



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 17, 2016

8 AM & 10:15 AM (with music)

Celebrant: The Rev'd Nick Griffith

Subdeacon: Ms. Helene O'Cain

Director of Music: David Feit-Pretzer

Prelude

Adore devote

Jon Spong

(People stand)

Hymn of Praise

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Austrian Hymn



1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, a - dore Him; Praise Him, an - gels, in the height.
 2. Praise the Lord! for He is glo - rious; Nev - er shall His prom - ise fail.
 3. Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to Thee.



Sun and moon, re - joice be - fore Him; Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
 God hath made His saints vic - to - rious; Sin and death shall not pre - vail.
 Young and old, Thy praise ex - press - ing, In glad hom - age bend the knee.



Praise the Lord! for He hath spo - ken; Worlds His might - y voice o - beyed.
 Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high, His pow'r pro - claim.
 All the saints in heav'n a - dore Thee; We would bow be - fore Thy throne.



Laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken For their guid - ance hath He made.
 Heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, Laud and mag - ni - fy His name.
 As Thine an - gels serve be - fore Thee, So on earth Thy will be done.



Celebrant: ☩ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant:

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 (*Spoken*)

**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.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Amos 8:1-12

A Reading from the Book of Amos

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the Lord said to me, “The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord God; “the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!” Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Silence)



Psalm 52 (Spoken)

Quid gloriaris?

- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness *
against the godly all day long?
- 2 You plot ruin;
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, *
O worker of deception.
- 3 You love evil more than good *
and lying more than speaking the truth.
- 4 You love all words that hurt, *
O you deceitful tongue.
- 5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, *
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
and root you out of the land of the living!
- 6 The righteous shall see and tremble, *
and they shall laugh at him, saying,
- 7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, *
but trusted in great wealth
and relied upon wickedness.”
- 8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; *
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will give you thanks for what you have done *
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast

in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev'd Nick Griffith

(Silence)

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.**

Parishioners are encouraged to take this bulletin home with you and to pray these prayers of intercession each day. Praying for the special needs and concerns of this congregation and our community.

Prayers of the People *(Please stand, sit or kneel as you are able)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Giver of life, guide our Vestry in their search for a new Rector. Give them patience and understanding. Help them to see your hand at work in their discernment process. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Priest then says: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(*Silence follows, as we make our confession*)

Together: 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.**

Celebrant: 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 (*Please stand*)

Celebrant: 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.
After exchanging the Peace, the Clergy and People return to their places.)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

