



The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Sunday, June 19, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Church of the Ascension. We are an inclusive community that respects the dignity of every human being. Therefore, whoever you are in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability and wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you and hope you will give us an opportunity to be your spiritual home.

The lit candle before the altar is “the Peace and Justice Candle.” It stands to proclaim our commitment against any kind of injustice, prejudice, or discrimination based on difference, and also our prayers for an end to war, violence, genocide, and gun violence. Masks and social distancing required. Congregational singing is allowed while wearing a mask.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine
Bailey Myers, piano

H. Percy Smith; Arr. Cindy Berry

PROCESSIONAL

HYMNAL 411

O Bless the Lord, My Soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5

Music: St. Thomas, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

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6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be the one holy and living God!
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever! *Amen!*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.*

SONG OF PRAISE

HYMNAL 679

Surely it is God Who Saves Us

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*
Music: Thomas Merton, Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed

fear. For the Lord de-fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his

help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi-on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with

va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the

liv - erance thank - the Lord, his mer - - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - - ra - el.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR JUNETEENTH

God of all nations, on this day of freedom, we celebrate triumphantly with all people of good will that we might walk arm in arm toward justice for all. Breathe into us your eternal breath, that we may never tire of ensuring a flourishing life for all people, but most especially those brothers and sisters whose growth has been stifled by the trauma of being enslaved. Oh God we know and have seen your goodness, and because of it we cling to the hope that unity and liberation for all are within our grasp. Continue to show us your goodness, that we may have the strength to advance your kingdom with humility and grace. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your son, Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for your love and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Rock and our salvation. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR PRIDE MONTH

Creator, giver and sustainer of life, today let us celebrate the uniqueness of each individual. May you show your children that they are all welcome and perfect in your image, lifting up their differences as gifts. Provide strength to LGBTQ+ people to live their truths, by creating spaces that are safe and affirming to live, worship, and thrive in.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE FIRST LESSON

Chuck McCarter, *Lector*

Isaiah 65:1-9

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord spoke: I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

PSALM 22: 18-27

Chuck McCarter, *Lector*

18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
 you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, *
 my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
 my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
 stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
 all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
 neither does he hide his face from them; *
 but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
 “May your heart live for ever!”

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
 he rules over the nations.

THE SECOND LESSON

Chuck McCarter, *Lector*

Galatians 3:23-29

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

WLP 773

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

Words: Michael Perry; ©1982, 1989 Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188
Music: Sharpe, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from Tunes for Grace; © 1997 Carl Haywood

1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
 3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
 4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
 me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.
 pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
 heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Terri M. Murphy, Deacon

A moment of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and
nailed to a tree.**

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

**He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.**

**He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
Life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and of eternal life. *Amen.***

From the Abbey of Iona, Scotland (Celtic)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI

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The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Mariann our bishop; Joan our Rector; Terri our Deacon; Bailey, our Director of Music Ministries; Creamilda, candidate for Holy Orders; deacon postulants; for Linda our guest celebrant; and for all bishops, and other ministers. And in our diocese we pray for leaders of our congregations to embrace the revitalization strategies, and for St. Alban's Church, DC and Iglesia San Albano. Pray for all fathers and those who have been as fathers to us. In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: **Virginia ... Gwendolyn ... Gloria ... Lynette ... Rachel ... Tina ... Florri ... Marilyn ... Vince... *Yvonne ... Dee ... Jean ... *Bob¹ ... *The Burton Family* ... Martha¹ ... Emily ... Joré Yvonne ... Betty ... Giulia ... *Keith ... *Charlie ... *Sally ... Sean ... Aaren ... Jason ... *Diana ... Geoff ... Elizabeth ... Judy ... Jere ... *Maggie ... *Hunter ... The Huggins Family ... The Hunte Family ... Tater ... Ted ... Eastlyn Julien and Family ... *Maybelle ... Pat ... Linda¹ ... *The Lively Family* ... *Dana ... *Kathryn ... *Linda² ... Bob² ... *Tiffiny* ... David ... *Lucio ... Rodney ... Pauline ... *Lisa ... Keli ... Mary Jane ... Cynthia ... Martha² ... Christina ... Severn ... *Carol ... The Seaton Family ... *Martha³ ... *Joyce ... Gemma ... The Thomas Family ... Myrtle ... *Lorraine ... *Helen ... *Libby ... *Ginny, and especially all who are suffering from COVID-19.**

