

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 2024

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

Also Live Streaming at

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VOLUNTARY

New Songs of Celebration Render

Simon Mold

(The people stand)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

New Songs of Celebration Render

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People **The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(The people sit)

FIRST READING

Acts 10.44-48

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

PSALM 98

Setting: David York

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



Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory. **Antiphon**

The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **Antiphon**

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song. **Antiphon**

SECOND READING

1 John 5.1-6

Lector A Reading from the First letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(The people stand)

SEQUENCE HYMN

O Love of God, How Strong and True

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 15.9-17

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Halle (*sung twice*)

Traditional Caribbean, arr. Marty Haugen

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le -
lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

(The people are seated)

SERMON

The Rev. Michael K. Fincher

(Silent reflection)

NICENE CREED (*Please stand*)

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:**

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious and loving God, your Son Jesus has laid down his life and called us his friends, and you have promised to give whatever we ask you in Christ's name. Hear our prayers for the whole human family and for the world, as we say: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

Your Church is the community of those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, and you have taught us that we have been born of God. Help us to show our love for you, O God, by loving your children and thus fulfilling Christ's command to us.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

For he has done marvelous things.

You have shown your righteousness openly in the sight of the nations, O Mighty One, and with your right hand and your holy arm you have won for yourself the victory. Extend your dominion over all the earth and imbue all in authority with your Spirit of love and compassion, that they may serve the world in peace and justice.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

For he has done marvelous things.

All creation witnesses to God's goodness; the sea and the lands, the rivers and hills ring out with joy before the Lord. Bless and protect this world and its fragile environment, and grant to all your children their necessities for daily life and peaceful freedom from all that may threaten.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

For he has done marvelous things.

You have taught us to keep your commandment by abiding in your love, O God. Bless this community with such faithfulness that your joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete. Sing to the Lord a new song;

For he has done marvelous things.

Hear our prayers for our friends and for all who suffer. We pray especially for those we name now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

(Pause)

Sing to the Lord a new song;

For he has done marvelous things.

Accept our grateful thanksgivings as we lift up our voice, rejoice and sing. We pray especially for those we name now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

(Pause)

Sing to the Lord a new song;

For he has done marvelous things.

We entrust to your never-failing victory those who have died. Let our faith in you witness to the victory that conquers the world. We pray especially for those we name now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

(Pause)

Sing to the Lord a new song;

For he has done marvelous things.

Presider Blessed One, you have loved us, chosen us, and appointed us to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. Honor the faithful prayers of your people, that all the earth may abide in your love and know the joy of your friendship, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns one God, for ever and ever. **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

I Give You a New Commandment

Peter Aston

I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so are you to love one another.
If there is this love among you,
then all will know that you are my disciples. (John 13: 34-35)

PRESENTATION HYMN

We Know That Christ is Raised

Engelberg

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by death he broke its fear-ful hold;—
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.

— and our des - pair he turned to bla - zing joy. Al - le -
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: —

To Beginning | 2.
lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - MEN!

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), Music Engelberg, Vharles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

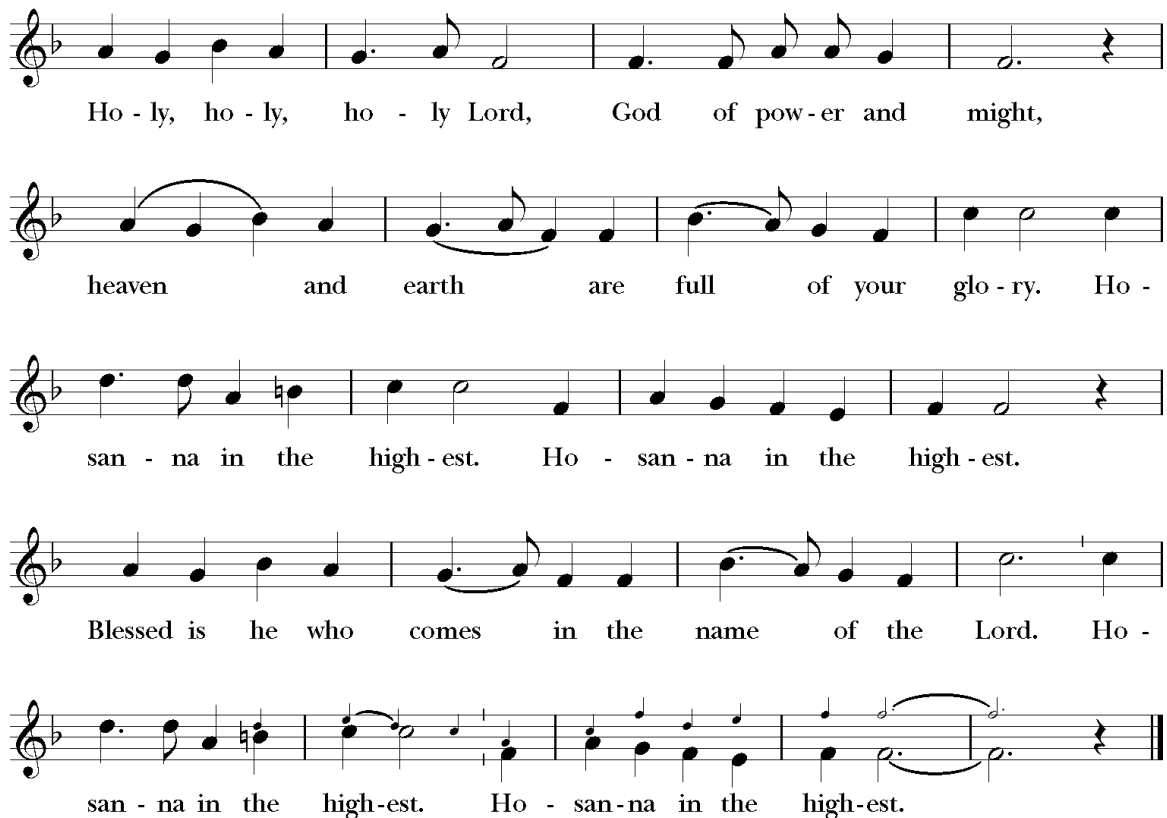
At the 8:00 Service:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.



