

# ***Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12)***

***Sunday, July 27, 2025***

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

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## **VOLUNTARY**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Jennifer Cook

*(The people stand)*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Baptized in Water

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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 (10:15 service)**

*Lauda Anima*



Glo - ry be to God in hea - ven, songs of joy and  
peace we bring, thank - ful hearts and voi - ces  
rais - ing, to cre - a - tion's Lord we sing:  
Lord, we thank you, Lord, we bless you,  
glo - ry be to God our King.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

*People*         **And also with you.**

*Presider*        Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*(The people are seated)*

## FIRST READING

Hosea 1.2-10

*Lector*         A Reading from Hosea.

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

*Lector*         The Word of the Lord.

*People*         **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 85

You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.  
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.  
You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.  
Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
let your anger depart from us.  
Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?  
Will you not give us life again, \*  
that your people may rejoice in you?  
Show us your mercy, O LORD, \*  
and grant us your salvation.  
I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.  
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.  
Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## SECOND READING

Colossians 2.6-19

*Lector*      A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he

forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*(The people stand)*

## **SEQUENCE HYMN**

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 11.1-13

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

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds,

and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

*(People are seated)*

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Sharon K. Sheffield

*(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**

Brothers and sisters, God's salvation is very near. Reverently and fearfully, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "We call to you, O God; answer us."

Make your Church alive, O God, together with your risen Christ. Forgive our trespasses, erase all records that stand against us and save us from the time of trial.

We call to you, O God;

**Answer us.**

By your victory on the cross, Lord Christ, you have triumphed over all things. We pray that we may witness your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

We call to you, O God;

**Answer us.**

Help us to be good stewards of your creation, that each and every person will be given their daily bread.

We call to you, O God;

**Answer us.**

We pray, God our protector, for all those with uncertain futures. Make your good purpose known, O God, in their lives. May they know that you, Father, give good gifts to your children.

We call to you, O God;

**Answer us.**

Comfort and heal all those who are in pain or sorry or any kind of trouble. Do not abandon the works of your hands. Be found, gracious God, by all those who search for you. We especially pray for those we mention now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*(Pause)*

We call to you, O God;

**Answer us.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died. And, we thank you, Gracious God, that all who are buried with Christ in baptism shall also experience the power of his resurrection. We pray for those who have died, especially those we mention now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*(Pause)*

We call to you, O God;  
**Answer us.**

*Presider* Heavenly Father, whose Son taught us to pray, give us what we ask this day and open the door when we knock; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION 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

Pie Jesu

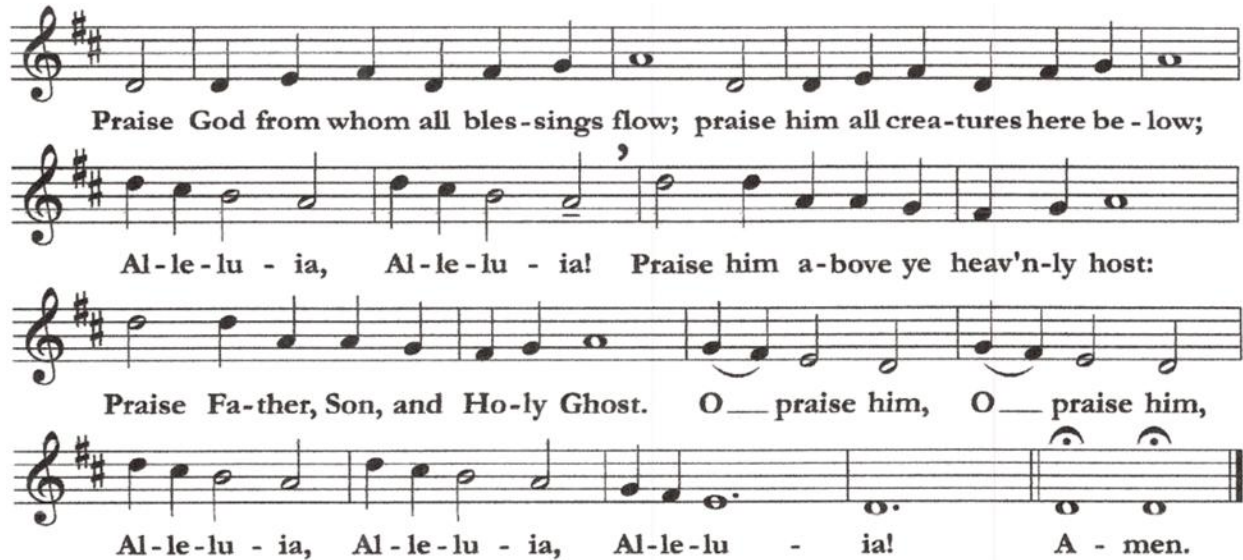
Gabriel Fauré

Lindee McTigue, soloist

### PRESENTATION HYMN

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Lasst uns erfreuen*



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow; praise him all crea-tures here be - low;  
Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia! Praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host:  
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. O — praise him, O — praise him,  
Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia! A - men.

*Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

*Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesne Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. R.V. Williams (1872-1958)*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

**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:*

*Land of Rest, arr. Richard Proulx*

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. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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**

*(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!**

*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. 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**

Beautiful Savior

arr. Jan Welch

## **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 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**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

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## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Presider*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **VOLUNTARY**

All Hail Power

arr. Jennifer Creek

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

**FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

*and*

*In loving memory of Bonnie Horton, my beloved mother  
by Kimberly Bouzguenda*

**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

	8:00 SERVICE	10:15 SERVICE
Presider & Preacher	Rev. Sharon Sheffield	Rev. Sharon Sheffield
Piano		Jan Rosson
Soloist, flute	—	Lindee McTigue
Acolyte	—	David Luebben-Morrill
Crucifer	—	Ian Bond
Lector	Alfonso Lemus	Caryn Cobb
Lay Eucharistic	Holly Graham	Carol Bernstein
Ministers (LEMs)	Abby Koerkenmeier	Dorothy Edwards

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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Baptized in Water

*Bunessan*



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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## SEQUENCE HYMN

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

St. Thomas

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



1. Lord, teach us how to pray as once the  
 2. Lord, teach us how to pray when hearts are  
 3. Lord, teach us how to pray when cares dis -  
 4. Lord, teach us how to pray; re - kin - dle  
 5. Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us



twelve you taught, for we can nev - er  
 dull and dead, or when we feel no  
 tract the mind. Help us to wait in  
 faith's bright flame, un - til our faith leaps  
 day by day that you wait ea - ger -



find the words to praise you as we ought.  
 thirst for you and faith, once firm, has fled.  
 qui - et - ness, a calm - er spir - it find.  
 up a - gain to speak and praise your name.  
 ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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**RECESSIONAL HYMN**  
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 635

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

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

### **Thursday, July 31**

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

**Rule of Benedict Class at 11:00 AM** in the Fireside Room.

**Rule of Benedict Class at 6:00 PM** in the Conference Room.

### **Sunday, August 3 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**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**

**St. Gregory's always has your back!** BackPACK that is! The Long Beach Rescue Mission is again partnering with local middle schools to provide backpacks and supplies to children in need. We will run our drive from June 1 – July 27, and our goal is to provide as many backpacks as possible. The list is specific, so please do not add anything extra. Remember, you do not have to provide a full backpack; simply donate what you are able. The flyer will be printed in our weekly bulletins and posted for your convenience on our social media accounts. If you choose to make a cash donation, you may do so from the church website (<https://stgregoryschurch.com/4721-2>) or in the collection plate; make sure that you designate that your donation is earmarked for backpacks.

**Summer Choir:** Starting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, all singers are welcome to join St. Gregory's Choir during the month of August as we gather to support the congregation in the hymns and liturgy each Sunday morning. No previous choral experience is necessary. If you enjoy singing you are welcome to meet in the choir room at 9:45 am. For more information please contact David York, [york1635@aol.com](mailto:york1635@aol.com).

**Special Concert at St. Gregory's:** Violinists Zoe Shiu and April Gurrola with pianist Grace Hong will present a solo and chamber recital at St. Gregory's on Sunday, August 17 at 4 pm. Join us for an afternoon of lush melodies featuring works by Bach, Brahms, Weiniawski, and Kreisler. Admission is free.

**Sunday School Returns:** The first Sunday School class of the year will be on September 7 at 9:30 AM in the Sunday School Room in the Parish Hall. This will be for all children ages 5-18 with their parents on this first day. We will discuss the breakdown of classes, curriculum, calendar, and procedures. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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/>

Thank you for your generosity.

**Episcopal Relief & Development is Responding to Deadly Texas Hill Country Flooding**  
Episcopal Relief & Development is helping local diocesan partners in Texas provide support to those impacted by the catastrophic July 4-5 Texas Hill Country flooding, which killed over 100 people, with many more still missing.

“This disaster is still unfolding. We will learn much more in the days and weeks ahead,” said the Very Rev. David Read, Bishop of West Texas and the Very Rev. Angela Cortiñas, Bishop Suffragan of West Texas, in a joint statement released on July 5. “The recovery of the Hunt, Ingram, Comfort and Kerrville communities will not happen overnight. It will take time to catalog the loss of homes, businesses, livelihoods, and lives, and the best ways we can tangibly be part of healing, hope and recovery.”

Episcopal Relief & Development is working with longstanding local partners in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas to help people most in need. Working through trusted relationships, Episcopal Relief & Development is helping partners to offer their financial resources, physical property and spiritual support in places where it is most useful after a disaster of this scale. If you’d like to help, please follow this link: <https://www.dwtx.org>

**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.

**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.

**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**
  - **Homemade cookies can be dropped off any time.** Please put your homemade cookies in Ziploc Bags and label them with the date and “FML” (this way we know they are for Feed My Lambs and not other purposes).
  - **Please do not bring hardboiled eggs.** Due to issues with eggs, we now have a dedicated team responsible for providing hardboiled egg.
  - **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 ( [billeldon@gmail.com](mailto:billeldon@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!

**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!** In the event of a hospital stay, illness, death in the family, or other pastoral emergency, please call Mo. Sharon on her cell phone (562-833-3393) any day except Friday, her Sabbath day. And PLEASE, no excuses about not wanting to bother us. That’s why we are here – for YOU!

## ***PRAYER LIST***

Lydia Gibbs, Suzan Laverty, Martin Nemitz, Ferdinand Gonzalez, Patrick McDonough, Mike Laverty, 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, Anne Cantrell, Kathy Stein, Matt Burger, Kathy Edwards, Darlene Feit-Pretzer, Keeley Gilmore, Betty Peacock, Maria White, Laura Mae Harper, Elizabeth Laursen, Eric Kela, Dodie Martin, Savannah Jimenez, Martha Wong, Joanne Paine, Jonah Culbert, Lois Woolverton, Carlos Cruz, Alexis Cattivera and Family, Sean Wood, Marina Tesla, Barbara Cleantis, Jim Perreten, Nancy Luebben, Diane Duacsek, Michele Morrill, Kira Dirghalli, Angie Gesner, Diane Kela, Abby & Sydney, Mary Hannah, Edith Finney, Bill Henderson, Paige Hardin, Marty Wong, Cypress Walters, Finn Andrews, Amine Nebri and family, William (Casey) Ramsdell, Richard Sheffield, Mary Scarlet Picket

*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)

The Reverend Sharon K. Sheffield, Associate Priest  
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