

# ***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19)***

***Sunday, September 14, 2025***

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

***Also Live Streaming at***

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## **VOLUNTARY**

Symphony I

William Boyce

*(The people stand)*

## **CHORAL INTROIT**

The Ninety and Nine

Ira D. Sankey

St. Gregory's Quartet

There were ninety and nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold.

But one was out on the hills away, far off from the gates of gold.

Away on the mountains wild and bare. Away from the tender Shepherd's care.

And all through the mountains, thunder riven and up from the rocky steep,

there arose a glad cry to the gate of heaven, "Rejoice! I have found My sheep!"

And the angels echoed around the throne, "Rejoice, for the Lord brings back his own!"

(Elizabeth Douglas Clephane)

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Presider*        Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*         And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **GLORIA (8:00 service)**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE (10:15 service)

*Festival Eucharist, Craig Phillips*

Glo - - - - - ry.                      glo - - - -  
Glo - - - - - ria,                      glo - - - -

- - ry to God in the high - - - - - est.  
- - ria a Dios en el cie - - - - - lo.

*Choir:* 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.

**Refrain**

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.

**Refrain**

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

**Refrain**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider*            The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*            Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(The people are seated)*

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28

*Lector*            A Reading from Jeremiah.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.



## SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1.12-17

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

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*(The people stand)*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15.1-10

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(The people are seated)*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Sharon K. Sheffield

*(Silent reflection)*

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

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

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

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God is our refuge. Let us implore the Lord our God praying, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

We pray for the leaders of the Church. Make them worthy examples to those who would come to believe in Christ for eternal life. May the Church place its hope in you, O God, and not in human wisdom.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations. May they show mercy and advocate for the rights of the people. May they, like Moses, seek the greater good rather than self-interest.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

We thank you for all you created. We thank you that your Son Jesus Christ rejoiced in your creation, seeing the Kingdom of God even in a field of sheep. Open our eyes and our hearts.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

We pray for those who are lost, that they might be found. We pray for those who are sure they are not lost; we ask that you find them too. And we thank you that in your mercy you seek until you find.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

We pray for the sick, the anxious and the sorrowful. Make them hear of joy and gladness that broken bodies and broken spirits may rejoice. We pray for those in need, especially those we mention now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*(Pause)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

We trust to your mercy, O God, all who have died. May they rest eternally in your peace. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, our God, be honor and glory forever and ever. We pray for those who have died, especially those we mention now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*(Pause)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

*Presider*      Lord of creation whose glory is around and within us: Open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace in our lives. To you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL BLESSINGS

***Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:*** Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

Brianna Zucker, soloist

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for you are with me, you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

(Psalm 23)

## PRESENTATION HYMN

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

*African American Spiritual*



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation is arranged in four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

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

*Celebrant*  
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.

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

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

*At the 8:00 Service:*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

At the 10:15 Service:

St. Anne's Mass, James MacMillan

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly\_ Lord,  
God of\_ power and might.\_ Heav'n and earth are\_ full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na in\_ the\_ high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is\_ he, who  
comes in the name\_ of the Lord.\_ Ho - san - na in the\_  
high - est, ho - san - na\_ in\_ the high - est.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

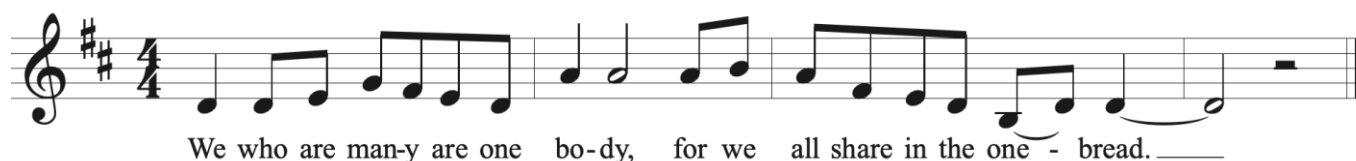
Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## FRACTION ANTHEM

David York

Jordan Tickner, cantor



*Refrain sung first by the cantor, then repeated by all*

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

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

*The Presider says the following invitation*

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

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Steal Away

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Patrick Dupré Quigley

Andrea Hilliard, soloist

Steal away, steal away,  
steal away to Jesus!  
Steal away, steal away home;  
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me;  
he calls me by the thunder.  
The trumpet sounds within my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending;  
and sinners stand a trembling.  
The trumpet sounds within my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here.

