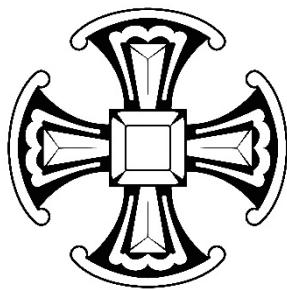


# **Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28)**



**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

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

*Also Live Streaming at*

<https://www.facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>

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## **VOLUNTARY**

Chorale Prelude on “Rhosymedre”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*(People stand)*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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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.**

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

O God Beyond All Praising

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### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*      **And also with you.**  
*Presider*      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.**

*(People are seated)*

### **FIRST READING**

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18

*Lector*      A Reading from Zephaniah.

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.

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

## PSALM 90

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.*



Lord, you have been our dwelling place through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Before the mountains were born,  
or you brought the whole world,  
from age to age you are God. **Antiphon**

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

You sweep them away like a dream;  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:  
in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered. **Antiphon**

Teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom. **Antiphon**

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

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

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

*(People stand)*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

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*(Congregation sings vv. 1, 2, & 3, the Gospel is read, then vv. 4 & 5 are sung)*

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25.14-30

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

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

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.’”

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*(People are seated)*

## SERMON

The Rev. Michael K. Fincher

*(Silent reflection)*

**NICENE CREED** *(Please stand)*

**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

Gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayers, intentions, and thanksgivings of our community.

We are generous with our gifts,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance**

I ask your prayers for the Church, for all who worship God this day. For our clergy, our diocesan leaders, and for our congregation. We pray especially for this season in which we celebrate our stories of leadership and our support for mission.

We are generous with our gifts of leadership,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

I ask your prayers for our Nation and all nations; for refugees fleeing climate change and war; for conflicts of resources and land; for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens. We pray for a distribution of wealth that helps the poor and the marginalized.

We are generous with our gifts of peace,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

I ask your prayers for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those who grieve. We remember those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now, in silence or aloud [or in the comment section].

We are generous with our gifts of healing,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

I ask your prayers for those who have died, those who are dying, and those who mourn. For those on our parish list, and for those we name now in silence or aloud [or in the comment section].

We are generous with our gifts of support,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

I ask for your remembrances of thanksgivings and blessings, for we are given time, talent, and treasure to share with the world.

We are generous with our gratitude,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

*Celebrant:* Hear the prayers of your people, Creator God. May we who are blessed by so much wealth and wisdom, share our works with a world in need. **Amen.**

## CONFESSON OF SIN

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

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. 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

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:  
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will alway be praising thee.  
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:  
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.  
O prosper thou our handywork.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come.  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home. (Psalms 84 and 90)

### PRESENTATION HYMN

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff shows the Celebrant and People singing together: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff shows the Celebrant and People singing together: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff shows the Celebrant singing: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff shows the People singing: "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*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 10:15 Service:*

## Sanctus

## St. Anne's Mass, James MacMillan

*Organ*

*All*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly\_ Lord,

God of\_ power and might.\_ Heav'n and earth are\_ full of your glo-ry. Ho-

san - na in\_ the\_ high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is\_ he, who

comes in the name\_ of the Lord.\_ Ho - san - na in the\_

high - est, ho - san - na\_ in\_\_\_\_ the high - est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,**  
**as we await the day of his coming.**

