you.

CHOIR And with thy spirit.

CANTOR Let us pray.

CHOIR Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ur 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.
Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES Sung by the Choir and Cantor.

SETTING BY JOHN BARNARD

VERSICLE O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

RESPONSE And grant us thy salvation.

V O Lord, save the State.

R And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.

V Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

R And make thy chosen people joyful.

V O Lord, save thy people.

R And bless thine inheritance.

V Give peace in our time, O Lord,

R Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou,

O God.

V O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

ighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

eep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *AMEN*.

Imighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *AMEN*.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

All stand as able for

THE CLOSING PRAYER

Be present, Spirit of God, within us, your dwelling place and home, that this house may be one where all darkness is penetrated by your light, all troubles calmed by your peace, all evil redeemed by your love, all pain transformed in your suffering, and all dying glorified in your risen life. **AMEN.**

FROM THE NEW ZEALAND BCP

THE BLESSING

Remain standing and sing together

THE RETIRING PROCESSION 150 FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

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Please be seated for

THE ORGAN MEDITATION Timothy Brumfield, Organist

The People may remain for quiet meditation. Those wishing to leave may do so quietly.

oday's Lenten Choral Evensong is presented in memory of beloved choir member Hugh Strachan. His gentleness, his faithfulness, his kindness, his smile, and his steadfastness will be greatly missed by all. Rest in peace, Hugh.

We welcome you to our service of worship! The Festival Trumpets of the organ are silent, and we do not sing or say the Alleluias again until The Great Vigil of Easter.

The Rite of Reconciliation Will Be Offered on Fridays in Lent

In the Episcopal tradition, the ministry of The Reconciliation of a Penitent (as defined in the Book of Common Prayer) "is the rite in which those who repent of their sins may confess them to God in the presence of a priest and receive the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution" (p. 861). It is often referred to as "private confession." Reconciliation (or private confession) will be offered by the Rev. Dr. Robyn Neville in the Chapel every Friday in the liturgical season of Lent, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, by appointment, starting on Friday, March 7. *This is offered only by appointment.* To make an appointment, please email Rev. Robyn directly at reconciliation (or private confession) will be offered by the Rev. Dr. Robyn directly at reconciliation (or private confession) will be offered by the Rev. Dr. Robyn directly at reconciliation (or private confession) will be offered by the Rev. Dr. Robyn directly at reconciliation (or private confession) will be offered by the Rev. Dr. Robyn directly at reconciliation (or private confession) will be offered by the Rev. Dr. Robyn directly at reconciliation (or private confession)

During the Lenten Season Fr. Andrew will offer a daily five-minute meditation featuring a poem and a prayer from our Anglican/Episcopal tradition. All are invited to join him for this daily journey of listening and reflecting on God's call to us as it comes to us through the beauty of poetry and the holiness of prayer.

Lent and Easter Calendar of Services

April 13	Palm Sunday services 8 AM; 10 PM; 6 PM
April 16	Service of Tenebrae, 6:30 PM
April 17	Maundy Thursday 12 noon and 6:30 PM
April 18	Good Friday 12 noon and 6:30 PM
April 19	The Great Vigil of Easter, 6:30 PM
April 20	Easter Day, 6:30 (Sunrise Beach Eucharist): 7:30 AM: 9 AM: 11:15 AM: 6 PM

REFLECTIONS ON HOWARD THURMAN'S JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED AND THE BEATITUDES

Fr. Andrew and Anita Sherman will co-lead this important discussion group during Lent.
Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning March 12 from 6 PM - 7 PM (In Person & Zoom)

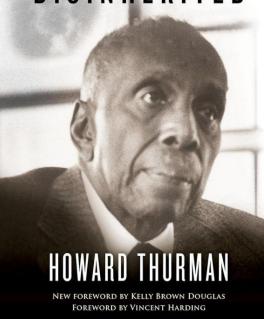


"No other publication in the twentieth century has upended antiquated theological notions, truncated political ideas, and socially constructed racial fallacies like *Jesus and the Disinherited*."—Rev. Ons Moss III

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JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED IS AVAILABLE ON AMAZON.COM Join Fr. Andrew and Anita for a very special Lenten journey as they discuss *Jesus and the Disinherited*, the 1949 book by African-American minister, theologian, and civil rights leader Howard Thurman. In the book, Thurman interprets the teachings of Jesus through the experience of the oppressed and discusses nonviolent responses to fear, hatred, and oppression.

Our sessions will encompass reflections on the book and how The Beatitudes can frame our response to challenges such as marginalization, oppression, and fear. Please join us!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

SESSIONS (HYBRID: ZOOM & IN PERSON)

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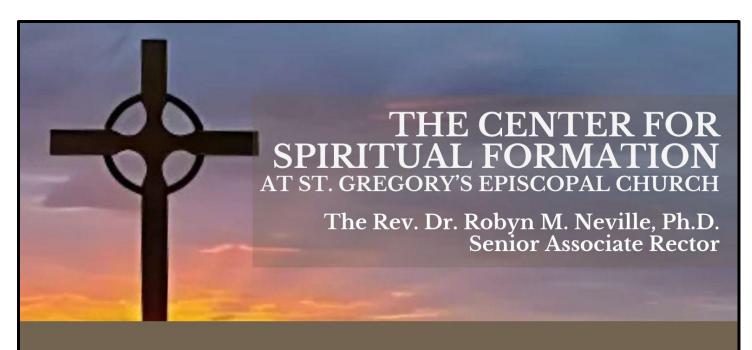
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the right for the Zoom link. Meeting ID: 897 0884 9093

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Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on these practices and perspectives and "harvest" techniques and ideas that will be fruitful for their own spiritual journey.



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