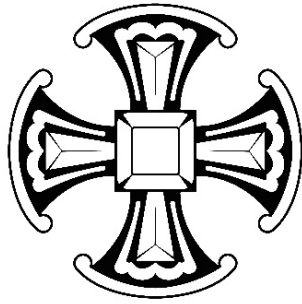




# ***Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25)***

***Sunday, October 26, 2025***

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

***Also Live Streaming at***

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## **VOLUNTARY**

Prelude in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

*(The people stand)*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

May God's Love Be Fixed Above You

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*(The people are seated)*

## FIRST READING

Joel 2.23-32

*Lector* A Reading from Joel.

O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the LORD your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.  
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.  
I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.  
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

Then afterward  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible

day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 65

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.*



Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation,  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.  
You make fast the mountains by your power;  
they are girded about with might. **Antiphon**

You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.  
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. **Antiphon**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous;  
the river of God is full of water.  
You prepare the grain,  
for so you provide for the earth. **Antiphon**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.  
You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty. **Antiphon**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.  
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing. **Antiphon**

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

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

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*(The people stand)*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18.9-14

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

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(The people are seated)*

*(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**

As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to tell out our souls in joy.

I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople.

Tell Out my Soul,

### **The Greatness of our House of Prayer.**

I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to terror and war, for a spirit of Goodwill. We pray for our national institutions that they will work together in justice.

Tell Out my Soul,

### **The Greatness of the Promise of Liberty.**

I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts.

Tell Out my Soul,

### **The Greatness of our Love.**

I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. We pray for those in need, especially those we mention now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*(Pause)*

Tell Out my Soul,

### **The Greatness of our Compassion.**

I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We pray for those who have died, especially those we mention now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*(Pause)*

Tell Out my Soul,

### **The Greatness of our stories.**

I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with Grace. May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church as we Tell out our Soul,

### **The Greatness of the Lord.**

*Presider* Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You have made.

**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.

## “TELL OUT MY SOUL” STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*Weekly stewardship handout can be found on Bulletin Page 25*



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Heinrich Schütz

Brianna Zucker, Daisy Santos, Dylan Wicks, Jordan Tickner

Jesus said unto them, "Two men went to the temple to pray.  
The one was a pharisee, a moral and righteous man.  
The other was a tax collector, despised by everyone.  
The pharisee stood there and prayed with piety.  
But the tax collector moved off, would not lift up his eyes to heaven.  
They beat upon their breasts, loudly saying:

I give thanks to thee, God, that I am not as other men are; thieves and rogues.  
Extortioners! Adulterers! Or even as this tax collector.  
I thank thee, O God! I always fast two days a week, and give a tenth of all I possess.  
Lord, be merciful unto me. Lord, I am sinful. Have mercy on a sinner.  
I say to you: This man went back home, went home justified, rather than the other.  
They who exalt themselves, they shall be humbled.  
But all who humble themselves, they shall be exalted.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

As Those of Old their First Fruits Brought

*Forest Green*

A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and give; to  
make our life an of - fer - ing to God that all may live; the  
Church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true: a  
world re - deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.

## 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 note values, rests, and slurs, indicating a simple melody for each part.

*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.**

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)*

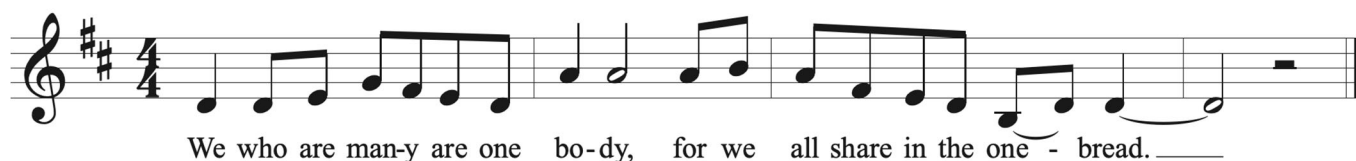
Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**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

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

Lindee McTigue, Daisy Santos, soloists

I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me.

He heard my complaint.