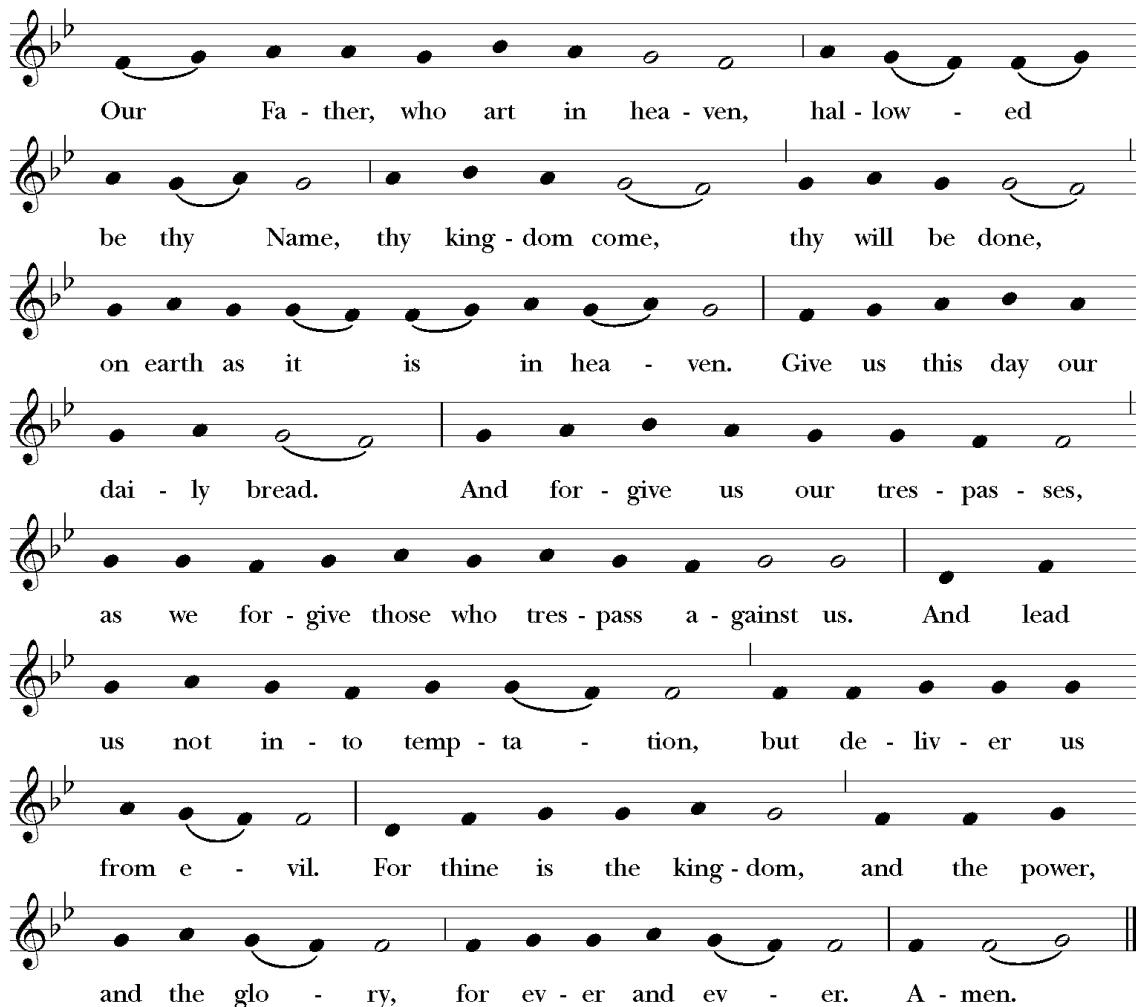
Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your

hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

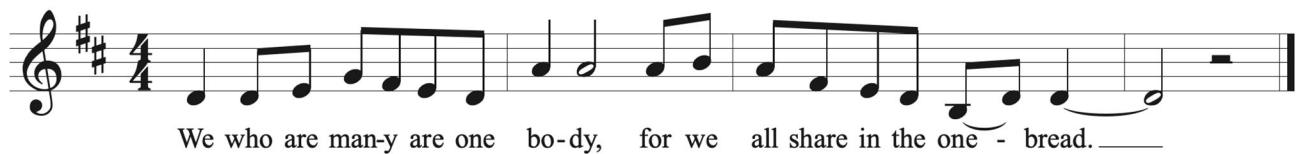
*(A period of silence is kept after the Presider breaks the host)*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

