



# *Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*Sunday, February 9, 2025*

8:00 AM & 10:15 AM (with music)

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## **VOLUNTARY**

Sarabande

Craig Phillips

*(The people stand)*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Presider*      Blessed be God: ☧ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

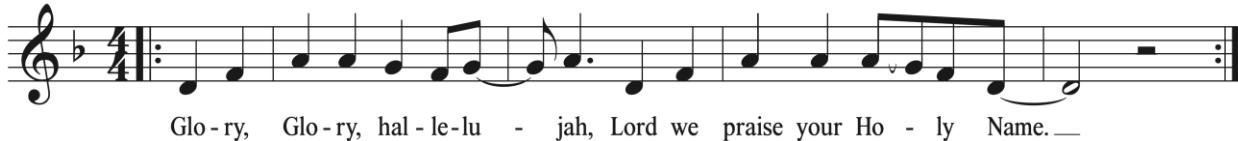
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA (8:00 Service)**

**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.**

**GLORIA (10:15 Service)**

*Mass for Grace, Carl Haywood*



Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly Name. —

All: *Refrain*

Choir: 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.

All: *Refrain*

Choir: 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 the Father.

All: *Refrain*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Presider*      Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(The people sit)*

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 6.1-8

*Lector*        A Reading from Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

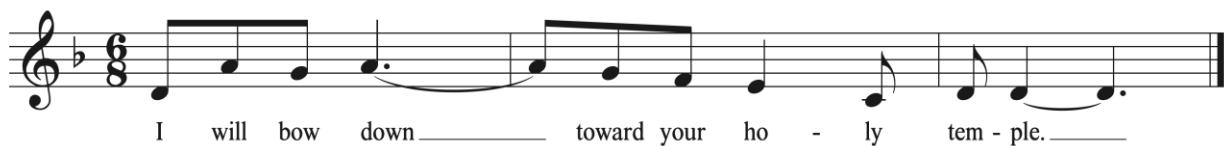
Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 138

Setting: David York

*The choir sings the antiphon once and the congregation repeats. The choir sings the Psalm verses. The choir and congregation then sing the antiphon following each section of verses.*



I will bow down toward your ho - ly tem - ple.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;  
For you have glorified your Name  
and your word above all things. **Antiphon**

When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.  
They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;  
he perceives the haughty from afar. **Antiphon**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me;  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands. **Antiphon**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

*Lector*      A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the

apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*(The people stand)*

## SEQUENCE ANTHEM

## Twelve Dozen Fish

Curt Oliver

Sung by the men of the choir

*(Men sing vv. 1 & 2, the Gospel is read, then v. 3 is sung)*

We fished all night for nothing, then heard a voice from shore say "Cast again"; and we hauled in more than we'd ever caught before:

*Twelve dozen fish and nine, in our fishing net;*

*twelve dozen fish and nine, slippery, shimmering, wet.*

*Twelve fish for each of the twelve, three fish for each of the Three,*

*twelve dozen fish and nine, from the Easter sea!*

We twelve deserted Jesus, the temple curtain tore;  
but God redeemed our little faith to multiply it more and more:

God gives a boat for sailing, and Jesus gives a mast,  
and Holy Spirit is the wind that blows to bring us home at last.

(Richard Leach)

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

*Presider*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees,

saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

*(The people sit)*

## SERMON

The Rev. Michael K. Fincher

*(Silent reflection)*

## NICENE CREED *(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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We have heard God's call to us, like Isaiah, like the disciples. Let us begin our response to that call by coming together in prayer for the Church and the world, saying: "Christ, hear our prayer."

For all those who have heard God's call and follow in faith, especially for the Church, that we may continue to dedicate our lives to Christ's service, let us pray,  
**Christ, hear our prayer.**

For those who think themselves too small, too weak, or too sinful to do God's will, that they may be strengthened in courage and given the boldness that comes with God's Spirit, let us pray,

**Christ, hear our prayer.**

For leaders of nations, especially for our President, and for those who serve in government, that all people may work for peace and justice, let us pray,  
**Christ, hear our prayer.**

For the needs of people everywhere, for those in places of strife and conflict, for all those who live in the shadow of war and poverty, let us pray,  
**Christ, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and the dying, and those who minister to them; for all who are in crisis or need. We pray especially for those we mention now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*(Silence)*

Let us pray,  
**Christ, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may see you face to face in the glory of your kingdom. We pray especially for those we mention now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*(Pause)*

Let us pray,  
**Christ, hear our prayer.**

At this time, we offer our prayers, thanksgivings or intercessions, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*(Pause)*

Let us pray,  
**Christ, hear our prayer.**

*The Presider says the concluding collect:*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **CONFSSION OF SIN**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be 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.**

*Presider* 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**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL BLESSINGS

**Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:** Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

‘Twas in the Year that King Uzziah Died

George Bayley

'Twas in the year that King Uzziah died,  
A vision by Isaiah was espied:  
A lofty throne, the Lord was set there on;  
And with his glory all the temple shone.

