

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church

CHORAL EUCHARIST RITE II

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

10:00 AM

THE REVEREND ANDREW J. SHERMAN, *CELEBRANT*

THE VERY REVEREND DR. MARY ELLEN CASSINI, *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.

Please refrain from bringing food or drink into the sanctuary.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

All stand as able as the bells peal and remain standing, singing together

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 9 *(1982)*

NOT HERE FOR HIGH AND HOLY THINGS — *MORNING SONG*

The People remain standing for

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

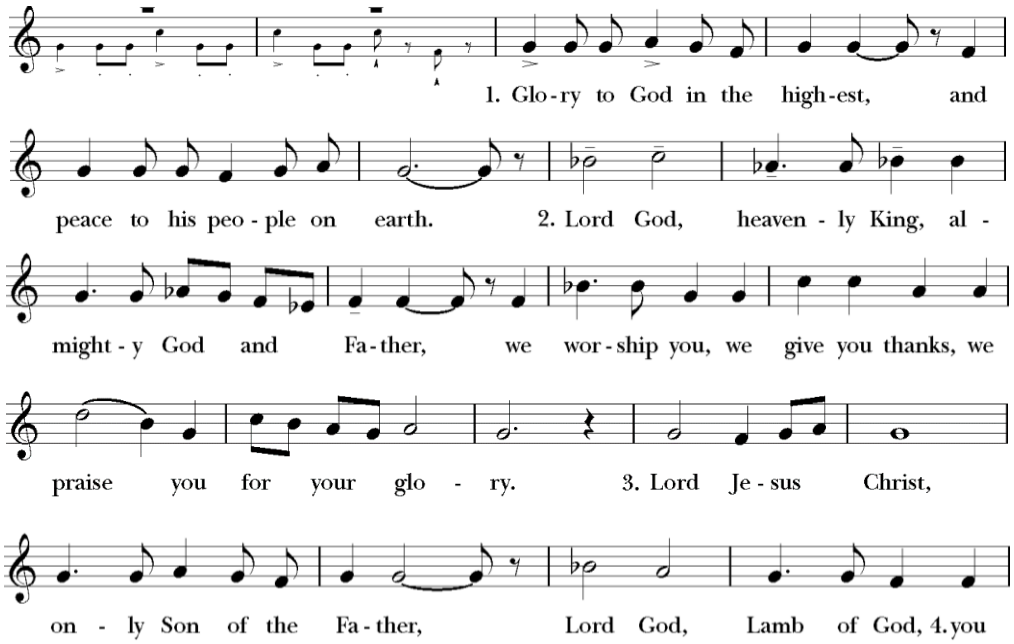
PEOPLE ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.***
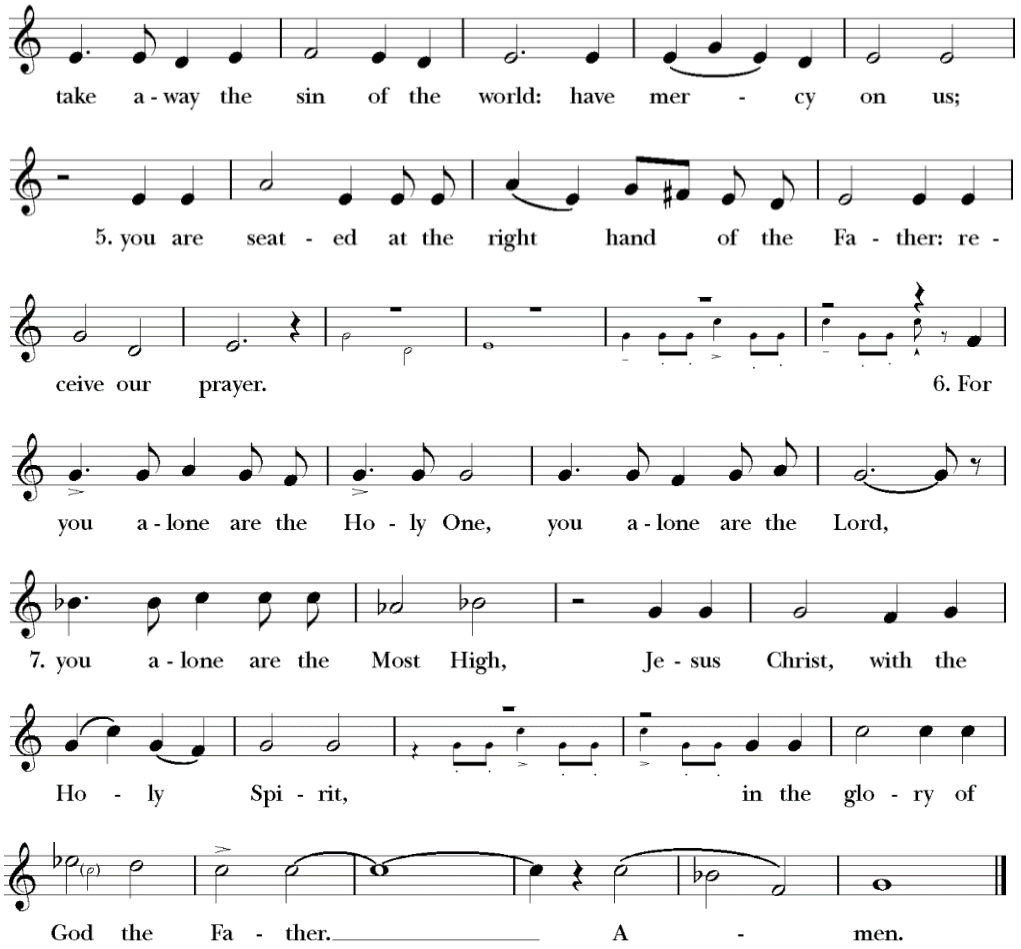
The Celebrant continues

