



ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II
CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 24, 2024

8:00 AM

THE REVEREND ANDREW J. SHERMAN, CELEBRANT & PREACHER

*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.
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 electronic devices including cell phones.*

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

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 and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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 SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

[23:1-7]

Betsy Wenzel, Lector.

These are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

LECTOR The Word of the Lord.

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

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

[132:1-13]

- 1 LORD, remember David,
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the LORD
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:**
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of my
house,"
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep,
nor let my eyelids slumber;**
- 5 Until I find a place for the LORD,
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;
we found it in the fields of Jearim.**
- 7 Let us go to God's dwelling place;
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
- 8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place,
you and the ark of your strength.**
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with
righteousness;
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David's sake,
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.**
- 11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David;
in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 "A son, the fruit of your body
will I set upon your throne.**
- 13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall
teach them,
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

A READING FROM THE REVELATION OF JOHN

[1:4B-8]

Roberta Kjelgaard, Lector.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

LECTOR The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

[18:33-37]

PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

GOSPELLER The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

The People are seated.

THE SERMON THE REVEREND ANDREW J. SHERMAN, RECTOR

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

The Leader and People pray responsively. Leader, Ed Rivera.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

For the Church of God, that we may be filled with love, generosity, and truth so to transform our hearts, communities, and our world through Jesus' love;

May your transforming Spirit guide us.

For Joseph, our President, the leaders of our nation, and the leaders of all nations;

May your transforming Spirit give them compassion and good judgment, and guide them in the ways of truth, justice, and peace.

For all who hold authority in the Church, especially Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Peter our Bishop, that they may be faithful to you and humbly teach in your light;

May your transforming Spirit inspire them with creativity, renew them with energy, and fill them with wise leadership and a love for service.

For blessings on all our human endeavors, and for the just and proper use of the beauty and abundance of creation;

May your Spirit of transformation guide us in freeing your world from destruction, poverty, famine, and oppression.

For the sick in body, mind, or spirit, including those on our prayer list, and for those we now name in our hearts;

May your transforming Spirit bring hope and healing to all who suffer.

For all who have died and entered into joy;

May your Spirit of transformation shine perpetual light on all the saints who have gone before us.

Oh God, in your infinite generosity you have created a world with resources to sustain all of your children with abundance of food, work, and recreation. Transform us to humbly receive and joyfully share your bounty with others in service to the common good. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

The Celebrant adds the 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. All are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

After an offering is collected. All stand as the Gifts are presented.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC 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.***

We 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 proclaim:

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, sit, or kneel as desired.

Glory 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

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.

God of Abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **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 Trumpets sound as the Procession retires.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

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!

Choral Evensong tonight at 6 PM! One of the most beautiful services within the liturgical offices of the Episcopal Church, *Choral Evensong* is steeped in history and tradition. Don't miss this special *Christ the King Choral Evensong* led by The Choir of St. Gregory's, Timothy J. Brumfield, Director of Music, Choirmaster, and Organist.

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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