

A Service of Remembrance Commemorating the 25th Anniversary Of September 11, 2001

Friday, September 11, 2026
12:00 p.m.



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A Service of Remembrance

It stood. Not a window broken. Not a stone dislodged.
It stood when nothing else did.
It stood when terrorists brought September down.
It stood among myths. It stood among ruins.

To stand was its purpose, long lines prove that.
It stands, and around it now, a shrine of letters,
poems, acrostics, litter of the heart.
It is the standing people want:
to grieve, serve and tend,
celebrate the lasting stone of St. Paul's Chapel.

And deep into its think breath, the largest banner
fittingly from Oklahoma climbs heavenward
with hands as stars, hands as stripes, hands as a flag;
and a rescuer reaches for a stuffed toy
to collect a touch;
and George Washington's pew doesn't go unused.

Charity fills a hole or two.

It stood in place of other sorts.
It stood when nothing else could.
The great had fallen, as the brute hardware came down.

It stood.

J. Chester Johnson



The Prelude

All stand as able as the Bells peal and sing together

The Processional Hymn 662

Abide with Me

Eventide

Leader “Be my strong rock , a castle to keep me safe, you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.” Psalm 31: 3
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People ***Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change.*** Psalm 41

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

People ***And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever.***
Amen.

The Trisagion *Said three times by all.*

***Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.***

The Collect



God of Power and Compassion, we pray for those who died 20 years ago on this day. For the unexpected terror of the attacks on the Twin Towers of New York, the Field of Pennsylvania, and the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

Help us to forgive but not forget. Help us to be with those who lost the precious lives of loved ones. Help those who reached out in the recovery action, and whose health is affected by the poison of destruction. Help us to remember all those over the last 20 years who have lost their lives to defend against terrorism. Strengthen those wounded in conflict and help them to build lives of confidence and growth.

Let us remember that we are strongest in our beloved community when we support each other. In our lives, destructive and catastrophic events are often unexpected. Help us to lean on each other during times of crises and to reassure all God’s people of Your never- ending love. Help us to rebuild, anew. Give us hope for Your New Creation.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, the Christ who said and lived “Peace be with You”. Amen
Amen.

All are seated for

A Reading from Lamentations

[3:22-23]

The Lord loves us very much.

So we haven't been completely destroyed.
His loving concern never fails. His great love is new every morning.
Lord, how faithful you are!

I say to myself, "The Lord is everything I will ever need.
So I will put my hope in him."

The Lord is good to those who put their hope in him.
He is good to those who look to him. It is good when people wait quietly
for the Lord to save them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm Read responsively by whole verse.

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Whoever rests in the shadow of the Most High God
will be kept safe by the Mighty One.
2 I will say about the Lord,
"He is my place of safety. He is like a fort to me.
He is my God. I trust in him."
3 He will certainly save you from hidden traps
and from deadly sickness.
4 He will cover you with his wings.
Under the feathers of his wings you will find safety.
He is faithful. He will keep you safe like a shield or a tower.
5 You won't have to be afraid of the terrors
that come during the night. You won't have
to fear the arrows that come at you during
the day.
6 You won't have to be afraid of the sickness
that attacks in the darkness.
You won't have to fear the plague that
destroys at noon.

7 A thousand may fall dead at your side.
Ten thousand may fall near your right hand.
But no harm will come to you.
8 You will see with your own eyes
how God punishes sinful people.
9 Suppose you say, "The Lord is the one who
keeps me safe."
Suppose you let the Most High God be like
a home to you.
10 Then no harm will come to you. No terrible
plague will come near your tent.
11 The Lord will command his angels to take
good care of you.
12 They will lift you up in their hands. Then you
won't trip over a stone.
13 You will walk on lions and cobras. You will
crush mighty lions and poisonous snakes.
14 The Lord says, "I will save the one who loves
me.
I will keep him safe, because he trusts in me.
15 He will call out to me, and I will answer him.
I will be with him in times of trouble.
I will save him and honor him.
16 I will give him a long and full life.
I will save him."

Who can separate us from Christ's love? Can trouble or hard times or harm or hunger? Can nakedness or danger or war? It is written,
 "Because of you, we face death all day long.
 We are considered as sheep to be killed."