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

SETTING: MATHIAS





The Salutation and Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE ***And also with you.***
CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***AMEN.***

The Word Of God

The People are seated for

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah *[1:7, 12-18]*
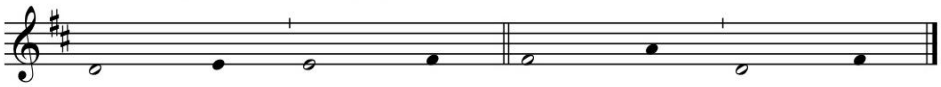
Elizabeth Rockafellow, Lector.

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

THE PSALM *Sung by All.* *[90:1-8, 12]*

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



1 Lord, you have been our ***refuge***
from one generation to an***other.***
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were ***born,***
from age to age you are ***God.***

3 You turn us back to the dust and ***say,***
"Go back, O child of ***earth."***
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when it is ***past***
and like a watch in the ***night.***

5 You sweep us away like a ***dream;***
we fade away suddenly like the ***grass.***

6 In the morning it is green and ***flourishes;***
in the evening it is dried up and ***withered.***

7 For we consume away in your dis***pleasure;***
we are afraid because of your wrathful
indig***nation.***
8 Our iniquities you have set be***fore you,***
and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance.

Sung to last half of chant:
12 So teach us to number our ***days***
that we may apply our hearts to ***wisdom.***

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS *[5:1-11]*

Luciano Lazzarino, Lector.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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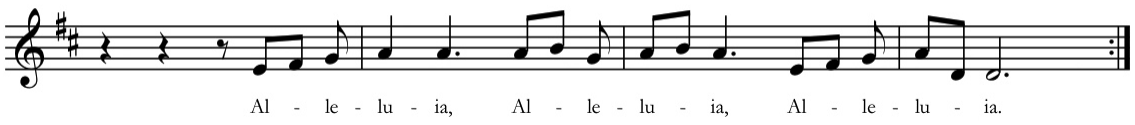
The People stand for

THE GRADUAL HYMN 547 *(1982)*

AWAKE, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH *MARSH CHAPEL*

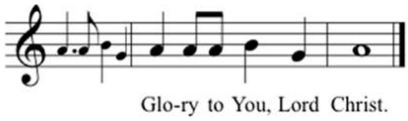
THE GREAT ALLELUIA *TIM BRUMFIELD*

Sung once by The Choir, then repeated with The People



THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW *[25: 14-30]*

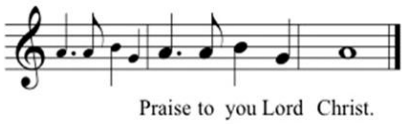
PEOPLE



Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

GOSPELLER The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE



All repeat the Alleluias.

