

ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II
THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 17, 2025
10:00 AM

THE REVEREND ANDREW J. SHERMAN, *CELEBRANT*
THE REVEREND DR. ROBYN M. NEVILLE, *PREACHER*

*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 or the LEVAS II hymnal when indicated.
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 silence all cell phones.*

THE ORGAN PRELUDE *Susan Dodd, Guest Organist.*

All stand, as able, as the bells peal.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 596 (1982)

JUDGE ETERNAL, THRONED IN SPLENDOR

KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS

The People remain standing for

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

PEOPLE ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever, 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 *Sung by all, standing.*

SETTING BY ROBERT POWELL

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



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 WORD OF GOD

The People are seated for

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

[5:1-7]

Linda Kidwell, Lector.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM *Sung by All.*

[80:1-2, 8-18]

Verses are sung to chant below, changing notes on the words in **BOLD**



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a *flock*;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the *cherubim*.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and *Manasseh*,
stir up your strength and come to *help us*.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of *Egypt*;
you cast out the nations and *planted it*.
- 9 You prepared the ground *for it*;
it took root and filled the *land*.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its *shadow*
and the towering cedar trees by its *boughs*.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the *Sea*
and its branches to the *River*.
- 12 Why have you broken down its *wall*,
so that all who pass by pluck off its *grapes*?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has *ravaged it*,
and the beasts of the field have grazed
upon *it*.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this *vine*;
preserve what your right hand has *planted*.
- 15 They burn it with fire like *rubbish*;
at the rebuke of your countenance let them *perish*.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right *hand*,
the son of man you have made so strong for your *self*.
- 17 And so will we never turn away *from you*;
give us life, that we may call upon your *Name*.
- Sung to last half of chant.*
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of *hosts*;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be *saved*.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

[11:29-12:2]

Christel Bruno, Lector.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy.

They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

The People stand for

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 552 (1982)

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT WITH ALL THY MIGHT

PENTECOST

THE GREAT ALLELUIA

TIM BRUMFIELD

Played once by the organ, then sung by all.



THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

[12:49-56]

PEOPLE



Glo-ry to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

READER The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE



Praise to you Lord Christ.

All repeat the Alleluias.

The People are seated.

THE SERMON THE REVEREND DR. ROBYN M. NEVILLE

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 *Led by Rachel Bruno.*

FORM III

The Leader says

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 the concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

Deacon or Celebrant

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN.

The Celebrant stands and says,

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 are made.*

THE COMMISSIONING OF A VERGER

THE PRESENTATION

RECTOR

Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good and the edification of the Church. We are here to commission *Christel Bruno* in the Name of God to the special ministry of Verger.

The position of Verger first appeared in medieval England where a person was designated to be the “*Protector of the Procession*” whose specific responsibilities were to lead the Bishop and clergy into the cathedral for the liturgy. It further developed that the Verger was to assure that preparations were made for each service and that all was done in good order. To this purpose we bring before you today this person for these people for this special ministry.

PRESENTER

Reverend Father in God, I present to you *Christel Bruno* to be commissioned as a Verger of St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church.

RECTOR

The ancient statutes of the early Church required all persons appointed to this position to bind themselves to a faithful performance of their duties by making a solemn declaration. Are you, *Christel*, prepared to do so now?

CANDIDATE

I am.

THE EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

RECTOR

Christel, you have been called to the ministry of Verger. Are you convinced that the work of this ministry is so important that, while you are appointed thereto, you will be diligent in performing your duties?

CANDIDATE

I am.

RECTOR

Will you tend to the House of God and that which is committed to your care, and the faithful who worship therein, to the best of your ability and will you endeavor to see that the forms of worship are conducted in conformity with the Canon Laws of the Episcopal Church, the rubrics of *The Book of Common Prayer*, and the customs of this community of faith?

CANDIDATE

I will.

RECTOR

Will you strive to keep the dignity of this office and pattern your life to be a wholesome example to all people and to be a witness of God’s call to love and serve?

CANDIDATE
I will.

RECTOR
To the other Vergers present on this day; will you support and assist your new *sister* in the performance of *her* duties?

VERGERS
We will.