No! In all these things we are more than winners! We owe it all to Christ, who has loved us. I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God's love. Not even angels or demons, the present or the future, or any powers can separate us. Not even the highest places or the lowest, or anything else in all creation can separate us. Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
 People **Thanks be to God.**

A Musical Meditation

All stand as able for a reading from

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

[14:1-7]

People **Glory to you, lord Christ.**

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God. Believe in me also. There are many rooms in my Father's house. If this were not true, would I have told you that I am going there? Would I have told you that I would prepare a place for you there? If I go and do that, I will come back. And I will take you to be with me. Then you will also be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. So how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father also. From now on, you do know him. And you have seen him."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
 People **Praise to you, lord Christ.**

All are seated.

The Reflection

A moment of silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed Said by all, standing.

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.

A Litany for 9/11

Please sit or kneel or stand as you are moved by the Spirit. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Hear our prayers, O Christ, our God.

Hear us, O Christ

For all who died in the 9/11 tragedy that they may be given entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of all your saints,

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

For all who grieve the death of family, friends, and fellow citizens; remember them in your mercy, nourish them with patience, comfort them with a sense of your goodness, lift up your countenance upon them, and give them peace.

Arise, O Christ, and help us.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit that they may be comforted, healed, and given courage and hope,

Arise, O Christ, and help us.

For the victims and the perpetrators of terror, war, and violence throughout the world,

Arise, O Christ, and help us.

For all who work for unity, peace, concord, and the freedom of all people,

Arise, O Christ, and help us.

When we remember that day, the memories haunt us, the sounds echo in our ears, and the images fill our eyes,
O Christ, lead us home.

When we are hopeless and sad,

O Christ, lead us home.

When we are angry and vengeful,

O Christ, lead us home.

When tears become our only food,

O Christ, lead us home.

When we grieve and despair,

O Christ, lead us home.

When we are fearful and faithless,

O Christ, lead us home.

When in grief, anger, negligence, or ignorance we have turned against you and against one another,
Merciful God, forgive and heal us.

When we speak unjustly against others, when we blame unfairly, when we withdraw or lash out,

Merciful God, forgive and heal us.

When we seek revenge rather than reconciliation and peace,

Merciful God, forgive and heal us.

When we have engaged in torture and denied justice to members of the human family,

Merciful God, forgive and heal us.

When we have demonized people of other religions, race, color, or ethnicity,

Merciful God, forgive and heal us.

Give us the will and courage to love and forgive our enemies.

Be our strength, O Christ.

Lead them and us from prejudice to truth,

Be our strength, O Christ.

Deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge.

Be our strength, O Christ.

Enable us all to stand reconciled before you.
Be our strength, O Christ.

For men and women who have given their strength, their wisdom, and their lives for this country,
We thank you, Lord.

For firefighters, police officers, first responders, for those serving in the military and their families, and all those who were injured or died so that others might be rescued, cared for, and protected,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous who were patient in suffering, faithful in adversity, and selfless in sacrifice,
We thank you, Lord.

For all who participate in interfaith dialogue, relationships, and reconciliation,
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

O Lord, hear our prayer,
Let our cry come to you.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Gregory, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord, our God.

In the silences that follow some may wish to speak their personal prayers aloud, while others may wish to pray silently. Together we pray that God will use us and all our prayerful intentions in support of one another and the world.

The Peace

Celebrant People	The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.
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*The people greet one another in the name of God's Peace.
After exchanging the Peace, all are seated for a word of welcome.*

The Holy Communion



Offering plates are available at the entrances. 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. Your gifts make a meaningful difference. Thank you for walking in love and responding in faith.

Please sit or stand or kneel as you prefer.

Celebrant People Celebrant People	The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <i>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</i>
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The Celebrant continues

It is right and good to give you thanks, O God of mystery and promise. You invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom.

You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.
With saints and ancestors, with our friends and those still unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues, you may kneel at this time if you are able

We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of life in you.
We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them saying:

Together This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.

Celebrant So too, after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them saying:

Together This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.

Celebrant So we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Together

Christ has died for us.

Christ is risen to be with us.

Christ will come again and again.