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Today we pray for the following members of our parish: Jim Wolf and Ginny Ripley-Wolf; Jennifer Woods, and Andrew and Vivianne Clayton; Evangeline Wotorson and family; Chris Wright, Chris Huffine, and Olivia and Xavier Huffine-Wright; Creamilda Yoda and family; and Denise, Kenzie, and, Schatchel Young, and Stephen. And for those celebrating birthdays: James Coyle, Stanley Perry Sr., Hailey Fitzsimmons, Jembeh D. Wotorson (18), Cameron Bowling Ajavon (3), Faye Adams, Emerson Milam, Lilia LaGesse, and Jerome P. Wotorson, (13). And for the wedding anniversaries of Lorraine Van Buren and George Rathbone; Mary and Steve Fromyer; and Heidi Clark and Barbara Menard.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially, Malcolm Burton and Patrick Lively, cousins of Joan Thomas, and Sandra Sussman's mother Martha Weems Sawyer, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

I invite you now to offer your petitions or thanksgivings either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

Silence.

Deacon

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

CONFSSION

God of all mercy, we know that we have fallen short: We turn our backs when we could embrace; we remain silent when we could speak; we speak when we could listen. When we could fling the door open, instead we close it; when we could be open hearted, instead we judge. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen us to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

WELCOME AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

WLP 766

You're Called by Name, Forever Loved

Words: Roselind Brown (b. 1953)

Music: Sara H., Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956)

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef, the middle staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in common time. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, with some lines appearing on multiple staves. The first section of lyrics is:

1. You're called by name, for ev - er loved, a -
2. Marked as Christ's own, signed by the cross where
3. Raised to new life, a life of grace, set
4. Sealed by the Spi - rit, Lord of life, sus -

The second section of lyrics is:

dopt - ed as a child of God. Now one with us, the
Je - sus for our sins once died. with Je - sus bur - ied
free from sin, in Christ to grow; his res - ur - rec - tion
tained and strength - ened by his might. Joined to the church to

The third section of lyrics is:

fam - i - ly of those who know and love the Lord.
in his death, called to con - fess Christ cru - ci - fied.
to pro - claim, his love in all of life to know.
share, with us, the in - her - i - tance of saints in light.

Refrain

Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,

in their lives make your love known.

OFFERTORY WORDS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

BLESSING OF THE AGAPE MEAL AT HOME

Be present at our table, Lord; Be here and everywhere adored; Thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in paradise with Thee, As we bless and receive the Sacrament of your Body and Blood. ***Alleluia!***

Amen!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARIST PRAYER C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

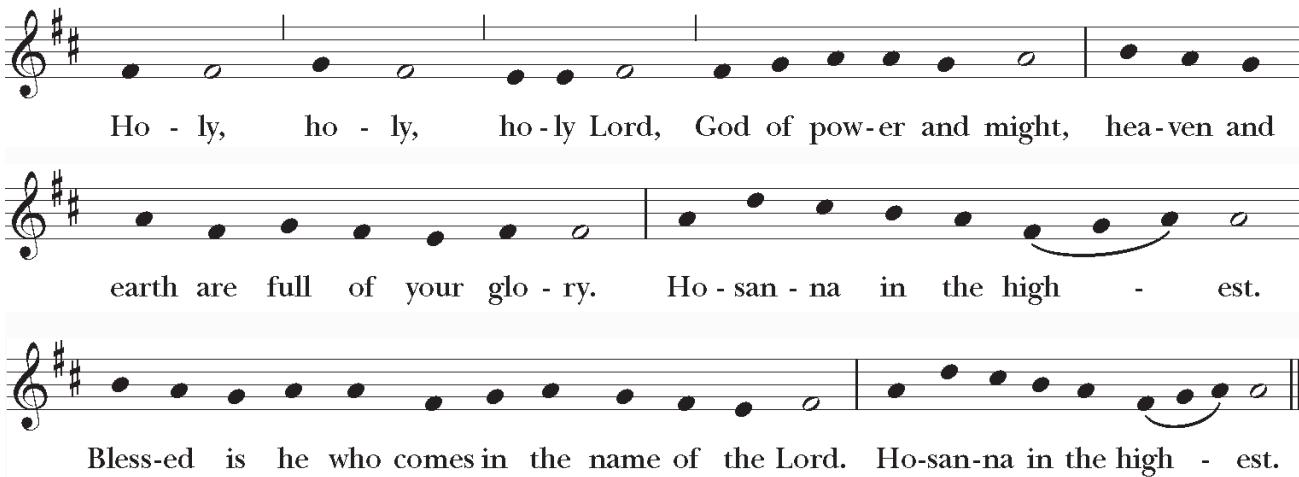
And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

HYMNAL S 124

Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - - est.

