



St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
CHORAL EVENSONG
The First Sunday of Lent
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

6:00 PM

THE REVEREND DR. ROBYN M. NEVILLE, OFFICIANT



GREAT MUSIC
AT ST. GREGORY'S

*Welcome to Saint Gregory's! We invite you to join us in active participation in the worship of God.
Hymn numbers refer to the blue Hymnal 1982, located in the pew racks.
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.*

O LORD, MY GOD, TO THEE / ATT. TO JACQUES ARCADELT (c. 1510-1568)

*O Lord, my God, to thee do I lift up my soul. O Lord, in thee, have I trusted. Let me not be ashamed, let no my foes triumph over me.
O lead me in a plain path; cast me not off, neither forsake me. Teach me thy way, Lord, lead me, lead me in a plain path.
O hide not thy face, hide not thy face far from me. Lord God, Lord God, hide not thy face far from me. 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 People remain standing for

THE INVITATORY *Sung by the Choir and Cantor.*

SETTING BY PHILLIP RADCLIFFE

- ✓ O Lord, Open thou our lips.
R *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*
✓ 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.*
✓ Praise ye the Lord.
R *The Lord's name be praised.*

THE PHOS HILARON *Sung by the Choir.*

GREEK, 3RD CENTURY

O 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 103:1-8; CHANT: BAIRSTOW

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities; He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness; He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's. The Lord executes righteousness and judgement for all who are oppressed. He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

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
Laura Crabtree, Lector.

HEBREWS 2:10-18

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying,

“I will proclaim thy name to my brethren,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee.”

And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

READER *The Word of the Lord.*

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

All stand as able for
THE MAGNIFICAT *Sung by the choir.*

SETTING: COLLEGIUM REGALE
HERBERT HOWELLS

My 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.

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

Laura Crabtree, Lector.

MARK 3:31-4:9

And Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And he who sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If any one hears my sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects me and does not receive my sayings has a judge; the word that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day. For I have not spoken on my own authority; the Father who sent me has himself given me commandment what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has bidden me.”

READER *The Word of the Lord.*

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

All stand as able for

THE NUNC DIMITTIS *Sung by the choir.*

SETTING: COLLEGIUM REGALE
HERBERT HOWELLS

Lord, 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.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED *Sung by all, monotone.*

I 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.*

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

SETTING BY PHILLIP RADCLIFFE

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.*

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.
Amen.*

All remain standing for

THE SUFFRAGES *Sung by the Choir and Cantor.*

SETTING BY PHILLIP RADCLIFFE

VERSICLE O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

RESPONSE *And grant us thy salvation.*

✓ O Lord, save the State.

R *And mercifully bear us when we call upon Thee.*

✓ Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

R *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

✓ O Lord, save thy people.

R *And bless thine inheritance.*

✓ Give peace in our time, O Lord,

R *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

✓ O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

THE COLLECTS

Lighten 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.*

Keepest 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.*

Almighty 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.*

The People are seated for

THE ANTHEM

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS
ISAAC WATTS/LOWELL MASON/ARR. GILBERT MARTIN

*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

All remain standing and sing together

THE RETIRING PROCESSION 150

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS
AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH

Please be seated for

THE ORGAN MEDITATION *Timothy J. Brumfield, Organist.*

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

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

During the Lenten Season Fr. Andrew will offer a daily five-minute **online** 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.



Your gifts make a meaningful difference and contribute greatly to the ongoing stewardship of presenting Choral Evensongs and other special services. Thank you for walking in love and responding in faith.
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Lenten Calendar of Services

February 22	<i>Lenten Choral Evensong</i> , 6:00 PM
March 17	<i>Healing Mass</i> , 12:00 PM <i>Chapel</i>
March 22	<i>Lenten Choral Evensong</i> , 6:00 PM
March 29	<i>Palm Sunday services</i> 8 AM; 10 PM; 6 PM
April 1	<i>Service of Tenebrae</i> , 6:00 PM
April 2	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 12 noon and 6:00 PM
April 3	<i>Good Friday</i> 12 noon and 6:00 PM
April 4	<i>The Great Vigil of Easter</i> , 6:00 PM
April 5	<i>Easter Day</i> , 6:30 (Sunrise Beach Eucharist); 7:30 AM; 9 AM; 11:15 AM; 6 PM



LIVING WATER IN LENT WITH FATHER ANDREW & ANITA SHERMAN

REFLECTIONS ON REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S *LETTER FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL* AND ST. PAUL'S PRISON LETTERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Wednesday Evenings - 6 PM - 7 PM
Feb 25 | Mar 4, 11, 18, 25
In Person & Online

This Lent, join Father Andrew and Anita Sherman for a special **Living Water: Rector's Bible Study** series that invites us into a deeper reflection on justice, faith, and Christian discipleship.

Together, we will explore **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s *Letter from Birmingham Jail***, written in April 1963 from a jail cell in Birmingham, Alabama, alongside selected passages from **St. Paul's prison letters in the New Testament**. King's letter, penned in the midst of the Civil Rights Movement and addressed originally to his fellow clergy, confronts questions of moral responsibility, justice, and the role of the Church in the world.

Over five Wednesdays, we'll:

- Read and reflect on King's powerful words about Christian witness and the urgency of justice.
- Pair those reflections with St. Paul's writings from prison, exploring how incarceration shaped his theology and how it echoes with King's call.
- Engage in interactive discussion and prayer, both in person and online.
- Cultivate spiritual insights for living faithfully in our time.

Whether you're familiar with King's letter or encountering it for the first time, this series will challenge and inspire you to consider how the Gospel speaks to justice, suffering, and freedom in our world today.

Recommended Reading:

During our time together, we will cover The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s ***Letter from Birmingham Jail*** and ***St. Paul's prison letters in the New Testament***. We will share links to these works shortly.

Everyone is Welcome!

This series is offered as part of Father Andrew's Living Water: Rector's Bible Study and is open to everyone.

MORE INFORMATION AND THE ZOOM LINK WILL FOLLOW SOON.



NEW
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WITH
**REV.
ROBYN**



**NEW LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER CIRCLE
WITH REV. ROBYN
MEETS THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10 AM
IN ST. MARY'S CHAPEL
THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY IS SATURDAY, MARCH 7.**

Join the Center for Spiritual Formation at St. Gregory's for a new contemplative prayer experience in the Chapel. We group meets in the Chapel of St. Mary (that's the St. Gregory's chapel right off the main worship space) at 10:00 AM for 30 to 40 minutes of lectio divina, the ancient Christian practice of using Holy Scripture to center our prayer. Lectio divina is the practice of focusing on a short piece of Scripture and using the Word to concentrate and lift our hearts and prayers to God. This contemplative prayer group is open to all and will meet on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM through March.

Beginners are welcome -- come try this out with us! Make the deepening and expansion of your prayer life your New Year's resolution. For more information, please reach out to Rev. Robyn at rneville@st-gregorys.com

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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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