



# ***Third Sunday after the Epiphany***

***Sunday, January 22, 2023***

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

***Also Live Streaming at 10:15 AM at  
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## **PRELUDE**

*“Adoro Te Devote”*

*Jon Spong*

*(People stand)*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*

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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 – S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*(People sit)*

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 9.1-4

*Lector* A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 27.1, 5-13

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.10-18

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

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

*(people stand)*

## **SEQUENCE HYMN**

“How Wondrous and Great”

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*(Congregation sings v. 1, the Gospel is read, then v. 2 is sung)*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 4.12-23

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
    on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
    have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
    light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

*(People are seated)*

*(Silence)*

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Friends, it is the Lord who speaks in our hearts, who says, "Seek my face." With humble hearts let us come before the Lord saying, "When we call, O Lord, hearken to our voice."

God, help your Church. Heal her divisions. Increase her joy. Unite her members that we might have a common purpose: To proclaim the gospel.

When we call, O Lord,

**Hearken to our voice.**

God, help this nation and the world. Where there are heavy burdens, where oppression reigns, show the strength of your arm and set your people free. May the coming of your kingdom be ever nearer.

When we call, O Lord,

**Hearken to our voice.**

God, help your creation. You make glorious the way of the sea; you bring us joy at the harvest. Teach us to live in harmony with all you have made.

When we call, O Lord,

**Hearken to our voice.**

God, help our local community. May your great light drive away all of the shadows that darken our region. Even now lift up the heads of the downcast.

When we call, O Lord,

**Hearken to our voice.**

God, help the sick and suffering. Do not forsake them but show yourself to be the strength of their lives and their salvation. May Jesus be the healer of every disease and sickness among the people. We pray especially for those we mention now, silently, aloud, or in the comment section.

*(Pause)*

When we call, O Lord,

**Hearken to our voice.**

God, help the dying and the dead. Hide them in the secrecy of your dwelling. May all those being saved say with boldness, "I belong to Christ. Forever." We pray especially for those we mention now, silently, aloud, or in the comment section.

*(Pause)*

When we call, O Lord,

**Hearken to our voice.**

*Presider* Into your outstretched arms, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh who came among us as the light and life of the world. **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 Risen 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

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

arr. Paul Sjolund

Andrew Rosenblum, Flute

## PRESENTATION HYMN/DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711  
Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you.      And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts.      We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

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

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

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - 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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

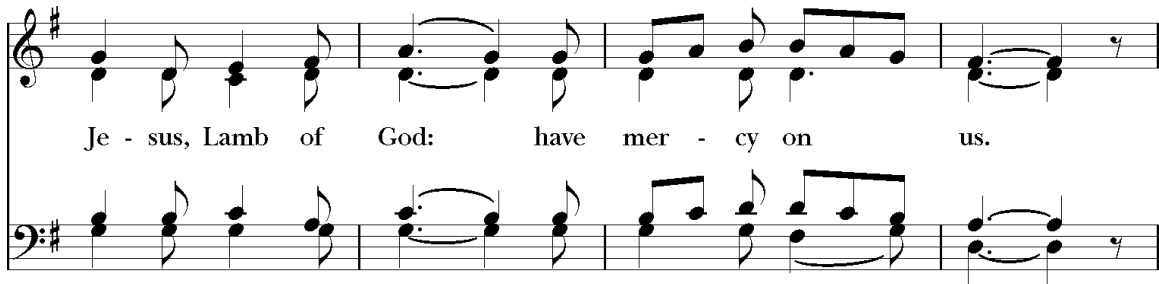
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

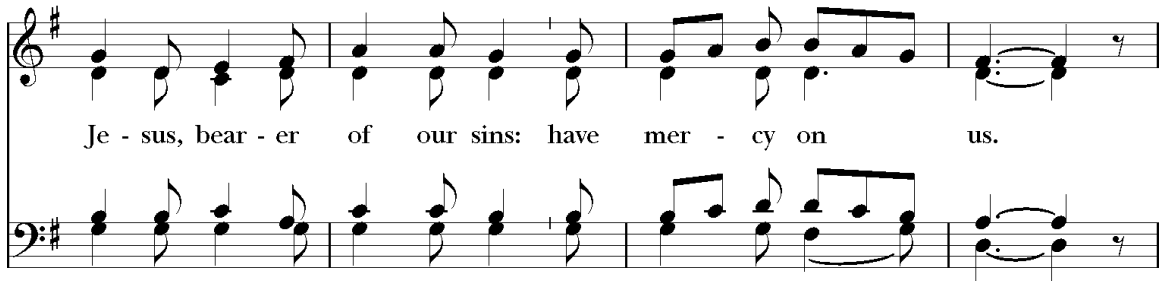
*(A period of silence is kept after the Celebrant breaks the host)*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast.