Bright Seraphim were standing round about;  
Six wings had every of that choir devout;  
With twain he awesome veiled his face,  
and so with twain he dreadful veiled his feet below.

With twain did he now hither thither fly:  
And thus aloud did one to other cry:  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth,  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth.

Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth,  
Full of his glory are earth and heaven both,  
And at their cry the lintels moved apace,  
And clouds of incense filled the holy place.

(G.R. Woodward)

### PRESENTATION HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old

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(Verse 3)

As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger rude and bare;  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*

*People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

*At the 8:00 Service:*

**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.**

*At the 10:15 Service:*

*Missa Simplex, Peter Hallock*

*Organ:*

*Everyone:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of our God Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed \_\_\_\_\_, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
 and the glo - - ry, for ev - er and ev - - er. A - men.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*(A period of silence is kept after the Celebrant breaks the host)*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM – S169

*Cantor or Choir*

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

*All*

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

*The Presider says the following or a similar invitation*

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.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this Altar. Holy Communion will be distributed from a single Communion Station at the foot of the chancel steps. The Ushers will release people by row to receive Communion. **Gluten free wafers are available upon request.***

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Those participating in the live streamed service and therefore not able to receive communion may wish to say the following prayer in recognition that the desire to receive communion carries the same spiritual benefits as actually consuming the consecrated elements.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: "This is my body; this is my blood — given for you." Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

They Cast Their Nets in Galilee

David York

Andrea Hilliard, Jordan Tickner, soloists

They cast their nets in Galilee  
just off the hills of brown;  
such happy, simple fisherfolk,  
before the Lord came down.

Contented, peaceful fishermen,  
before they ever knew  
the peace of God that filled their hearts  
brimful, and broke them too.

Young John who trimmed the flapping sail,  
homeless, in Patmos died.

Peter, who hauled the teeming net,  
head-down was crucified.

The peace of God, it is no peace,  
but strife closed in the sod.

Yet let us pray for but one thing—  
the marvelous peace of God.

(William Alexander Percy)

## COMMUNION HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider*      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.**

## BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, ☧ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## RECESSATIONAL HYMN

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider*      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Tuba Tune in D Major

C. S. Lang

*If you choose to leave during the Voluntary, please do so quietly,  
out of respect for the Organist and out of courtesy for those staying to listen.*

## FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

**Please join us in Francis Hall for refreshments and fellowship  
following the worship service**

(Francis Hall is out the main church doors and to the left)

## TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

|                                     | <b>8:00 SERVICE</b>                   | <b>10:15 SERVICE</b>              |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Presider & Preacher                 | Fr. Michael Fincher                   | Fr. Michael Fincher               |
| Organist                            | —                                     | David York                        |
| Crucifer                            | —                                     | David Luebben-Morrill             |
| Lector                              | Kris Brooks                           | Sally Curry                       |
| Lay Eucharistic<br>Ministers (LEMs) | David Luebben-Morrill<br>Holly Graham | Beth Eldon<br>Fran Luebben-Morgan |

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 362*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Nicaea*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 \*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

PRESENTATION HYMN  
*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 119*

As with Gladness Men of Old

*Dix*

(Verse 3)



3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man-ger rude and bare;



3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,



3 all our cost - iest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven-ly King.



## COMMUNION HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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**RECESSATIONAL HYMN**  
*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 535*

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*Paderborn*

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*Paderborn*

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
4. Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
and publish a broad his won-der-ful Name;  
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.  
Let all cry aloud, and power, all honor the Son.  
All glory and blessing, with an-gels and might,  
the Name all vic-to-rious of Je-sus ex-tol:  
The great con-gre-ga-tion his tri-umph shall sing,  
The prais-es of Je-sus the an-gels pro-claim,  
and hon-or and bless-ing, with an-gels a-bove,  
his king-dom is glo-rious; he rules o-ver all.  
as crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus our King.  
fall down on their fa-ces, and wor-ship the Lamb.  
and thanks nev-er ceas-ing and in-fi-nite love.

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. GREGORY'S**

### **Sunday, February 9**

**Listening Sessions** following each of the morning services in the Fireside Room. In these difficult times, many are feeling scared, angry, uncertain, and more. This is an opportunity to express what you are feeling, to be assured that you are not alone, and hopefully to find strength and support in the company of fellow parishioners.

**Music at Four: Bach for Strings at 4:00 PM** in the Church. Members of the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music's University String quartet present selections from Bach's Sonatas and Partitas for unaccompanied violin and his cello suites. Join us for an afternoon of solo works featuring Bach's majestic harmonies and ornamental melodies, basking in the beauty of his rich compositions for stringed instruments. A reception will follow the concert.