David York



We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Refrain: *Sung first by the cantor, then repeated by all*

Verse: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Refrain: *All*

*The Presider says the following 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. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, 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 who are 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 of 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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Charles Callahan

Dylan Wicks, trombone

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

**God of Abundance and Grace,  
By the provision of this feast,  
the Sacrament of our Savior, Jesus Christ  
You have united us together in purpose and place.  
May we who have gathered and broken bread  
Now share the living Word, being rooted in Abundance;  
Serving you with joy and steadfast faith,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Signs of Endings All Around Us

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

A Trumpet Tune

Charles Callahan

*If you wish to leave during the Postlude, 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)

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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 680*

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*St. Anne*

1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou-sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll-ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

## SONG OF PRAISE

O God Beyond All Praising

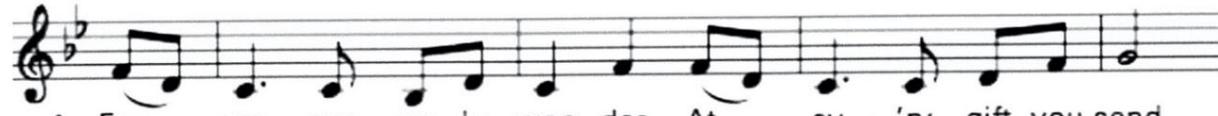
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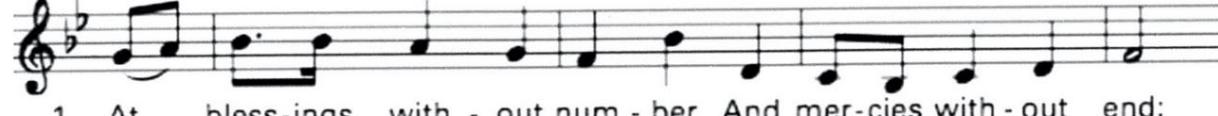
1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, We wor-ship you to - day



1. And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re - pay;



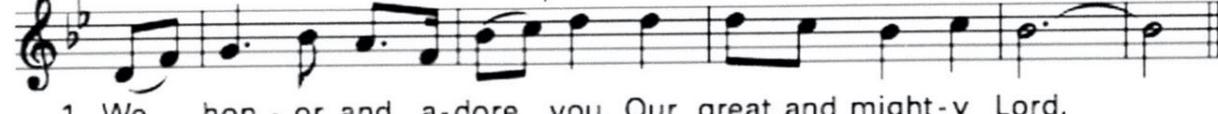
1. For we can on - ly won-der At ev - 'ry gift you send,



1. At bless-ings with - out num - ber And mer-cies with - out end:



1. We lift our hearts be - fore you And wait up-on your word,



1. We hon - or and a-dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.

Text: Michael A. Perry (1942-1996)    Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

*Azmon*

*(Congregation sings vv. 1, 2, & 3, the Gospel is read, then vv. 4 & 5 are sung)*



1 A - wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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## PRESENTATION HYMN

*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 705 (verse 2)*

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

*Forest Green*

*Unison or harmony*

\*2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and

give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to

God that all may live; the Church of Christ is

call - ing us to make the dream come true: a

world re-deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.

### RECESSSIONAL HYMN

Signs of Endings All Around Us

*Ton-Y-Botel*

1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us—dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.  
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:  
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through-out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

Words: Dean W. Nelson (b. 1944). Music: *Ton-y-Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

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

### **Tuesday, November 21**

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

### **Wednesday, November 22**

**Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 PM** at St. Thomas of Canterbury (5306 E. Arbor Rd., Long Beach).

### **Sunday, November 26**

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

**Sunday School** for ages 5 and up at **9:30 AM** in Room 7.

**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. Thomas Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/Saint-Thomas-of-Canterbury-Episcopal-Church-of-Long-Beach-CA-124554214274325/>).