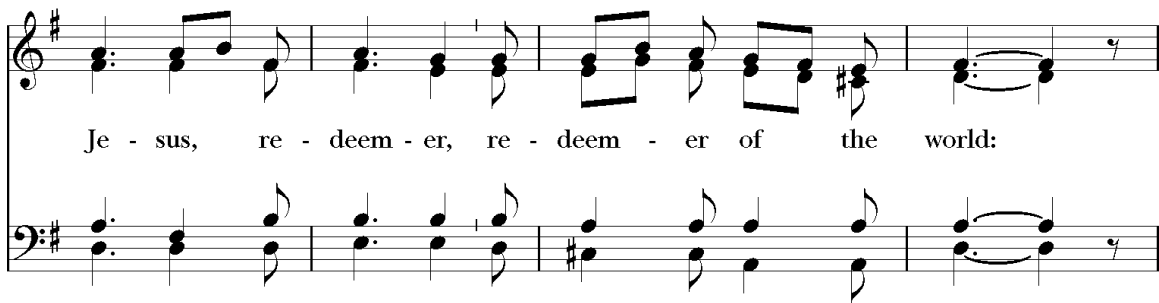
### FRACTION ANTHEM – S164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

*The Presider says the following or a similar invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this Altar. 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.*

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

## COMMUNION HYMN

"I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

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

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

"O Zion, Haste"

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

“Majesty”

*Rev. Jack Hayford*

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

**We welcome the Rev. Gary Commins, who is filling in for  
Father Michael while he is out of town!**

**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 135

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Salzburg

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

# SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, Hymn 533

“How Wondrous and Great”

Lyons

(Congregation sings v. 1, the Gospel is read, then v. 2 is sung)

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!  
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all a - broad, hon - or thy Name?

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.



# COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 1982, Hymn 304

"I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"

Tidings

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

RECESSIONAL HYMN  
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 539

"O Zion, Haste"

Tidings

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;  
He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;  
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:  
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,  
pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious  
let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.  
and died on earth that all might live a - bove.  
till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.  
through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

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

### **Tuesday, January 24**

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

### **Thursday, January 26**

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

**Bible Study** at **11:00 AM** in the Fireside Room. You may also access via Zoom. Contact Fr. Michael for access information.

### **Daily Offices (Tuesday, Wednesday, and 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***

**Annual Meeting:** The Parish Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**. There will be only one worship service that day, at 9:00 AM. The Annual Meeting will follow the worship service, beginning about 10:30. The meeting will be both in-person and via Zoom (access information will be sent out the week before). A luncheon will follow the Annual Meeting.

**Annual Reports:** In preparation for the Annual Meeting, we will need to produce the Annual Report. All persons responsible for a ministry program in the Parish (you know who you are), should submit written reports of the year's activities to the Parish Office no later than this **Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. If there was not much activity due to the pandemic, at least a brief report on what you normally do or what your plans are for 2023 would be in order. Reports need to be in Word-compatible format and emailed to Kevin at [info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com). Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

**Diocesan Convention Delegates:** The Diocese of Los Angeles holds its annual convention in early November. Each parish is represented by its clergy and lay delegates. We are entitled to three delegates—one to be selected by the Vestry from among its members and two to be elected at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in representing us at the Diocesan Convention, please notify the Parish Office. If you have any questions, see Fr. Michael.

**Memorial Children’s Hospital Birthday Party:** Children who find themselves in the hospital on their birthday are really brightened and grateful when the Auxiliary team gives them a birthday party with a gift. A few of our parishioners are members of the Auxiliary and are asking for donations of new unwrapped gifts for all ages. We will be collecting on the 2nd Sunday of each month. See Shirley DeMent if you have any questions.

**Feed My Lambs and Food Bank:** Here’s the latest news on our parish feeding programs.

- **Feed My Lambs** has the following needs:
  - **Hardboiled Eggs** – We need 100 hardboiled eggs each month. Hardboiled eggs can be dropped off at the Parish Office on two occasions: Wednesday, February 1 from 10am to 12pm or on Friday, February 3 from 12 noon to 3pm. If these times do not work, contact Tamera and she will arrange a convenient time to meet you at the church.
  - **Homemade Cookies** – Any homemade cookies can be brought to church on Wednesday, February 1 from 10am to 12pm or on Thursday, February 2 at 11am so they can be sorted and bagged. If these times do not work, contact Tamera and she will arrange a convenient time to meet you at the church.
  - **Our Guests always need white athletic socks and belts!**
  - **Plastic Sacks Needed** – We have transitioned from paper sacks to plastic grocery bags. We would appreciate your donation of plastic grocery bags. You can put them in the Feed My Lamb cart on Sundays or bring them to the Parish Office.
  - **Volunteers** – We have plenty of volunteers! Thanks for all your support!!!

If you have questions about helping out with Feed My Lambs, 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 9:00 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/>.

**Forward Day By Day:** For those who use the Forward Day By Day booklet for personal devotions, contact Kevin at 562-420-1311 or [info@stgregorychurch.com](mailto:info@stgregorychurch.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, Ruth McClune, Bob Gergen, Grace Stinson, Barbara Smuck, Mother Beryl, Kathryn Courtney, Eric Graham, Walt Gupton, Linda Elliott, Scott Morgan, Barbara Graham, Helen Cleveland, Fran Luebben-Morgan, Sandy McCormack, Rosy Ixco, Harold Peacock, Bruce Graham, Heather Simundson, Jane Alt, Rudy Revell, Jared Baker, Gayle Reidy, Anne Gergen, Marguerite Fincher, Kimberly Bouzguenda, Richard Alt, Shannon Romano, Nathan Southwick, Ralph Tesla, Danny Kimball, Betty Lang, Anne Cantrell, Lincoln Dych, Ellie, Karen McDonough, Loretta Scott, Dodie Martin, Jason Olson, Diane Duacsek, and Miyako Hostetter

*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 Harvey Taylor  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

The Reverend Michael K. Fincher, Rector  
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