### **Tuesday, February 11**

**Centering Prayer at 6:30 PM** via Zoom. Contact Fr. Michael for access information.

### **Thursday, February 13**

**Holy Eucharist and Healing Service at 10:00 AM** in the Chapel.

**Bible Study at 11:00 AM** in the Fireside Room.

**Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 PM** in the Choir Room. Contact David York for more information.

### **Sunday, February 16 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Holy Eucharist (spoken) at 8:00 AM** in the Church.

#### **Sunday School**

**Grades 9 through 12 at 9:30 AM** in the Youth Room.

**Grades K through 8 at 10:15 AM** in the Youth Room.

**Holy Eucharist (with music) at 10:15 AM** in the Church and live streamed on the St. Gregory's Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>).

***Nursery Care is available on Sundays, starting at 7:45 AM, in the Nursery (Room 3)***

### **Daily Offices (Tuesday through Thursday)**

**Daily Morning Prayer:** Tuesday through Thursday at **9:00 AM** on the St. Gregory's Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>).

**Daily Evening Prayer:** Tuesday through Thursday at **5:00 PM** on the St. Gregory's Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>).

*For the Daily Offices, you will need either a Book of Common Prayer or you can download the Morning and Evening Prayer liturgies and the Psalms for the week from the St. Gregory's website ([www.stgregoryschurch.com](http://www.stgregoryschurch.com)).*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wildfire Relief:** Those wishing to help provide relief from the Los Angeles fires can make donations to one of the following:

Episcopal Relief and Development, the relief agency of the Episcopal Church, provides funds to help in disaster relief and recovery. They have established a "Wildfire Response Fund" to provide help with the Los Angeles fires. You can make a donation at <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation/>

One Heart & One Spirit Annual Appeal is a relief fund established by the Diocese of Los Angeles. Currently, all money donated to the One Heart & One Spirit Annual Appeal will go to help parishes and families affected by the fires. You can make a donation at <https://diocesela.org/annual-appeal/>

If you are not comfortable making donations online, you can make a donation to the St. Gregory's Rector's Discretionary Fund and the money will be sent to one of the above causes. Make checks payable to "St. Gregory's Episcopal Church" and put "Rector's Discretionary Fund" in the memo line. Then give the check directly to Fr. Michael and he will take care of the rest.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Pledge Numbers and Envelopes:** Please be advised that the Envelope Number and Pledge Number that you currently have will be changing for 2025. A list will be provided in the Narthex with your new pledge number. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kevin at the office or email him at [info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com).

**St. Gregory's Food Bank has New Business Cards!** Help get the word out about the Food Bank by giving a card to someone in need. You'll find a stack on the table in the Narthex. Please take a few to distribute and help advertise this valuable ministry.

**Altar Flower Donations:** Need a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one or friend? Make a flower donation. There is a flower donation chart located on the Narthex wall that you can use to sign up for special dates to donate altar flowers. Simply fill out a donation form attached to the bottom of the chart and return the form to the Parish Office. Payment for flowers can be made by check or online at <https://stgregoryschurch.com/4721-2>. Make sure you specify your donation is for Altar Flowers. The Altar Guild thanks you.

**Feed My Lambs and Food Bank:** THANK YOU for your generosity and your donations. Here's the latest news on our parish feeding programs.

- **Feed My Lambs PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE CHANGED THE EGG & COOKIE DROP OFF DAYS.**

- Feed My Lambs relies on your financial support and appreciates all donations. **WE ARE IN NEED OF YOUR USED PLASTIC GROCERY SACKS.** We use them to pack the lunches, so they need to be clean and in good repair, please.
- Every month we need: **120 HARDBOILED EGGS; 500 HOMEMADE COOKIES**
- **Homemade cookies** can be brought to church on any Sunday, in ziplock freezer bags, labeled “Feed My Lambs” to the kitchen.
- **Hard Boiled Eggs** can be brought to church on any Sunday, in a container labeled “Feed My Lambs” to the kitchen.
- **Wednesday, January 29 from 9:00 AM to Noon** you can deliver to the office:
  - Hardboiled eggs
  - Homemade Cookies
- **Friday, January 31 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM** you can deliver to the kitchen:
  - Hardboiled Eggs
- **Our Guests always need white athletic socks and belts!** Which you can put in the Feed My Lambs bin outside the church on any Sunday.
- **Volunteers** – If you are interested in helping out Feed My Lambs, contact Tamera Benedict at ([tlbenedict4@gmail.com](mailto:tlbenedict4@gmail.com), 562.301.6800).
- **Food Bank** The Food Bank relies on your financial support and appreciates all donations of funds or non-perishable food items. We also can use more volunteers at:
  - bagging and distribution the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month from 8:30 to 11:00 AM
  - any other time you may have available and could assist with assembling our bags (e.g. on Sunday before or after service, or any time the office is open for access)
 Please contact Kevin in the Parish Office ([info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com), 562.420.1311) or Bill Eldon ([billedon@gmail.com](mailto:billedon@gmail.com), 562.234.9920) for more information about the Food Bank.