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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

At the 8:00 Service:

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

At the 10:15 Service:

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

David York

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our pass - ov - er is

4
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le -

8
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Presider says the following or a similar invitation

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

Partita 2

Georg Philipp Telemann

Sean Dunnahoe, soprano recorder

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

EASTER SEASONAL BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come, We That Love the Lord

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THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

VOLUNTARY

Come, We That Love the Lord

Wayne L. Wold

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

FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and

in memory of my husband, Harry

by Lurlie Edgecomb

and

in memory of Richard Lyddon

by Shirley and Family

and

in loving memory of David Lee Spencer

by Elizabeth and Sarah Spencer

**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

	<u>8:00 SERVICE</u>	<u>10:15 SERVICE</u>
Presider & Preacher	Fr. Michael Fincher	Fr. Michael Fincher
Organist	—	David York
Crucifer	—	Ian Bond
Acolyte	—	David Luebben-Morrill
Lector	Dana Lindsay	Caryn Cobb
Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)	Tamera Benedict Holly Graham	Beth Eldon Dorothy Edwards

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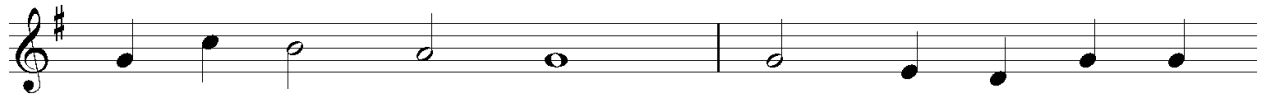
PROCESSIONAL HYMN
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 413

New Songs of Celebration Render

Rendez à Dieu



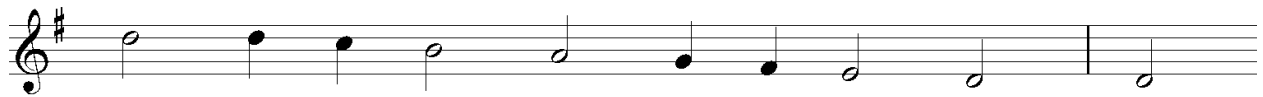
1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to him who
2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - ery
3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the



has great won - ders done; awed by his love his
in - stru - ment and voice peal out the praise of
Lord with wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones look



foes sur - ren - der and fall be - fore the Might - y One.
grace a - bound - ing, call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
up a - dor - ing and find a voice to praise his Name.



He has made known his great sal - va - tion which
Trum - pets and or - gans set in mo - tion such
Right - eous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, prais -



all his friends with joy con - fess; he has re - vealed to
sounds as make the hea - vens ring; all things that live in
es be his that nev - er cease; just is our God, whose



ev - ery na - tion his ev - er - last - ing right - eous - ness.
earth and o - cean, make mu - sic for your might - y King.
truth vic - tor - ious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

SEQUENCE HYMN

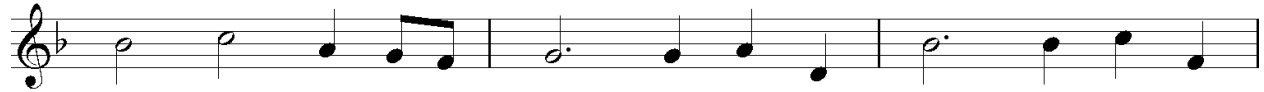
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 455