## COMMUNION HYMN

The Lord My God My Shepherd Is

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

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

## VOLUNTARY

Toccata in G

Denis Eliot

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

## FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

*and*

*In honor of Lou Duacsek's birthday  
by Diane Duacsek*

**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

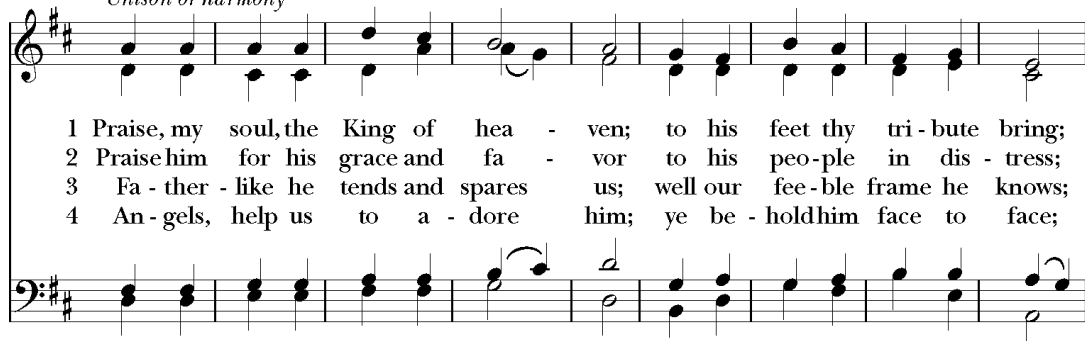
	<u>8:00 SERVICE</u>	<u>10:15 SERVICE</u>
Presiders	Mo. Sharon Sheffield Fr. Michael Fincher	Fr. Michael Fincher Mo. Sharon Sheffield
Preacher	Mo. Sharon Sheffield	Mo. Sharon Sheffield
Music Director	—	David York
Acolyte	—	David Luebben-Morrill
Lector	Kris Brooks	Dave DeMent
Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)	Tamera Benedict Holly Graham	Cheryl Rodi Dorothy Edwards

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**  
*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 410*

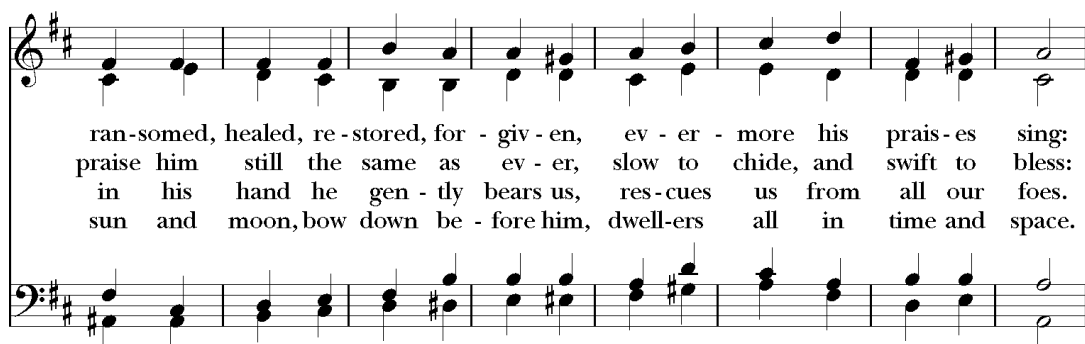
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Lauda anima*

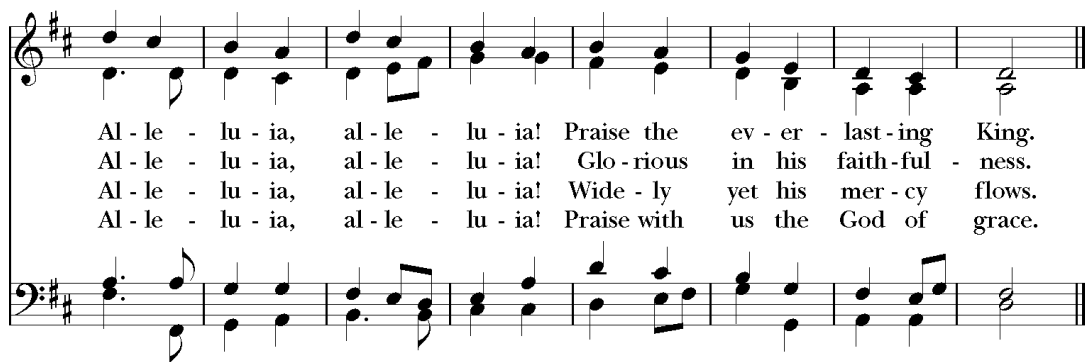
*Unison or harmony*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