Your continued support of our feeding ministries, through product and monetary contributions, is greatly appreciated!

**Episcopal News Updates:** The Diocese provides weekly email updates to help you keep informed about what's happening all over our six-county diocese. If you want to receive the Episcopal News, visit <https://diocesela.org/episcopal-news/contact/> and enter your email address in the box provided.

**Gratitude for Your Support of the Parish:** We continue to be humbled and so incredibly grateful for your generosity in supporting our parish and its ministries! While you may not be able to drop your donation in a real offering plate, there are still ways you can make sure your donation gets to the parish:

- You can mail your check to the parish office.
- Make donations through our online payment account, accessible through the parish website at <http://stgregoryschurch.com/4721-2/>.
- Scan the QR code found in the Sunday bulletin.

And again, THANK YOU for your continued support!

**Parish Directory:** Our online parish directory is at <https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/>. This is a secure site and can be accessed using the email address you had published in the

parish directory. You can also download the “Instant Church Directory” on your smart phone. Versions are available for Android, iPhone, iPad, and Kindle.

**One Body & One Spirit Annual Appeal:** The Diocese has established an ongoing campaign focused on raising funds to assist congregations, schools, affiliated institutions, and their communities who are faced with unprecedented challenges. We are invited to prayerfully consider making a donation to help others in our Diocese who may have unmet needs. More information is available at <https://diocesela.org/annual-appeal/>.

**Forward Day By Day:** For those who use the Forward Day By Day booklet for personal devotions and need the newest edition mailed, please contact Kevin at 562-420-1311 or [info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com).

**In Case of Emergency . . . Notify Your Priest!** With our combined ministry program with St. Thomas of Canterbury comes additional coverage for pastoral emergencies. In the event of a hospital stay, illness, death in the family, or other pastoral emergency, please call Father Michael on his cell phone (909-373-6478) any day except Monday, his Sabbath day. Mother Sharon (562-833-3393) covers emergencies in both communities on Monday, just as Father Michael covers emergencies in both parishes on Friday, Mother Sharon’s Sabbath. And PLEASE, no excuses about not wanting to bother me. That’s why we are here – for YOU!

## ***PRAYER LIST***

Lydia Gibbs, Suzan Laverty, Martin Nemitz, Ferdinand Gonzalez, Patrick McDonough, Mike Laverty, Michael S., Barbara Smuck, Mother Beryl, Eric Graham, Walt Gupton, Scott Morgan, Fran Luebben-Morgan, Harold Peacock, Heather Simundson, Rudy Revell, Jared Baker, Kimberly Bouzguenda, Shannon Romano, Ralph Tesla, Danny Kimball, Betty Lang, Anne Cantrell, Karen McDonough, Marilyn Finney, Kathy Stein, Matt Burger, David Feit-Pretzer, Kathy Edwards, Darlene Feit-Pretzer, Keeley Gilmore, Betty Peacock, Maria White, Anita, Laura Mae Harper, Elizabeth Laursen, Dan Tyler, Eric Kela, Dodie Martin, Savannah Jimenez, Martha Wong, Joanne Paine, Jonah Culbert, Lois Woolverton, Carlos Cruz, Alexis Cattivera and Family, Sean Wood, Marina Tesla, Nancy Benedict, Barbara Cleantis

*Note: Unless we are aware of on-going concerns, names only stay on the Parish Prayer List for a month. If names need to be re-added, please notify the Parish Office.*





# ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## **WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!**

St. Gregory's is a warm and caring community of families and singles, young and old, committed to sharing the good news that Jesus is the Lord of all life. We are an Episcopal Church, having members from all backgrounds and religious traditions. Many of us had no church involvement before coming here. We want to offer to you the same welcome and friendship that were extended to us when we came to St. Gregory's.

## **ST. GREGORY'S MISSION STATEMENT**

God has called us into Christian community and gifted us for ministry:

To worship and glorify God  
To transform faith into action  
To share the love of Jesus Christ

The Right Reverend John H. Taylor  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

The Reverend Michael K. Fincher, Rector  
[rector@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:rector@stgregoryschurch.com)

David York, Music Director & Organist  
[york1635@aol.com](mailto:york1635@aol.com)

Kevin Wood, Parish Administrator  
[info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com)

Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-12:00pm, Tuesday – Friday