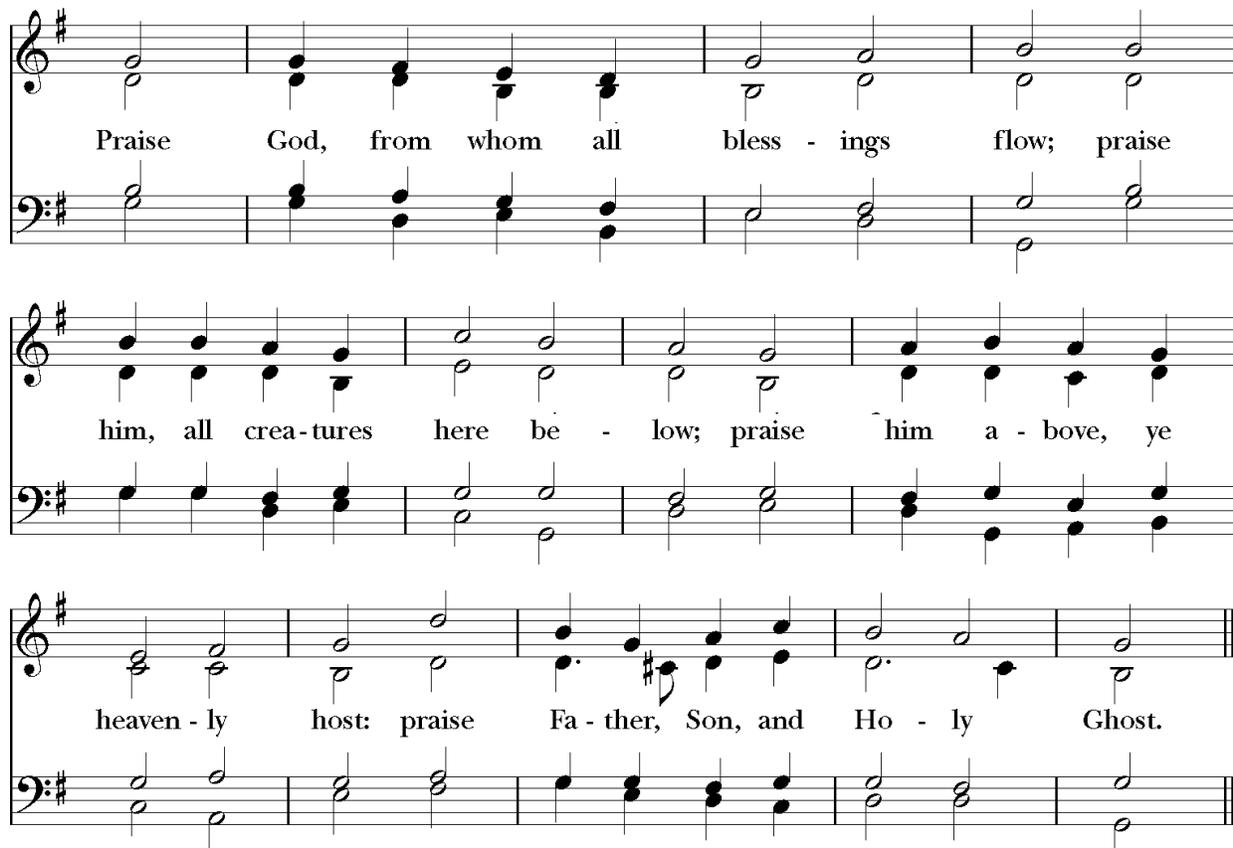
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Chisholm/Runyan

Diana Scheidker—soloist

(Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, money and other gifts to the subdeacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.)

DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



(SANCTUS—cont'd)

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Please sit or kneel as you are able)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(The Celebrant continues)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us your peace.

Celebrant:

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.

*All those present are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this Altar. Holy Communion is presented to you in two kinds; first the Consecrated Bread and then the Consecrated Wine. Place one hand inside the other to receive the bread. Consume the bread and then assist the chalice bearer to bring the cup to your lips to take a sip. **Gluten free wafers available upon request at the altar rail.***

Celebrant: Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All: Lord, give us this bread always.

(Organ only)

(After Communion, all are seated and reflect on the great Sacrament received)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Together: Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. **Amen.**

(Please stand)

Blessing

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith and that, knowing his love, broad and long, deep and high beyond all knowledge, you may be filled with all the fullness of God; and the blessing of God Almighty be with you and remain with you always, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 460

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Toccata on "Hyfrydol"

Pretzer

FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the women of St. Gregory's
 by The Women's Board of St. Gregory's



Saturday at 4:00pm

So what about “alternative worship,” like SPARK?

The alternative service offered on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m., titled SPARK, is an opportunity to continue in this needed practice of creative prayer and praise. And if you have participated in a SPARK service before you will realize that this service is unlike other Episcopal services inasmuch as the music is contemporary and the speakers are not necessarily priests or members of the Christian tradition. Each Saturday we come together to listen to individuals just like me and you who are doing wonderfully creative and important work in our community with the hope that their message and story will inspire you to do the same.

Saturday, July 16th – Robert Probst, Executive Director, Long Beach Rescue Mission



“Helping The Homeless. Changing Lives.”

Since 1972, Long Beach Rescue Mission has opened its doors to thousands of men, women and children. The Mission provides food, clothing, shelter and spiritual guidance to the homeless and less fortunate people of the community. They stand dedicated to helping individuals overcome the homeless cycle, achieve long term goals and make a world of difference in today’s society. The Long Beach Rescue Mission also provides meals and worship services in the evenings and on Sundays to senior citizens and neighborhood families. The mission provides loving care and spiritual guidance to help people who are homeless find purpose, direction and hope.