RECTOR
Everlasting God, bless the ministry of *Christel*. Give her understanding of the tasks that await, and perseverance in the fulfillment of her duties that they may make the place of your presence more glorious. Grant also that the people of this congregation may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents, through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE COMMISSIONING

RECTOR
In the Name of God and of this Congregation: *Christel*, I commission you to serve as Verger of Saint Gregory's Church.

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, bless, hallow and sanctify these symbols of the Office of Verger about to be presented. May they signify to us the sanctity of worship, and our holy calling to serve you in beauty and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

PRESENTER
Christel accept this Virge and let it be a sign of guidance and protection. **AMEN.**

RECTOR
May the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side and guide you in truth and peace.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you, and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

The congregation will now stand as the Rector presents the new Verger.

RECTOR
Today we celebrate *Christel's* new ministry as Verger. Let us now welcome her into this ministry.

Applause is appropriate.

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 SOLO

As the Gifts are presented, all stand and sing together

THE PRESENTATION HYMN 574 (1982)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sam Cucci, soloist.

A. H. MALOTTE

BEFORE THY THRONE, O GOD, WE KNEEL

Verses 1 & 4 only

ST. PETERSBURG

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1, FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

The People remain standing as the Celebrant 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 our thanks and praise.</i>

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

POWELL

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven 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 Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, our savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Celebrant and People then say together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Gregory, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.**

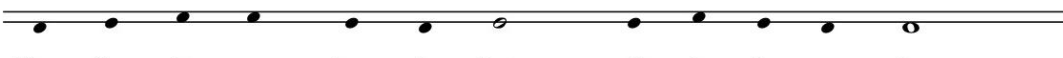
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Cantor



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People



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

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.

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 COMMUNION HYMN 490 (1982)

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

HOUSTON

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

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; 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 CLOSING HYMN 347 (1982) *GO FORTH FOR GOD; GO TO THE WORLD IN PEACE*

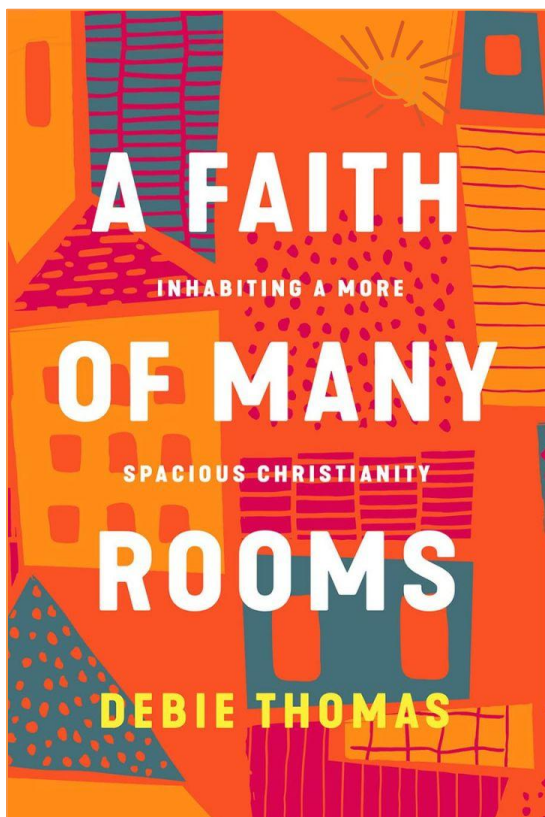
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THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Susan Dodd, Guest Organist.*

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.stgregoryepiscopal.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 welcome Susan Dodd as our Guest Organist today. We also welcome choral section leader *Sam Cucci* as our soloist this morning.

Please join in the fun after today's service at our annual Parish Picnic! Lots of food, games, and family fun!



THE BIG CHURCH READ

THE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE THRIFT STORE AND ON [AMAZON.COM](https://www.amazon.com)

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) are excited to invite the entire congregation of St. Gregory's to participate in **The Big Church Read**. The thought-provoking book is a perfect summer read, setting the stage for meaningful discussions at our fall gathering and fostering shared spiritual growth.

Book Selection: ***A Faith of Many Rooms*** by Debie Thomas
This selection is an ideal addition to your summer reading list! Contact Nancy Stroud or the church office for details.



Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 17

***Join us on Sunday, August 17,
after the 10 am service for our
annual Parish Picnic featuring
a waterslide, delicious food,
games, and plenty of family fun!***

***Please be sure to bring your
bathing suit and towels!***



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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

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

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through
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