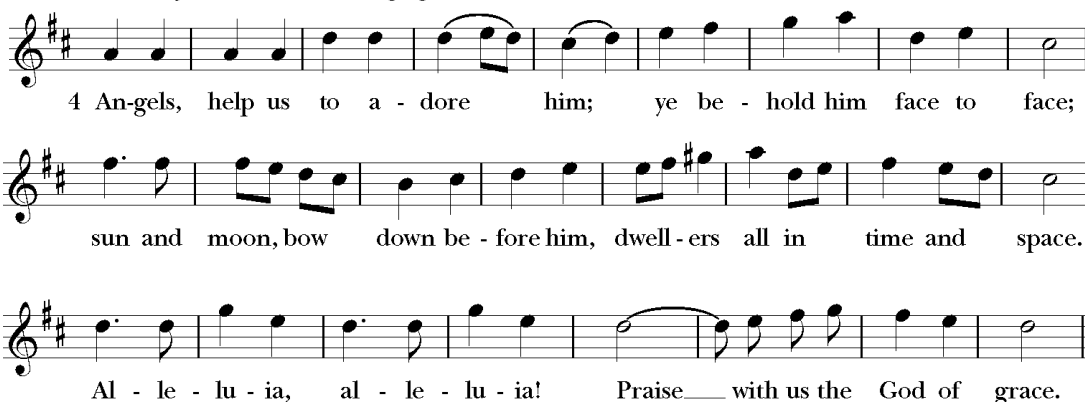


ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*Descant for use with unison singing*



4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.



# SEQUENCE HYMN

*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 470*

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Beecher*

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

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;  
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;


there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

# COMMUNION HYMN

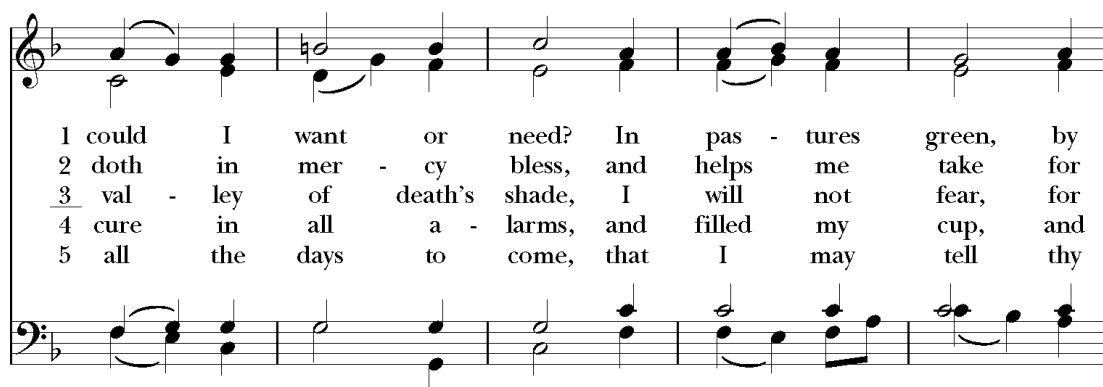
*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 663*

The Lord My God My Shepherd Is

*Crimond*



1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how  
 2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and  
 3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the  
 4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -  
 5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for



1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by  
 2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for  
 3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for  
 4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and  
 5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy



1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.  
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.  
 3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.  
 4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**  
*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 448*

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

*Deus tuorum militum*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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

