



ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II  
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 20, 2023

10:00 AM

THE REVEREND DAVID POTTER, *PREACHER*

THE REVEREND BENJAMIN A. THOMAS JR., *CELEBRANT*

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. The service begins with the music of the Prelude. May it lead you in prayerful meditation as you prepare your mind, heart, and spirit for worship.

Please turn off all electronic devices including cell phones.

THE PRELUDE *Susan Dodd, guest musician.*

*All stand as the bells peal. All sing together*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 427    *WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES*

*LAUDES DOMINI*

*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 for ever. AMEN.*

*The Celebrant continues*

**A**lmighty 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.*

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  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

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

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

**A**lmighty 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 People are seated for*

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

*Jim Sorensen, reader.*

*GENESIS 45:1-15*

**J**oseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

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

*PSALM 133*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 **It is like fine oil upon the head  
that runs down upon the beard,**
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron,\*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 **It is like the dew of Hermon  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing;  
life for evermore.

**A READING FROM THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS**

*ROMANS 11:1-2, 29-32*

*Elizabeth Hussein, reader.*

**I** ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for*

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN 490**

*I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT*

*HOUSTON*

**THE GREAT ALLELUIA**

*TIM BRUMFIELD*

*Played once by the organ, then sung by all.*



**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

*MATTHEW 15:10-20, 21-28*

PEOPLE



*Glo-ry to You, Lord Christ.*

**J**esus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting,

“Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

READER The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE



Praise to you Lord Christ.

*All repeat the Alleluias*

*The People are seated.*

**THE SERMON** THE REVEREND DAVID POTTER

*The People stand for*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**W**e 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 People may remain standing or be seated as desired for*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Leader and People pray responsively. The people respond with **Hear our prayer.** Jon Baker, Leader.*

FORM IV

**L**et us pray for the church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all the reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,  
and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. *Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;  
give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled;  
and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept.*

**G**od 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 says,*

**A**lmighty 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, birthday, and anniversary blessings are made.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*An offering is collected during*

## THE OFFERTORY MEDITATION

*All stand as the Gifts are presented and sing together*

**THE PRESENTATION HYMN 380 PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**  
(VERSE 3 ONLY)

OLD 100TH

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCARISTIC PRAYER 2, FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

*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.***

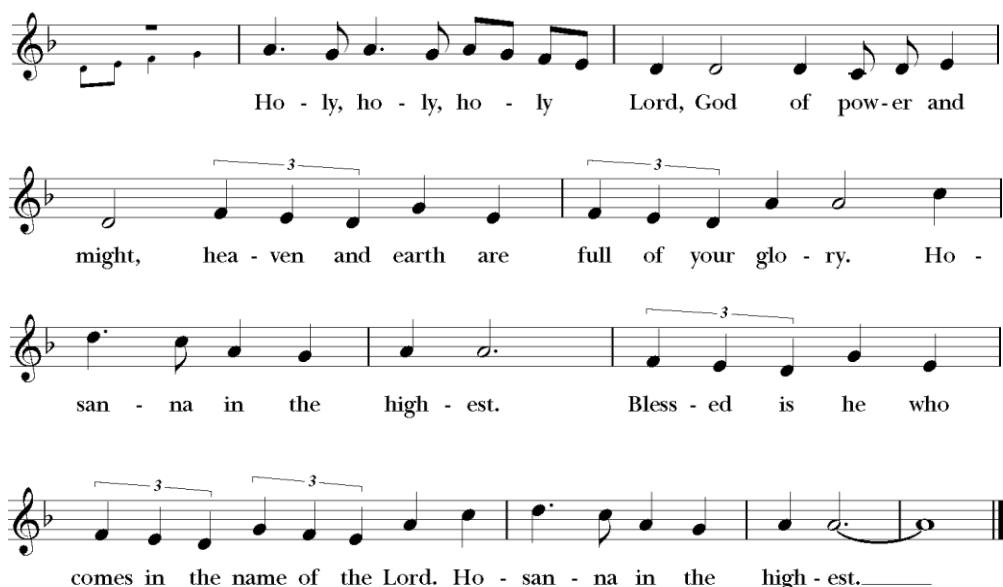
CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

**W**e praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you 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. The People may stand or sit as desired.*

**G**lory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you" This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out to you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified, and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Gregory, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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

**O**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. 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*

**T**he 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 COMMUNION SOLO

## THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

OLEY SPEAKS

*Sam Cucci, soloist*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation. Of whom then shall I be afraid? Though an host of men were laid against me, yet will not my heart be afraid. And though there rose up wars against me, yet will not my heart be afraid. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His tabernacle, yea, in the secret place of His dwelling shall He hide me. The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom then shall I be afraid?*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

**A**lmighty 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 BLESSING

**M**ay the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives. **AMEN.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **AMEN.**

May the Spirit, Who set the church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. **AMEN.**

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 PROCESSIONAL HYMN 493 *O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING*

AZMON

## THE POSTLUDE *Susan Dodd, guest musician.*

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*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](http://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!

*Our Rector, The Reverend Andrew J. Sherman, is on sabbatical leave.*

*The Choir of St. Gregory's* is on summer vacation and will return to our service of worship mid-September.

*We welcome Ms. Susan Dodd* as our guest musician this morning while Tim Brumfield is on a performance tour throughout Europe. We also welcome *Mr. Sam Cucci* as our soloist this morning. It is a pleasure to welcome them both to our service of worship.

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Hearts and  
Community  
through  
Jesus' Love



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