The Celebrant continues

Come now, Spirit of God, and as we eat and drink these ordinary things made sacred, make us one body, one food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing and imagination for a new age of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus, that we might find new life. With him and through him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

Now and for ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People *Therefore, Let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Invitation

Celebrant Friends, this is the table, not of the Church, but of a Gracious God. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have stumbled. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you to the blessings of this place. It is his hope that you might meet him here.

At the time of Communion, all are invited to light candles at the Altar steps.

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 (wine) 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.

All stand as able for

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Together

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with a gracious blessing and spiritual food. Now send us forth a people fed, healed, renewed that we may know and proclaim your love to the world, becoming humble parts of the blessing your world yearns for. Amen.

The Blessing

On the day when the weight deadens on your shoulders and you stumble, may the clay dance to balance you. And when your eyes freeze behind the grey window and the ghost of loss gets into you, may a flock of colors, indigo, red, green and azure blue, come to awaken in you a meadow of delight. When the canvas frays in the currach of thought and a stain of ocean blackens beneath you, may there come across the waters a path of yellow moonlight to bring you safely home. May the nourishment of the earth be yours, may the clarity of light be yours, may the fluency of the ocean be yours, may the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow wind work these words of love around you, an invisible cloak to mind your life. And may the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **AMEN.**

The Hymn at the Closing 665

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Together **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Please stay for continued prayer or depart quietly whenever you wish.

A BIBLICAL CONVERSATION WITH FR. ANDREW

Inclusion of All God's Children

Sunday, September 13 & Sunday, September 20

11:45 AM | Second Floor Conference Room



For the past 50 years, the Episcopal Church, led by the Holy Spirit, has given witness to the full inclusion of all God's children into life with God in Jesus Christ. On Sunday, September 13, and Sunday, September 20, following the 10 AM service, Fr. Andrew invites you to join him for a deep dive into Holy Scripture to explore the biblical conversation regarding inclusion as we seek to build God's beloved community at St. Gregory's.

We will meet at 11:45 AM in the second-floor conference. Bring your open hearts and your Bibles.

All are welcome!

ST. GREGORY'S Senior Gathering

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT NOON

Join us for a Healing Mass, followed by a delicious lunch sponsored by Meals with Meaning. During lunch, enjoy fellowship time together, followed by "Aging with Grace" discussions in the Youth Room.

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PUTTING ON THE MIND OF CHRIST

Tuesday evenings at 6 PM on Zoom
Beginning September 15.

Join Linda MacLaren and Rosie Sandoval
for a deeper exploration of
Putting on the Mind of Christ by Jim Marion.

Together, the group will read, reflect, and discuss
this meaningful work in a welcoming online
setting. All are welcome.

LIVING WATER

Rector's Bible Study

LIVING WATER: RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER ANDREW

JOIN FR. ANDREW FOR LIVING WATER:
RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, WHERE
SCRIPTURE COMES TO LIFE THROUGH
REFLECTION, DISCUSSION, AND SHARED
INSIGHTS IN A WELCOMING AND
ENGAGING SETTING.



Classes resume on Wednesday, September 16 at 6 PM!

Wednesday Evenings - 6 PM | In Person & On Zoom

(Please scan the QR code with your smartphone for the Zoom meeting link)



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The event is free to attend, with a suggested donation of \$10.

THE BIG CHURCH READ

Book Selection:
Ask Me for a Blessing (You Know You Need One)

HALF-DAY RETREAT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
AT 10:00 AM IN HARRIS HALL

Doors open at 9:45 AM. We'll gather for coffee, tea, donuts, a discussion with the author via Zoom, and fellowship as we explore this year's book together.

A delicious light lunch, prepared by Meals with Meaning, will be graciously provided by the ECW.

and childcare will be available with advance notice.

RSVP Today! To RSVP, please scan the QR code or visit:
www.stgregorysepiscopal.org/thebigchurchread

Author
Reverend
Adrian Dannhauser
will join us via Zoom!

Special thanks to
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Dr. Mary Ellen
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 4 PM
IN ST. MARY'S CHAPEL. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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IN THE CHAPEL

PLEASE WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHES
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AND A WATER BOTTLE.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

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AT ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6 PM | SANCTUARY

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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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