The people stand or kneel.

And so, Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”



Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors of faith: God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar; Isaac and Rebekah; Jacob, Leah, and Rachel. God, Father and Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, loving God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. Amen.

And now, in hope and confidence, let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

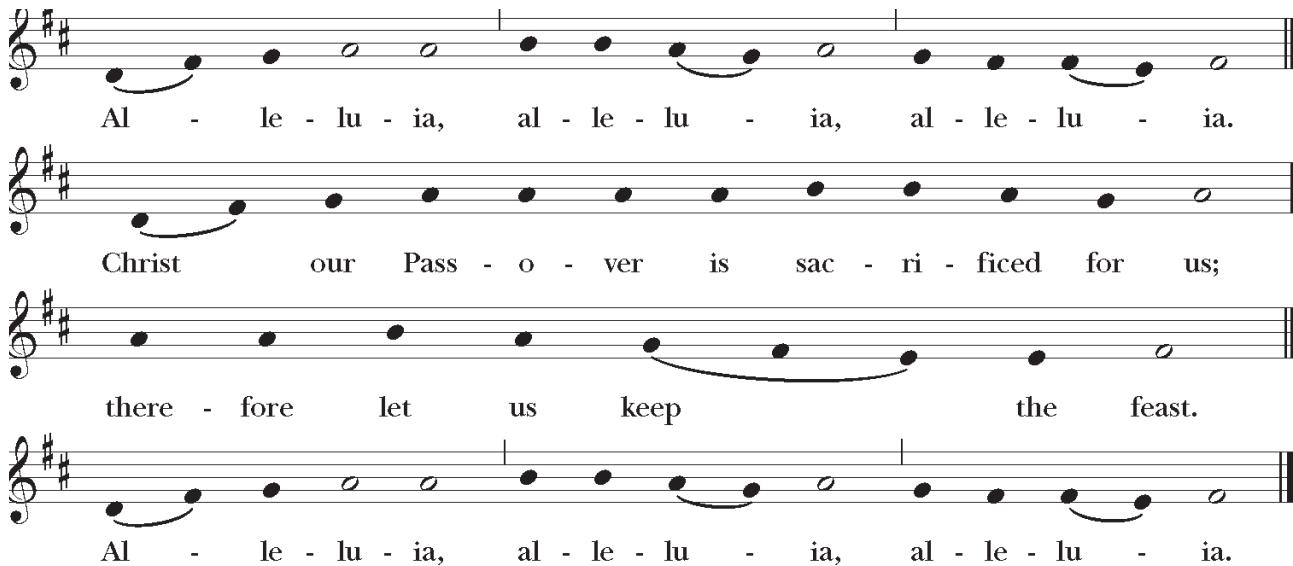
Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL S 154

Christ Our Passover

Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION

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



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

As We Gather At Your Table

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: Beach Spring, Attr. B.F. White (1800-1879) *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Jack Schrader (b. 1942)

Unison

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

LEVAS 151

One Bread, One Body

Words: 1 Corinthians 10:16, 17; 12:4; Galatians 3:28; The Didache 9

Music: John B. Foely, SJ

S.

One bread, one body,

one Lord of all, one cup of

bless-ing which we bless. And we, though

man-y, through-out the earth, We are one

Last time ☩

bod-y in this one Lord.

1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or
 2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and

1. free, wom-an or man,
 2. works, one in the Lord
 3. grown, gath-ered to one

D.S.

