



ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II
PENTECOST 15
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8:00 AM

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*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 turn off all electronic devices including cell phones.*

THE PRELUDE *Lori Snow, flute.*

All stand as the Procession enters and the bells peal.

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.***

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 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 SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

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

THE PSALM *Said by all responsively by whole verse.*

[45:1-2, 7-10]

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men;
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.**
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures
for ever and ever,
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court;
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

Jeff Miller, Lector.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

LECTOR The Word of the Lord.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

[7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23]

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles. So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

GOSPELLER The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE ***Praise to you Lord Christ.****The People are seated.*

THE SERMON THE REVEREND DAVID POTTER, CLERGY ASSOCIATE

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

FORM III

The Leader and people pray responsively. Gena Vallee, Leader.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church

may truly and humbly serve you:

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions at this time. The Celebrant adds a 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

All stand as the gifts are presented.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE ***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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 Celebrant continues. The People may stand, kneel, or sit, as desired.

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:

Celebrant and People

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

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

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

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

THE BLESSING

FROM THE NEW ZEALAND BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

May Christ, who is human and divine, who is of heaven and also of earth, lift up your hearts and lives to God. May Christ make you faithful and strong to do his will that you may reign with him in glory. May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you every step of the way and be your guide as your road changes and turns. May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. **AMEN.**

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 POSTLUDE *Lori Snow, flute.*

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.stgregorysepiscopal.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or our St. Gregory's mobile app. God is doing extraordinary things among us. We invite you to be part of it!

We welcome Lori Snow as our guest musician this morning.

THE BEATTITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you,
and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven,
for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

From Matthew 5, The Sermon on the Mount

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