The People are seated.

THE SERMON *THE VERY REVEREND DR. MARY ELLEN CASSINI*

Silence is kept. 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

Form VI

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence is kept.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Peter, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence is kept.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence is kept.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence is kept.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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 Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***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 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. Your gifts make a meaningful difference. Thank you for walking in love and responding in faith.

The Offertory Anthem — *The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee* — *Psalm 145/Gerald Near*

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Amen.

All stand for

The Presentation Hymn 490 *(1982)*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light — *Houston*

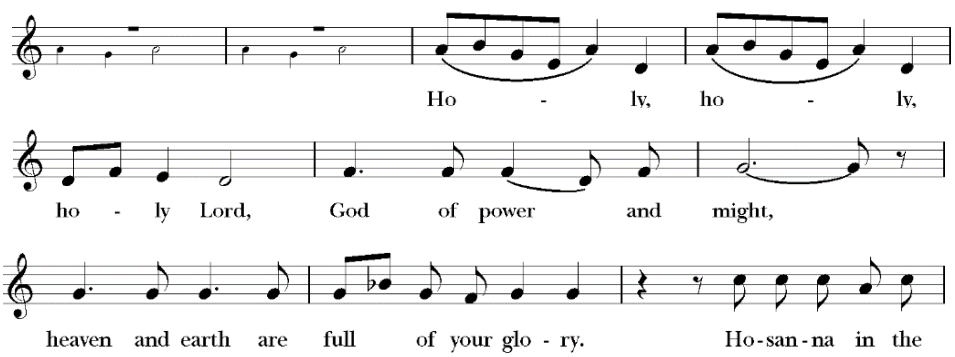
The Great Thanksgiving — *Eucharistic Prayer A*

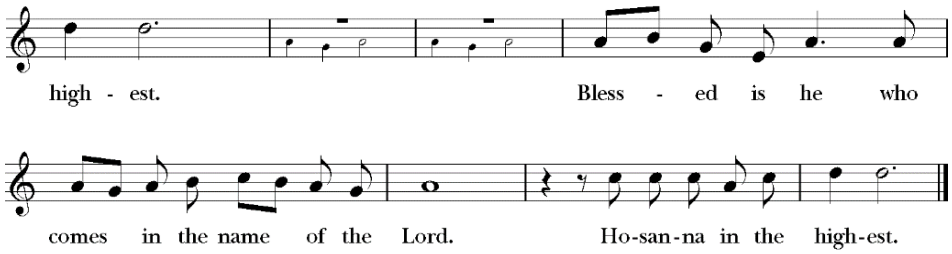
The Celebrant says

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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus and Benedictus Qui Venit — *Mathias*





The Celebrant continues. The People may stand, sit, or kneel as desired.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

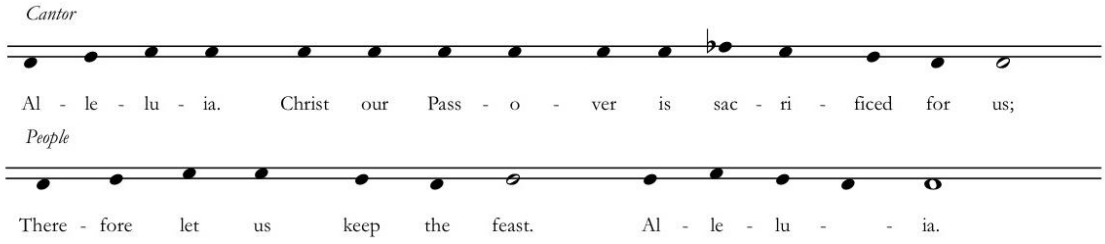
Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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



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 (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. For those desiring a blessing of healing, a priest will be available to administer a blessing in the Chapel of St. Mary.