Saturday, July 23rd – Lailanie Cruz, Executive Director, Precious Lamb



“Breaking the cycle of homelessness, one child at a time”

Through nurturing and consistent full-time early education, Precious Lamb Preschool meets growing demands of Long Beach’s homeless and underserved community. Their goal is to develop school readiness through an emphasis on academic, social and emotional development with curriculum nuanced toward trauma. In partnership with local shelters and rehab facilities, children ages 18 months to 5 years old receive full-time, high quality preschool education at absolutely no charge while their parent pursues employment, education, rehabilitation, and counseling. Precious Lamb was founded in 1999 in response to the city’s need for affordable child care, and since then has served hundreds of at-risk kids.

Saturday, July 30th – Everett Ward, President, Fresh Start Sober Living Homes



“Sometimes, all we need is a FRESH START”

Fresh Start Sober Living Homes’ mission is to provide an alcohol and drug-free sober communal living environment that will accommodate the special needs of the recovering population. They are committed to serving the community and the needs of each resident and their families. Using universal principles of spirituality, Fresh Start Sober Living Homes offers practical tools for leading a joyous, abundant and peaceful life for each resident. For more information, please visit their website at www.fsslh.org.

Our Music underscores each of our speakers and their message.

Drift Away (Dobie Gray), Lean On Me (Bill Withers), What’s Up (4 Non Blondes), Country Roads, Take Me Home (John Denver), What A Wonderful World (Louis Armstrong), Everybody (Ingrid Michaelson), Video (India Arie), Big Yellow Taxi (Joni Mitchell), Hey Jude (The Beatles), Man in the Mirror (Michael Jackson), Brave (Sara Bareilles)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newcomer's Meet and Greet: Today, Sunday, July 17 at 11:30am in the Parish Hall Library/Conference Room. A great opportunity to get to know one another and to familiarize yourself with St. Gregory's parish, clergy and ministries. Beverages and pastries will be served. Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 562-420-1311.

Backpack Drive: Our annual backpack drive runs Sunday, July 3 through August 14. Bring your donations to the church on Sunday mornings or throughout the week if necessary. Many supplies are needed to fill the backpacks, including ballpoint pens, glue sticks, rulers and notebooks. Please see the display in the parish hall for a complete list and more information. The donations are in support of the Long Beach Mission and their drive to assist local middle schools.

Food Bank: Our monthly Food Bank distribution takes place every first Wednesday. Now it's time to restock our shelves. Your kindness helps us help others! Please consider donating: cereal, cans of fruit, 1lb bags of rice & 1lb bags of dry pinto beans. This month we served 63 people.

Sunday Adult Bible Study: The 9:15am Sunday Adult Bible Study is currently on summer break. Classes and new curriculum will be posted in the bulletin in the weeks to follow. If you have any questions or requests, please see Father Nick+.

SPARK: Saturdays at 4:00pm. Alternative worship service with vibrant contemporary music, guest lecturers and Holy Eucharist. All ages welcome as long as you are young at heart. Follow SPARK on (twitter@sparkstgregs) or (Instagram:sparkstgregs) or contact them at sparkstgregs@gmail.com.

Episcopal Night at Dodger Stadium: Heads up! Dodger Night is Friday, September 2 at 7:00pm, vs. the San Diego Padres. Cost is \$20 per seat. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall and in the office. Deadline to order tickets is August 7. Get 'em while they're hot!

CALENDAR

July

17—Newcomer's Mixer: 11:30am: Conf Rm
21—Holy Eucharist/Healing Service: 10am
21—Bible Study: 11am: Fireside Room
23—SPARK Alternative Eucharist: 4pm
25—Bible Study: 6:30pm: Fireside Room
28—Holy Eucharist/Healing Service: 10am
28—Bible Study: 11am: Fireside Room
30—SPARK Alternative Eucharist: 4pm

August

2—Outreach Committee: 7pm: Parish Office
3—Food Bank: 9:30am: Fireside Room
3—Bldg/Grounds Meeting: 6:30pm: FS Rm
4—Holy Eucharist/Healing Service: 10am
4—Bible Study: 11am: Fireside Room
5—Feed My Lambs: 10am: Parish Hall
6—Feed My Lambs: 7am: St. Luke's
6—SPARK Alternative Eucharist: 4pm



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

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Bishop of Los Angeles

The Reverend Nick Griffith, Interim Priest
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