### **Tuesday, September 16**

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

### **Thursday, September 18**

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

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

**Choir Rehearsal** at **7:30 PM** in the Choir Room. Contact David York for more information.

### **Saturday, September 20**

**Funeral for Kathy Stein** at **11:00 AM** in the Church. Reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

### **Sunday, September 21 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

#### **Sunday School**

**Seniors** (ages 11 to 18) at **9:30 AM** in the Youth Room.

**Juniors** (ages 8 to 10) at **10:15 AM** in the Youth Room.

**Beginners** (ages 5 to 7) at **10:15 AM** in the Youth Room.

**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)***

**Music at Four** – Up Close and Classical Concert at **4:00 PM** in the Church.

### **Daily Offices (Tuesday through Thursday)**

**Daily Morning Prayer:** Tuesday through Thursday at **9:00 AM** on the St. Gregory's Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>).

**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)).*

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

### **Sunday, September 21 – Music at Four**

Please join us for our next Music at Four on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM. Up Close and Classical & Music at Four unite to present a program of Clarinet Quintets. Clarinetist Peter Nevin joins some of the finest string players in Los Angeles and will bring us music by Johannes Brahms and W. A. Mozart.



### **Saturday, October 4 – Blessing of the Animals**

We will have our annual Blessing of the Animals on **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**. The brief service will include several prayers attributed to St. Francis followed by individual blessings of all animals present. For the comfort and safety of all concerned, human and non-human guests alike, we do ask that a few ground rules be honored. Please restrain all animals. They should be on leashes (if appropriate) or in carriers. And please clean up any messes your pet makes. If you are not able to, or are uncomfortable bringing your pet, or if your pet is uncomfortable coming out, you can bring a picture of your pet or one of your pet's favorite toys, which we will bless instead.

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Pet Food and Sundries Outreach Project:** Beginning September 7 we are collecting donations for the Long Beach Animal Shelter. The list of their needs can be found in the flyer on page 25 of this bulletin. This collection will end with the Blessing of the Animals here at St. Gregory's on October 4th. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or sent in through the usual methods. Please join us in this much appreciated collection, and bring your beloved pets to the Blessing of the Animals in October. Thank you from the Outreach Committee.

**Lend a Hand:** Like any older building, St. Gregory's constantly needs maintenance and touching up. Fred Cornett has made up a list of things to do in the near future: Cleaning and arranging the janitor's closet and the storage areas, cleaning the trash cans, etc. Many hands make light work, and most of the jobs won't take much time if two or three people join in. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, and Fred is always available for consultation or questions: (562) 308-6955. Thanks, Fred, for getting the projects going!

### **Episcopal Relief & Development is Responding to Deadly Texas Hill Country Flooding**

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

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

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

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

**Episcopal News Updates:** The Diocese provides weekly email updates to help you keep informed about what’s happening all over our six-county diocese. If you want to receive the Episcopal News, visit <https://diocesela.org/episcopal-news/contact/> and enter your email address in the box provided.

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

- **Feed My Lambs**
  - **Homemade cookies can be dropped off any time.** Please put your homemade cookies in Ziploc Bags and label them with the date and “FML” (this way we know they are for Feed My Lambs and not other purposes).
  - **Please do not bring hardboiled eggs.** Due to issues with eggs, we now have a dedicated team responsible for providing hardboiled egg.
  - **Volunteers** – If you are interested in helping out Feed My Lambs, contact Tamera Benedict at ([tlbenedict4@gmail.com](mailto:tlbenedict4@gmail.com), 562.301.6800).
- **Food Bank** The Food Bank relies on your financial support and appreciates all donations of funds or non-perishable food items. We also can use more volunteers at:
  - Bagging and distribution the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month from 8:30 to 11:00 AM
  - Any other time you may have available and could assist with assembling our bags (e.g. on Sunday before or after service, or any time the office is open for access)Please contact Kevin in the Parish Office ([info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com), 562.420.1311) or Bill Eldon ( [billeldon@gmail.com](mailto:billeldon@gmail.com), 562.234.9920) for more information about the Food Bank.

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

**Gratitude for Your Support of the Parish:** We continue to be humbled and so incredibly grateful for your generosity in supporting our parish and its ministries! While you may not be able to drop your donation in a real offering plate, there are still ways you can make sure your donation gets to the parish:

- You can mail your check to the parish office.
- Make donations through our online payment account, accessible through the parish website at <http://stgregoryschurch.com/4721-2/>.
- Scan the QR code found in the Sunday bulletin.