O bless'd are they that hope and trust in the Lord! (Psalm 40)

## COMMUNION HYMN

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

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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

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

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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 Minor

Johann Pachelbel

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

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

*and  
In loving memory of Molly & Bill Dawes  
by Elizabeth & 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**

|                       | <b>8:00 SERVICE</b>  | <b>10:15 SERVICE</b>  |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Presider and Preacher | Mo. Sharon Sheffield | Mo. Sharon Sheffield  |
| Music Director        | —                    | David York            |
| Crucifer              | —                    | David Luebben-Morrill |
| Lector                | Dana Lindsay         | Alice O'Keefe         |
| Lay Eucharistic       | Abby Koerkenmeier    | Carol Bernstein       |
| Ministers (LEMs)      | Irene Leib           | Beth Eldon            |

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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

May God's Love Be Fixed Above You

*Lauda Anima*



1. May God's love be fixed a - bove you, O - ver -  
2. May God's love ad - vance be - fore you, Vig - i -  
3. May God's love be close be - side you, Qual - i -  
4. May God's love re - main up - on you, And, your



shad - ow you with grace; May God's love stand firm be -  
lant of all your ways; May God's love keep watch be -  
fy you for life's race; May God's love live deep with -  
faith - ful - ness re - pay, With a peace the world can't



neath you, Wel - come you with glad em - brace. Al - le - lu - ia!  
hind you, Shield - ing you through all your days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
in you, With as - sur - ance, last - ing grace. Al - le - lu - ia!  
give you, Nei - ther shall it take a - way. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ri - fy the Lord with praise!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ri - fy the Lord with praise!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ri - fy the Lord with praise!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ri - fy the Lord this day!

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Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, 8 7 8 7 8 7; John Goss, 1800-1880



# SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, Hymn 304

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Land of Rest

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

*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.

# COMMUNION HYMN

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Southwell

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,

from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.  
 let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.  
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.  
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.  
 Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalmes of David*, 1579, alt.

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# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 379*

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

*Abbot's Leigh*



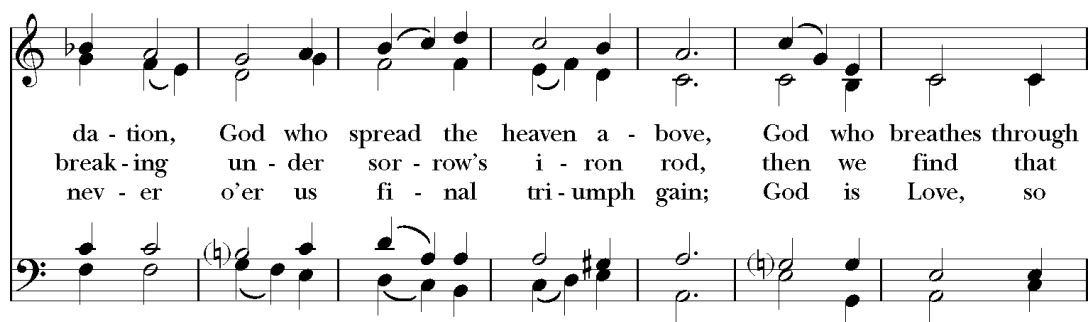
1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all



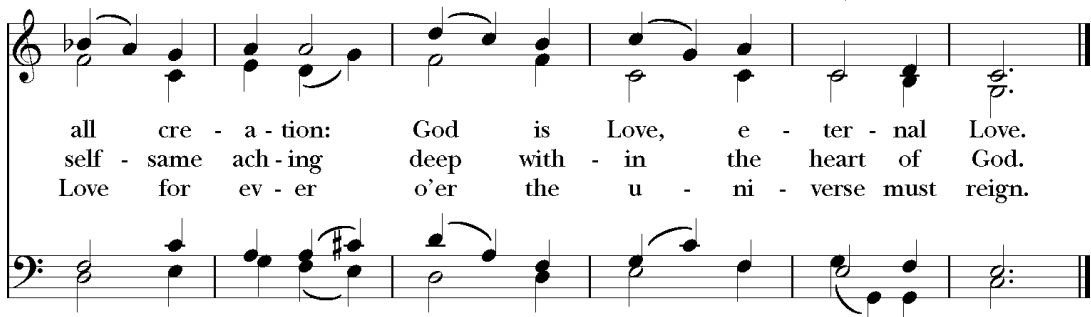
earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace; with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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

### **Tuesday, October 28**

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

### **Thursday, October 30**

**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.

### **Sunday, November 2 – Twenty-First 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)***

### **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***

### **Music at Four – November 16, 2025**

**4:00 PM** – Kirkin' of the Tartan Evensong returns. The sound of Bagpipes will fill the church in this festive Evensong service honoring St. Andrew, the patron Saint of Scotland. St. Gregory's Choir and guests will be conducted by Julie Ramsey, the recently retired Director of Music at Bay Shore Community Congregational Church in Long Beach.



## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**All Saints' Commemorations:** On All Saints' Sunday (November 2<sup>nd</sup> this year), we remember our departed loved ones. This year we will be doing something a little different. We will collect names ahead of time so they can be printed in the All Saints' Sunday bulletin. Cards to provide names will be available in the pew backs and in the Parish Hall. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate or returned to the Parish Office. You can also email names to the Office at [info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com). Please turn in names by Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Time to Reset Your Clocks:** Daylight Saving Time comes to end this coming Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Before you go to bed on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, be sure to **set your clock back one hour** and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

**Stitches of Faith:** Are you looking for a space to share your creativity, enjoy fellowship, and be inspired? Stitches of Faith is a gathering for anyone who loves to craft—or wants to learn! Whether you knit, crochet, quilt, paint, or want to try your hand at another craft, this group is open to all skill levels, including beginners eager to discover something new. We meet on Sundays from 1:00–3:30 PM in the Conference Room. Each week, we will enjoy time for projects, encouragement, and conversation in a relaxed, faith-filled environment. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring your supplies, your curiosity, and your kind spirit. Come create, connect, and grow in community with us!

**Holiday Gift Card Drive:** It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! We are blessed with the honor of assisting families from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to provide food, clothing, and gifts during the holiday season. By donating gift cards, the families are empowered to shop for themselves. Our shopping locations meet the needs of the people we serve, so make sure you purchase from Target, Walmart, Food for Less, Albertsons, and Smart & Final in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100. The cards may be sent to the church or placed in the collection plate. You may also make donations through the church website. Our drive runs from 10/5-11/16. As a frame of reference, a turkey or spiral-sliced ham dinner, serving up to 6 people, costs \$69.99 at Stater Brothers. Our gift cards will be distributed based on the needs of the people.

**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 signup sheet in the narthex, and Fred is always available for consultation or questions: (562) 308-6955. Thanks, Fred, for getting the projects going!

**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, 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, Edith Finney, Paige Hardin, Marty Wong, Dominic Ginder, Miriam Edwards, Charles H. Parks, Perry Nelson, Nelly Bell, Steve Cleantis, Ernie and Vickie Morrison, Alison and Mick, Phyllis Comiskey, Marie Romer, Brett W., Roberto Villanueva, Adan Murillo, Val Kela, Michael Hipsman

Repose of the soul of Eric Graham

*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.*







# Tell Out My Soul

## Music that Moves You

An Interview By the Very Rev. Julia McCray Goldsmith

Everyone loves the hymn version of “Tell Out My Soul.” It’s just so singable, and also so central to how we think about church. Stewardship may be about nuts and bolts, but—like everything we do in church—it needs theological context. The Magnificat beautifully supports a generous theology. There is an innate beauty to what Mary is saying, but it is framed within an expectation of justice and equality. Her words are a Gospel imperative. Church music should always be like that: it should grab people where we are and take us to a new place. Through the music, the message gets into our souls and minds and hearts, where we can’t get rid of it.

I was a childhood church nerd who felt called to music ministry from a young age. I’ve been fortunate to have worked in many fabulous places, and each place opened up new horizons for me. I’ve had to be open to each parish and their traditions, which means that I was learning as much as I was teaching. I feel especially grateful to my home parish in Kennewick, Washington. They took the risk of having me serve as their music director while I was still in high school!

Church musicians have a strange and mysterious gift. It can’t be seen, and people can’t always tell you what they’ve received, but I know that they do. All of our arts “tell out” what our bodies and souls are doing, but music has a pride of place. Alignment to the liturgy is what makes it principal. And because of this, music serves to deepen community and strengthen commitment. It builds energy around belonging to each other. If we’re not doing that as church musicians, then why are we doing it? Our work is to amplify the Gospel, lift people up, and bring them into the fold. [tens.org](https://tens.org)



### Questions for Reflection:

Music is one way that we tell story and align our words and actions, what are others that you have experienced or practice? How do you engage your creative efforts with your story?



After having served several parishes and cathedrals over the course of a half-century, **Bruce Neswick** now works in “semi-retirement” as the Artist-in-Residence at St. James by-the-Sea, La Jolla, California.



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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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