1. — no more. One
 2. — of all. One
 3. — for all. One

⊕ CODA

Lord.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.*

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL



PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD

HYMNAL 388 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838), alt.
Music: Hanover, att. William Croft (1678-1727)

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

POSTLUDE

Festivity on “Come, Thou Fount”

Douglas E. Wagner

Tune: Nettleton, from Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

Bailey Myers, organ



Mustard Seed Ministry Opportunities • June 2022



Ascension's Mustard Seed Ministry offers simple moments of ministry that are easy to complete, often from the comfort of your own home. Don't know what to do to combat the hate and need you see all around you? Choose one or more of the Mustard Seed opportunities below!

- **Tommy's Pantry**, volunteer to help at Ascension on Saturdays to prep and distribute food to needy neighbors. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0a4aa72fa0f58-gift>.
- **Casserole Ministry**. Please help us feed the local needy. Shepherd's Table asks that rather than making a casserole for Shepherd's Table, you donate the cost of making one (\$10), to Shepherd's Table. Please let Carol Schwobel know of your donation. Cjs_skye@hotmail.com¹
- **Knit a baby blanket, sweater, booties or caps** for Palestinian newborns at St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus, Palestine. Please drop off your items with Rev. Terri.
- **Donate time around Ascension** to help with yard clean up shoveling or mowing in the spring.
- **Drop off a \$10.00 Giant or Safeway food cards or granola bars** at services or in the mail slot in Ascension House. These are needed for street ministry. *
- Diaper Ministry to benefit Greater DC Diaper Bank and Silver Spring/Takoma Park Mutual Aid. This is a **new** relationship between Ascension and T.P. Mutual Aid. Please drop off items at Church on Sunday mornings. For more info contact Laura Schattschneider at les291@nyu.edu; Drew Snyder at drewsnyder@pobox.com or Jess Quaranto at jess.quaranto@gmail.com
- **NEW** Busses are making their way from the southern border carrying immigrants to resettlement in the DMV. Many volunteers and resources are needed to welcome and aid the new arrivals. For info on how you can help, please contact Amy Hammond at migranthepldmv@gmail.com
- **NEW** For mental health care for person in detention. For more info contact Dick Marks at richardpmarks@aol.com.

In May, you donated:

1. 38 casseroles plus \$ 1,260.00 for Shepherd's Table
2. \$1,570 in grocery cards were given to the homeless through our street ministry.
3. 500 wipes, 148 diapers and two cases of formula to the Diaper Ministry



ANNOUNCEMENTS • JUNE 19, 2022

Today

We welcome **The Rev. Linda Calkins** as our celebrant. Rev. Terri will be the preacher. And on the 26th, Linda will be back to preach and celebrate.



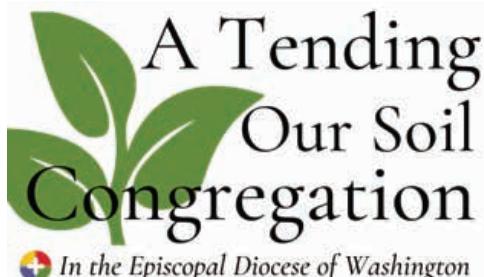
Last week, the flowers on the altar were donated by the family of Creamilda Yoda. Dedicated to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the birth of Creamilda's new grandchild, Wilhelm Hesse, Jr., and in thanksgiving for

Creamilda's graduation from Virginia Theological Seminary, with her Masters of Divinity.

Rector & Deacon Away!

The Rector is returning this evening. And then next week she and our Deacon will be going on Diocesan Mission to Ecuador. They will be back for the service on July 3rd.

If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact **Rev. Linda Calkins** at **240-643-2663**.



In the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Below is your Team's proposed language for our Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Strategic Goals. The Team developed this proposed language based on parishioner input from the 360 survey last fall, from the storytelling sessions we conducted via Zoom, and from general observation and conversations with parishioners.

We're looking for your feedback on this language in the next 3 weeks.

Ways to respond:

Email your thoughts and questions to Team Member Carin Ruff at carinr@gmail.com

Call Team Member Dick Marks (301-256-7355) or Annemarie Quigley (301-980-9083) to share your feedback.

In person, write your feedback on the large poster board in the Gathering Space. Or talk to a Tending Our Soil Team Member after the service.

Attend an evening Zoom meeting on Tuesday, June 21, at 7 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4679340905>

Attend a daytime Zoom meeting on Monday, June 27, at 11 am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4679340905>

Ascension:

Who We Are, What We Want to Be, and What We Want to Accomplish

As part of the Diocese's Tending Our Soil Initiative to which Ascension has committed, it is time to focus on who we are, what we want to be, and what we want to accomplish.