And again, THANK YOU for your continued support!

**Parish Directory:** Our online parish directory is at <https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/>. This is a secure site and can be accessed using the email address you had published in the parish directory. You can also download the “Instant Church Directory” on your smart phone. Versions are available for Android, iPhone, iPad, and Kindle.

**One Body & One Spirit Annual Appeal:** The Diocese has established an ongoing campaign focused on raising funds to assist congregations, schools, affiliated institutions, and their communities who are faced with unprecedented challenges. We are invited to prayerfully consider making a donation to help others in our Diocese who may have unmet needs. More information is available at <https://diocesela.org/annual-appeal/>.

**Forward Day By Day:** For those who use the Forward Day By Day booklet for personal devotions and need the newest edition mailed, please contact Kevin at 562-420-1311 or [info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com).

**In Case of Emergency . . . Notify Your Priest!** In the event of a hospital stay, illness, death in the family, or other pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Michael on his cell phone (909-373-6478). 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, Mother Beryl, Eric Graham, Walt Gupton, Scott Morgan, Fran Luebben-Morgan, Harold Peacock, Rudy Revell, Jared Baker, Kimberly Bouzguenda, Shannon Romano, Ralph Tesla, Anne Cantrell, Matt Burger, Kathy Edwards, Darlene Feit-Pretzer, Keeley Gilmore, Betty Peacock, Maria White, Laura Mae Harper, Elizabeth Laursen, Eric Kela, Dodie Martin, Savannah Jimenez, Martha Wong, Joanne Paine, Jonah Culbert, Carlos Cruz, Alexis Cattivera and Family, Sean Wood, Marina Tesla, Barbara Cleantis, Jim Perreten, Nancy Luebben, Diane Duacsek, Michele Morrill, Kira Dirghalli, Abby & Sydney, Mary Hannah, Edith Finney, Bill Henderson, Paige Hardin, Marty Wong, Cypress Walters, Finn Andrews, Amine Nebri and family, Richard Sheffield, Mary Scarlet Picket, Bobbi Teran, Dominic Ginder, Miriam Edwards, Charles H. Parks, Perry Nelson, Nelly Bell, Steve Cleantis

*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.*

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Texts of Sunday sermons are available on our parish website, at  
<http://stgregoryschurch.com/sermons-archive/>

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# Long Beach Animal Shelter Urgent Needs



Below is a list of items that are urgently needed at the shelter. Do you prefer to shop online? Many of the items below can be purchased and shipped from Walmart, Amazon and Chewy.

## Food

- Dry, canned, prescription kitten, cat, puppy, and dog food
- Soft, hard unopened dog treats, cat treats, dog chews
- Small animal food and supplies

## Toys

- Cats (durable, washable cat toys, new scratchers)
- Dogs (NEW squeaky toys, KONG, durable puppy toys)
- Cat towers, condos and trees

## Miscellaneous

- Collars, leashes, harnesses, Gentle Leaders
- Travel crates, all sizes
- Cat litter (no scoop or clay-based please)
- Poop scoopers, bags (biodegradable if possible)
- Beds, Kennel Pad dog beds
- Stainless steel dog/cat bowls
- Cat carriers
- Clean, gently used blankets, towels

If you would like to donate something that is not listed, please check their website at <https://spcala.com/donate/needed-items/>. Thank you for your generous donation.



# ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## **WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!**

St. Gregory's is a warm and caring community of families and singles, young and old, committed to sharing the good news that Jesus is the Lord of all life. We are an Episcopal Church, having members from all backgrounds and religious traditions. Many of us had no church involvement before coming here. We want to offer to you the same welcome and friendship that were extended to us when we came to St. Gregory's.

## **ST. GREGORY'S MISSION STATEMENT**

God has called us into Christian community and gifted us for ministry:

To worship and glorify God  
To transform faith into action  
To share the love of Jesus Christ

The Right Reverend John H. Taylor  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

The Reverend Michael K. Fincher, Rector  
[rector@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:rector@stgregoryschurch.com)

The Reverend Sharon K. Sheffield, Associate Priest  
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David York, Music Director & Organist  
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Kevin Wood, Parish Administrator  
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Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-12:00pm, Tuesday – Friday