The Communion Anthem — *O for a Closer Walk* — *C. V. Stanford*

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!
Return, O holy Dove, return; sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, all 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 — *Beannacht (Blessing) by John O'Donohue*

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 Dismissal

DEACON Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
PEOPLE ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

The Hymn in Procession 598 *(1982)*

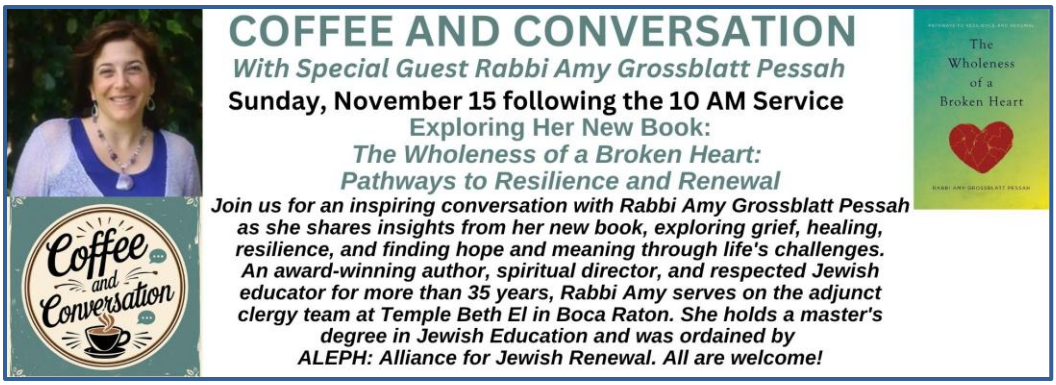
Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth — *Mit Freuden zart*

The Trumpets shall sound.

The Organ Postlude

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. Please scan the QR code and fill out the form provided to be sent information about all the opportunities and ministries offered at St. Gregory's!

Notes on today's music, by Tim Brumfield. *Today's Offertory Anthem* features the anthem *"The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee"* by American composer Gerald Near (b. 1942). Near was a composition student of Leo Sowerby at the *American Conservatory of Music* in Chicago and was *Composer in Residence* at the *Cathedral of St. John* in Denver and his compositions include mainly church music such as masses, motets and chorales, as well as works for the organ. The text for today's anthem comes from Psalm 145 and serves as a meditation upon our scripture reading from Thessalonians *"Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."* *Today's Communion Anthem, "O for a Closer Walk"* is a setting of the familiar Scottish hymn by William Couper (1731-1800), composed by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924). Born in Dublin, Stanford went on to become one of the great composers of English church music having studied at Cambridge and later becoming a founding member of the Royal College of Music. His pupils included such other great composers as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Gustav Holst, and he led a British musical renaissance alongside other British composers Hubert H. Parry and Alexander Mackenzie. Stanford was knighted in 1902 and is buried at Westminster Abbey in London.

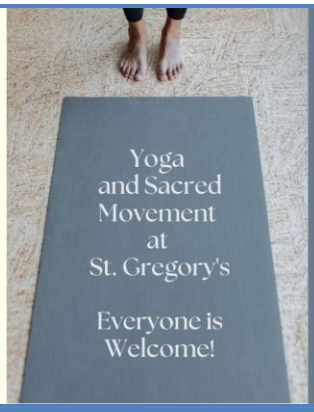






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AT ST. GREGORY'S

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IN THE CHAPEL

PLEASE WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHES AND BRING YOUR OWN MAT, AND A WATER BOTTLE.

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

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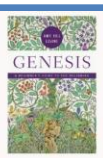


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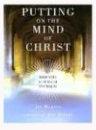
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PUTTING ON THE MIND OF CHRIST
with Rev. Mary Ellen and Charley Cassini
Tuesdays at 6 PM on Zoom



Join Rev. Mary Ellen and Charley Cassini 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.
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Clergy Associate *The Reverend Dr. Emilio Rosolen*
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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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