O Love of God, How Strong and True

Dunedin



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

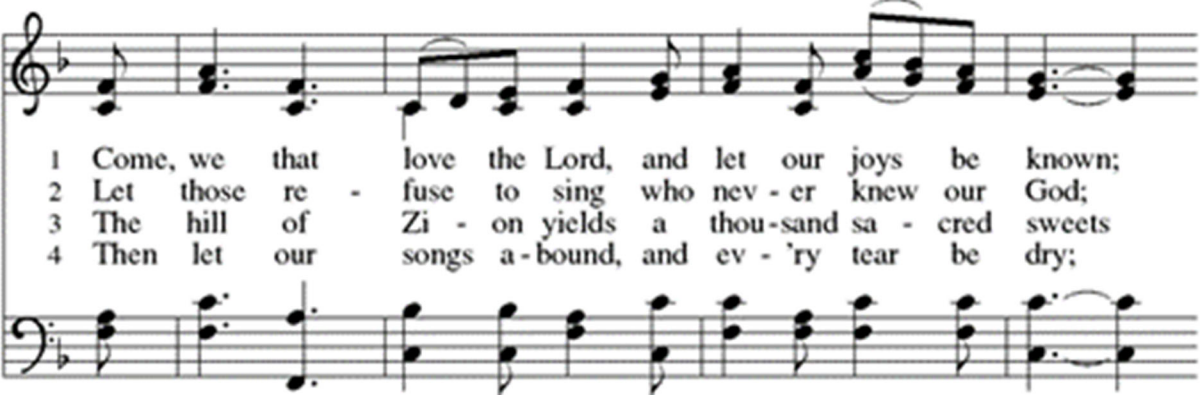


bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come, We That Love the Lord

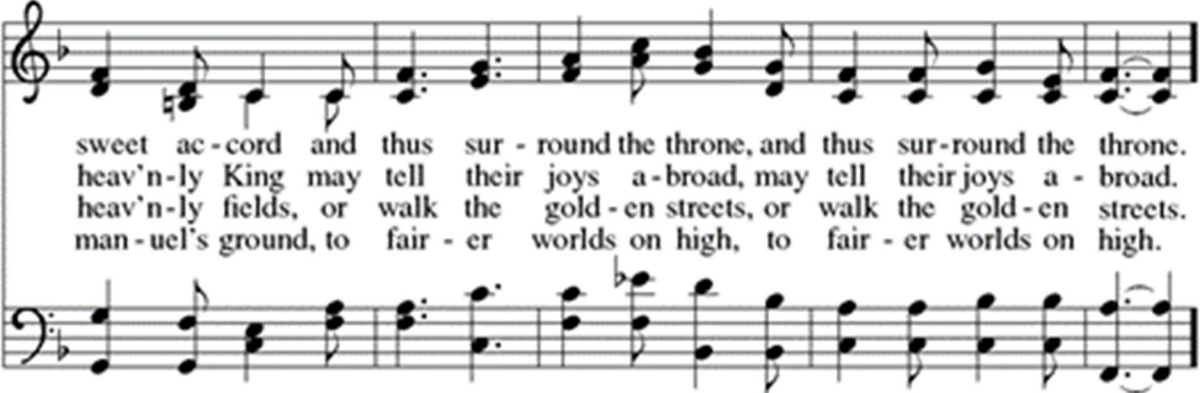
Marching to Zion



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain

We're march-ing to Zi-on, beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Zi-on:

we're march-ing up-ward to Zi-on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
 Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

THIS WEEK AT ST. GREGORY'S

Tuesday, May 7

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

Thursday, May 9

Holy Eucharist and Healing Service at 11:00 AM in the Church.

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

Sunday, May 12 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

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

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

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

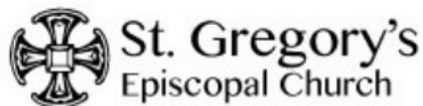
Daily Offices (Tuesday through Thursday)

Daily Morning Prayer: Tuesday through Thursday at **9:00 AM** on the St. Thomas Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/Saint-Thomas-of-Canterbury-Episcopal-Church-of-Long-Beach-CA-124554214274325/>).

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Pentecost Sunday Evensong

& Long Beach Chapter AGO Guild Service



David York, Music Director & Organist
St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Choir
Winston Bickhardt, Scholarship Recipient Organist

Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 4:00 PM

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church

6201 E. Willow St. Long Beach, CA 90815

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach Committee May Focus - Women's Month: During the month of May, we are gathering items for women to donate to Lydia House and St. Luke's Shower Program. Please search your home (or your budget) for any items you could provide that would be of use to the unhoused and under-resourced women of our community. Detailed information is contained on the flyer found on page 25 of this bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!

