



# ***Fifth Sunday in Lent***

***Sunday, March 22, 2026***

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

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## **VOLUNTARY**

Larghetto

Antonio Vivaldi

## **CHORAL INTROIT**

When Jesus Wept

William Billings

When Jesus wept a falling tear  
In mercy flowed beyond all bound  
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear  
Seized all the guilty world around.

*During Lent, there is no Processional Hymn. Following the Prelude, chimes will be sounded to signal the beginning of the service. At the chime, please stand for the opening procession. The liturgical ministers then enter in silence.*

## **THE PENITENTIAL ORDER**

*Presider*      Bless the Lord ☩ who forgives all our sins.  
*People*        **His mercy endures for ever.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*The Presider reads the following:*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8,9*

*The Presider then says*

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.**

**KYRIE (8:00 Service)**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**KYRIE (10:15 Service)**

The musical notation is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is labeled 'Leader' and the second 'Assembly'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' for the first line; 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' for the second line; and 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' for the third line. The melody consists of quarter notes with slurs over the words 'mer' and 'cy'.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*        Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37.1-14

*Lector*            A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

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



*(Please stand)*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Martha, Mary, Waiting, Weeping

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## HOLY GOSPEL

John 11.1-45

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the

Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Michael K. Fincher

*(Silent reflection)*

**NICENE CREED**

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

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

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

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(Please remain standing or kneel)*

Confident that with our hearts set on the glorious act of redemption revealed by God's beloved One, we receive the gift of new life, we offer our prayers and respond, "Kyrie eleison."

That the arms of Christ will reach into our spiritual tombs, releasing us from the fires of sin and division, of death and despair, and set our eyes upon the eighth day of our inheritance; let us pray.

**Kyrie eleison**

That the breath of God may rush into the hearts of the faithful, filling them with respect for the wisdom of their forebears, and the courage to walk where their feet had never trod; let us pray.

**Kyrie eleison**

For the unemployed, and those who live with financial anxiety, for children born into poverty and those whose wealth does not buy contentment, for those in troubled marriages and the lonely who suffer in silence, that all may be held by the risen Christ, who broke through the walls of darkness. We pray today especially for those we name now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*Silence*

Let us pray.

**Kyrie eleison**

For the healing of our environment and for the vision to see ourselves as a global community, interdependent, economically woven, spiritually bonded, technologically linked, and physically united as a speck in the universe; let us pray.

**Kyrie eleison**

In thanksgiving for our life together, our persistence in listening to the divine word, and our commitment to proclaim the life-giving love of God. We give thanks today for all that we name now, silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*Silence*

Let us pray.

**Kyrie eleison**

That we who celebrate this Eucharistic Meal may receive the mercy of the Lamb, who shares our burdens, removes our sin, and restores us to the company of the faithful; let us pray.

**Kyrie eleison**

For those who have died in the faith of Christ, that they may reside in paradise. We pray for those we name silently or aloud [or in the comment section].

*Silence*

Let us pray.

**Kyrie eleison**

*The Presider says the concluding collect:*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for 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 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

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears

Gordon Young

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet, which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat; to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.  
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.  
(Phineas T. Fletcher)

### PRESENTATION HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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.**

At the 10:15 Service:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords and a melodic line. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system continues the musical notation. It features a long note in the treble staff with a slur underneath, indicating a sustained sound. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The third system continues the musical notation. It features a long note in the treble staff with a slur underneath. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The fourth system continues the musical notation. It features a long note in the treble staff with a slur underneath. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

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

The fifth system continues the musical notation. It features a long note in the treble staff with a slur underneath. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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

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

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

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One  
**Have mercy upon us.**

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One  
**Have mercy upon us.**

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One  
**Grant us your peace.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

O Lamb of God

*Communion Service in F, Harold Darke*

Jordan Tickner, soloist

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us Thy peace.