**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

**Music at Four – Kirkin’ of the Tartan Evensong:** **This afternoon at 4:00 PM**, Music at Four presents St. Gregory’s Choir and friends in a festive service of Evensong, conducted by Dr. Hanan Yaqub. Join us as we celebrate the feast of St. Andrew with bagpipes and music by A. Herbert Brewer, Elaine Hagenberg and Scottish composer James Mulholland.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service:** As has become our custom, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving Eve with our family at St. Thomas of Canterbury. The annual Thanksgiving Eve Service with the “Blessing of the Buns” will be held on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 PM. A pie feast will follow the service! Also, be sure to bring your buns (or any other reasonable token of your Thanksgiving feast) to be blessed during the service and invite your friends and neighbors to begin the holiday in a holy fashion. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Christmas Flower Donations:** Christmas is just around the corner! If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of the wreaths and poinsettias, you can do so by sending a check to the church with “Christmas Flowers” in the memo line. Or you can go through the parish website or the Vanco app and use the Other Designated Gift category (just be sure to put Christmas Flowers in the adjacent box). And if you would like to make your donation in Memory of, in Thanksgiving of, or in Honor of someone, you can call the parish office or send an email to Kevin at [info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com) with the appropriate information. We need dedications no later than Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> to get information into the Christmas Eve bulletin. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up after Christmas. More on that down the road.

**Altar Flower Donations:** Need a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one or friend? Make a flower donation. If you’d like to donate for altar flowers, you may send a check to the office or pay online by using Vanco, following this link: <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** has the following needs: **100 HARDBOILED EGGS; HOMEMADE COOKIES**
  - **Homemade cookies** can be brought to church on any Sunday, in ziplock freezer bags, labeled “Feed My Lambs” to the kitchen.
  - **Wednesday, November 29 from 9:00 AM to Noon** you can deliver to the office:
    - Hardboiled eggs
    - Homemade Cookies
  - **Thursday, November 30 until 11:00 AM** you can deliver to the kitchen:
    - Homemade Cookies
    - Hardboiled Eggs
  - **Friday, December 1 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** – We need some additional volunteers to help with serving our guests at St. Luke's on the first Saturday of every month. Contact Tamera if interested. If you have questions about helping out with Feed My Lambs or dropping off items, contact Tamera Benedict at ([tlbenedict4@gmail.com](mailto:tlbenedict4@gmail.com), 562.301.6800).
- **Food Bank** has the following needs:
  - **Volunteers** – We need volunteers to assist with the Food Bank distribution on the THIRD Wednesday of the month between 8:30 and 11:00 AM. Please contact Kevin at the Parish Office ([info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com), 562.420.1311) for more information about the Food Bank.

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

**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/>.

**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.

**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., Kim White, Bob Gergen, Grace Stinson, Barbara Smuck, Mother Beryl, Kathryn Courtney, Eric Graham, Walt Gupton, Scott Morgan, Fran Luebben-Morgan, Rosy Ixco, Harold Peacock, Heather Simundson, Jane Alt, Rudy Revell, Jared Baker, Anne Gergen, Marguerite Fincher, Kimberly Bouzguenda, Richard Alt, Shannon Romano, April Southwick, Ralph Tesla, Danny Kimball, Betty Lang, Anne Cantrell, Lincoln Dych, Karen McDonough, Jason Olson, Bridget Comer, Marilyn Finney, Kathy Stein, Julie Hopkins, Pat Adams, Matt Burger, David Feit-Pretzer, Kathy Edwards, Darlene Feit-Pretzer, Derrik Higgins, Michael Gibbs, Paul Holdridge, Vickie Morrison, Jo Ridenour, Tori Leep, Colleen Ahland, Alan Caddick, Brad Stevens, Diana Padgett, Judy & Dan Parsley, Kathy Spenser, Fr. Michael Fincher, Mike Hannah, Garren Plemmons, Barry Plemmons, Mike Eldon

*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