Pentecost Readers Needed: Pentecost is on May 19th this year. It is our parish custom that on Pentecost, we hear the Gospel (John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15) read in various languages. If you speak (or at least can read) another language and would like to participate, please let Fr. Michael know either in person or by emailing rector@stgregoryschurch.com. Be sure to let him know what language you would like to do. And note that readers will be responsible for providing the Gospel text in their chosen language.

Roamin' Gregorians April Outing: The Roamin' Gregorians are going to the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles on May 26th at 2:00 PM. We will carpool to the museum after church and most likely be there for two to three hours. The regular admission fees are Adults \$25, Seniors \$19, Students 18+ with ID \$15, 17 and under are free. There is an additional fee for an exhibit called "The Oscar Experience." If we have ten or more sign up for this event we can get a group rate. Prices for a group will be announced at a later date. If interested, please sign up near the Greeter's table or contact Susan or John Mora at (562) 531-1883 / (310) 894-0731 or John at (562) 577-7562.

Mass in the Grass and Parish Picnic: Our annual Mass in the Grass and Parish Picnic will be **Sunday, June 2nd** at 10:15. We will be in our usual spot at El Dorado Park (El Dorado West Picnic Areas A and B). As always, be sure to bring your own chairs or blankets for seating. As with last year, this will be a shared event with St. Thomas of Canterbury. The Parish Life Committee will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, and parishioners will bring side dishes (more information on how this will be structured in the next week or so). Please contact Kevin Wood in the Parish Office or sign up outside of church on Sunday! And for those who may not be interested in or able to attend the Mass in the Grass, there will be an 8:00 service at St. Thomas of Canterbury (5306 E. Arbor Rd., Long Beach).

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

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

- **Feed My Lambs** has the following needs: **100 HARDBOILED EGGS; HOMEMADE COOKIES**
 - **Homemade cookies** can be brought to church on any Sunday, in ziplock freezer bags, labeled "Feed My Lambs" to the kitchen.
 - **Wednesday, May 1 from 9:00 AM to Noon** you can deliver to the office:
 - Hardboiled eggs
 - Homemade Cookies
 - **Thursday, May 2 until 11:00 AM** you can deliver to the kitchen:
 - Homemade Cookies
 - Hardboiled Eggs
 - **Friday, My 3 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM** you can deliver to the kitchen:
 - Hardboiled Eggs
 - **Our Guests always need white athletic socks and belts!** Which you can put in the Feed My Lambs bin outside the church on any Sunday.
 - **Volunteers** – We need some additional volunteers to help with serving our guests at St. Luke's on the first Saturday of every month. Contact Tamera if interested. If you have questions about helping out with Feed My Lambs or dropping off items, contact Tamera Benedict at (tlbenedict4@gmail.com), 562.301.6800).

- **Food Bank** has the following needs:
 - **Volunteers** – We need volunteers to assist with the Food Bank distribution on the THIRD Wednesday of the month between 8:30 and 11:00 AM.

Please contact Kevin at the Parish Office (info@stgregoryschurch.com, 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 and need the newest edition mailed, please contact Kevin at 562-420-1311 or info@stgregoryschurch.com.

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

PRAYER LIST

Lydia Gibbs, Suzan Lavery, Martin Nemitz, Ferdinand Gonzalez, Patrick McDonough, Mike Lavery, Michael S., Bob Gergen, Barbara Smuck, Mother Beryl, Kathryn Courtney, Eric Graham, Walt Gupton, Scott Morgan, Fran Luebben-Morgan, Rosy Ixco, Harold Peacock, Heather Simundson, Rudy Revell, Jared Baker, Kimberly Bouzguenda, Shannon Romano, Ralph Tesla, Danny Kimball, Betty Lang, Anne Cantrell, Karen McDonough, Marilyn Finney, Kathy Stein, Matt Burger, David Feit-Pretzer, Kathy Edwards, Darlene Feit-Pretzer, Jo Ridenour, Keeley Gilmore, Robyn, David, Edith Finney, Mark Padgett, Marissa G., Maria White, Anita, Laura Mae Harper, Gloria Neal, Wallace Landry

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
OUTREACH MINISTRIES**



WOMEN'S MONTH

During the month of May, we are gathering items for women to donate to Lydia House and St. Luke's Shower Program. Please search your home (or your budget) for any items you could provide that would be of use to the unhoused and under-resourced women of our community. Su Casa has donated pamphlets to share with the women on the services they provide.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING:

New or gently used clothing, jewelry, handbags, wallets, shoes, feminine hygiene supplies, duffel bags, backpacks, or just about anything you think a woman can want, need, or use.

Remember that underwear must be new, but gently used bras are appreciated.

Outer wear and yoga style pants are of particular need at St. Luke's.

**ALL THROUGH THE MONTH OF MAY
DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN THE BIN OUTSIDE THE CHURCH
DOORS OR AT THE OFFICE.**





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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
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David York, Music Director & Organist
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