*The Presider says the following or a similar invitation*

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

### **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

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

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears

Richard Shephard

Brianna Zucker and Andrea Hilliard, soloists

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

I Am the Bread of Life

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

**Compassionate God,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:  
may our fasting be hunger for justice,  
our alms, a making of peace,  
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Presider* Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel or bow their heads and the Presider says the following prayer*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Thine Arm, O Lord, In Days of Old

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

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

## VOLUNTARY

Out of the Deep I Call to Thee

Johann Gottfried Walther

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

## 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	—	David Luebben-Morrill
Lector	Peter Davis	Dave DeMent
Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)	Dana Lindsay David Luebben-Morrill	Elizabeth Spencer Carol Bernstein

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## SEQUENCE HYMN

Martha, Mary, Waiting, Weeping

*Beach Spring*

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



1. Mar - tha, Mar - y, wait - ing, weep - ing, bowed be -  
2. Je - sus spoke to Mar - tha's griev - ing, "Res - ur -  
3. Je - sus, res - ur - rect - ed, giv - ing life to



neath the weight of gloom, kept their watch where Laz - 'rus,  
rec - tion, Life, am I! All who hear my Word, be -  
all you name your own: Help us know in hours of



sleep - ing, lay with - in a rock - sealed tomb. Je - sus,  
liev - ing, live with me, al - though they die." Then to  
griev - ing we have not been left a - lone. Come, when



late in com - ing, met them, shed with them com -  
Laz - 'rus' tomb he led them, called their broth - er  
doubt and fear as - sail us; join our jour - ney



pas - sion's tear. Mar - tha, sore with sor - row, charged  
forth by name. Liv - ing, lov - ing, hope ex - ceed -  
toward the grave. There your mer - cy will not fail



him, "He'd have lived had you been here!"  
ing, freed from death, to Christ he came.  
us; there you speak with pow'r to save.

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PRESENTATION HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Sojourner



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,



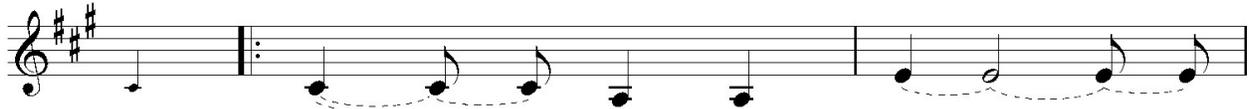
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

**COMMUNION HYMN**  
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 335

I Am the Bread of Life

*I Am the Bread of Life*

(vv. 1, 4 and 5)



1	I	am	the	bread	of	life;	they	who
2 (The)	Bread	that	I	will	give	is	my	
3 (Un-)	less		you	eat	of	the		
4	I	am	the	re - sur -	rec - tion,			
5 (Yes,)	Lord,		we	be -	lieve	that		



1	come	to	me	shall	not	hun -	ger;	they	who	be -
2	Flesh	for	the	life	of	the	world,	and	they	who
3	Flesh	of	the	Son	of	Man		and		
4	I	am	the	life.	They	who	be -			
5	you	are	the	Christ,	the					



1	lieve	in	me	shall	not	thirst.	No	one	can	come	to
2	eat	of	this	bread,	they	shall	live	for			
3	drink	of	his	Blood,	you	shall	not	have	life	with -	
4	lieve	in	me,	e -	ven	if	they				
5	Son	of	God	who	has						



1	me	un -	less	the	Fa -	ther	draw	them.
2	ev -	er.	they	shall	live	for	ev -	er.
3	in	you.	you	shall	not	have	life	with -
4	die,	they	shall	live	for	ev -	er.	
5	come	in -	to	the	world.			

*Descant*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

*Refrain*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 1-4 Final Ending

5 Yes, day.

last day. 2 The

3 Un- day.

4 —

5 Yes,

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, Hymn 567

Thine Arm, O Lord, In Days of Old

St. Matthew

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to  
2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,  
3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,  
strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed  
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the  
owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be  
with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er  
near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed  
eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.  
street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.  
sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

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

### **Tuesday, March 24**

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

### **Thursday, March 26**

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

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

**Lenten Soup Supper** at **6:00 PM** in the Parish Hall.

**Lenten Program: Rule of Life** at **6:45 PM** in the Parish Hall Conference Room.

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

### **Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday**

**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)***

### **Evening Prayer (Tuesday through Thursday)**

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

*For Evening Prayer, you will need either a Book of Common Prayer or you can download the Evening Prayer liturgy and the Psalms for the week from the St. Gregory's website ([www.stgregoryschurch.com](http://www.stgregoryschurch.com)).*

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

### **Sunday, March 22 – Music at Four**

**Jazz Angels: Empowering Young Musicians and Preserving Jazz:** Jazz Angels musicians perform selections of classic and contemporary jazz standards. Under the direction of founder, Barry Cogert, and with special musical arrangements, this group takes listeners through a toe-tapping history of jazz. Jazz Angels is a non-profit organization that has empowered over 4000 youth (ages 11-17) since 2006. The concert begins at 4:00 PM, with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

## ***HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE***

### **Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday**

**Holy Eucharist at 8:00 AM** beginning in the Courtyard.

**Choral Eucharist at 10:15 AM** beginning in the Courtyard (in-person and live streamed).

### **Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday**

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

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

**Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM** in the Church (in-person and live streamed).

### **Friday, April 3 – Good Friday**

**Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon** beginning in the Chapel.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Private Confessions) from 3:00 to 4:00 PM** in the Chapel.

**Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM** in the Church (in-person and live streamed).

### **Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday**

**Liturgy of the Word at 9:30 AM** in the Chapel.

**Great Vigil of Easter at 7:00 PM** starting in the Courtyard (in-person and live streamed).

### **Sunday, April 5 – Easter Day**

**Choral Eucharist at 10:15 AM** in the Church (in-person and live streamed).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Nursery Attendant Needed:** We are seeking a Nursery Attendant to provide loving childcare on Sunday mornings from 7:45 AM to 12:15 PM, plus special holiday services. Experience in early childhood education preferred. First Aid and CPR certification required. This is a paid position, starting at \$17.00/hr, supporting our youngest members and their families. For more information or to apply, please contact Tamera Benedict or Dana Lindsay.

**Donations for Easter Egg Hunt:** Easter is fast approaching, as is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt! The Easter Egg Hunt takes place after the 10:15 AM Easter service, in the patio outside the Parish Hall. There are always extra families for this service, and the Easter Egg Hunt is always a hit with both regular and visiting families. We need donations of plastic eggs, individually wrapped candy, that will fit into the eggs, and Easter baskets. We do NOT need Easter Grass. PLEASE NO EASTER GRASS!! Thanks so much for your support of the kids. please see Tamera Benedict or Dana Lindsay for more details.

**Easter Flower Donations:** Easter is just weeks away! If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of the Easter lilies, you can do so by sending a check to the church with “Easter Flowers” in the memo line. Or you can go through the parish website or the Vanco app and use the Other Designated Gift category (just be sure to put Easter Flowers in the adjacent box). And if you would like to make your donation in Memory of, in Thanksgiving of, or in Honor of someone, you can call the parish office or email [info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com) with the appropriate information. Please get your dedications into the Parish Office by Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> so we can get them into the Easter bulletin. Lilies will be available for pick-up after Easter.

**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!

**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. In addition to your support, we are pleased to announce that St. Gregory's has been awarded \$1,000 from the Long Beach Food Access Fund in support of our feeding programs. We have also received 170 prepackaged boxes of nonperishable food from the Los Angeles Area Food Bank.

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 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/>.

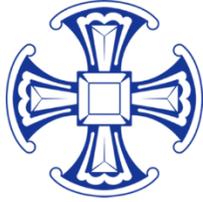
**Forward Day By Day:** For those who use the Forward Day By Day booklet for personal devotions and need the newest edition mailed, please contact the Parish Office at 562-420-1311 or [info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com).

**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, Scott Morgan, Fran Luebben-Morgan, Harold Peacock, Rudy Revell, Jared Baker, Kimberly Bouzguenda, Shannon Romano, Ralph Tesla, Anne Cantrell, Matt Burger, Darlene Feit-Pretzer, Keeley Gilmore, Betty Peacock, Laura Mae Harper, Elizabeth Laursen, Eric Kela, Dodie Martin, Savannah Jimenez, Martha Wong, Joanne Paine, Jonah Culbert, Carlos Cruz, Sean Wood, Marina Tesla, Nancy Luebben, Diane Duacsek, Michele Morrill, Kira Dirghalli, Edith Finney, Paige Hardin, Marty Wong, Miriam Edwards, Charles H. Parks, Perry Nelson, Nellie Bell, Ernie and Vickie Morrison, Alison and Mick, Phyllis Comiskey, Brett W., Adan Murillo, Val Kela, Michael Hipsman, Trisha Cookmeyer, Sally Blevins, Sue Davis, Jack Alt, Shizuka Yoda, Linda Elliott, Ron Dixon, Darryl Takaki, Paul Meyer, Juhani Palomaki, Lisa Christensen, Gloria Neal, Jerry Simundson, Barry Plemmons, Garren Plemmons

*Note: Unless we are aware of on-going concerns, names only stay on the Parish Prayer List for a month. If names need to be re-added, please notify the Parish Office.*



# ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

David York, Music Director & Organist  
[york1635@aol.com](mailto:york1635@aol.com)

David Sachs, Parish Administrator  
[info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com)

Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-12:00pm, Monday – Friday