Feedback deadline: Tuesday, July 5.

Now—For Your Review and Feedback!

Directions: Read the explanation and then reflect if the purple text could benefit from changes. Then provide your feedback in the ways listed above. Thanks in advance – your thoughts matter to us!

Explanation of Mission: *Mission* is who we, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, are and why we are here, stated as succinctly as possible. This is our core identity.

Proposed Mission: *We are an inclusive community of faith grounded in the way of life revealed in Jesus Christ.*

Explanation of Vision: *Vision* is what we strive to do and become, building on our mission. It links what we already do well with what we aspire to do that's new or better.

Proposed Vision: We strive to be a place of hospitality for all; to be a place where everyone can discern and share their spiritual gifts; and to support and restore our community through prayer and action.

Explanation of Strategic Goals: *Strategic goals* are specific action items that flow from the vision statement and that we can plan to accomplish in about two years. After the goals are approved, we will divide them into actual projects and actions.

Proposed Strategic Goals:

1. Strengthen our in-person welcome, digital presence, and neighborhood hospitality.
2. Develop ongoing programs to guide people in discerning and using their spiritual gifts.
3. Strengthen our outreach ministries.

Some examples of possible projects to achieve Strategic Goal #1: New website design through EDOW grant (pending). Evaluate and consider expanding our social media presence. Hold outdoor coffee hour on our front lawn with invites to neighbors.

Some examples of possible projects to achieve Strategic Goal #2: Start an ongoing small group(s) program on discerning and using your spiritual gifts. Might include taking a personal inventory, reflecting on gifts already being used, reading a book, attending informative sessions, sharing within the group, etc.

Some examples of possible projects to achieve Strategic Goal #3: Reflect on current outreach ministries and discern which need more attention in response to our times and our mission. Consider partnering or upping our partnership with other organizations to maximize our impact.



Serving This Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

The Second Sunday After Pentecost • Year C

Celebrant: The Rev. Linda Calkins

Preacher: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

Deacon: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy

Priest Candidate: Creamilda Yoda

Deacon Postulants: Mary Kelly, Annemarie Quigley

Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Myers

Lector (8 a.m.): Susan Poling

LEM (8 a.m.): Steve Fromyer

Lector (10 a.m.): Chuck McCarter

LEM (10 a.m.): Bob Cosby

Greeters (10 a.m.): Chuck McCarter and Addison Hunt

Warden of the Day: Anne LeVeque

Tech Team (10 a.m.): Lia Kvatum and Monica Allen

Serving Next Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

The Third Sunday After Pentecost • Year C

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Linda Calkins

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

Deacon: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy

Priest Candidate: Creamilda Yoda

Deacon Postulants: Mary Kelly, Annemarie Quigley

Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Myers

Lector (8 a.m.): Morna Holden

LEM (8 a.m.): Fred Paul

Lector (10 a.m.): Joan Thomas

LEM (10 a.m.): Marta Brenden

Greeters (10 a.m.): Bob Jacobs

Warden of the Day: Jonathan Mengesha

Tech Team (10 a.m.): Peter Chang and Monica Allen

THE VESTRY OF ASCENSION

- Joe Simpich ('25), *Senior Warden* • Steve Fromyer ('23), *Junior Warden*
• Karen MacPherson ('25), *Secretary*
- Theo Emery ('24) • Denise Franklin ('25) • Chris Parker Hunt ('25)
- Anne LeVeque ('24) • Chuck McCarter ('24) • Jonathan Mengesha ('23)
- Blaise Strandquist ('23) • Sandra Sussman ('23) • Joan Thomas ('24)
• Leticia Read – *Clerk of the Works*
- Leona Cosby – *Treasurer* • Fred Paul – *Assistant Treasurer*
treasurer-ascension@comcast.net

To submit a prayer request or
add birthdays, anniversaries, and other thanksgivings
to the Sunday prayer list please email:
Jennifer Woods, knitpick@mac.com and
The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, revdrjeb@comcast.net

Special Thanks to Chris Chang and Astrocasters for helping make our live
stream possible by providing our streaming server and cota.live site!



For peace and an end to violence and terrorism everywhere.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Jim Wolf and Ginny Ripley-Wolf

Jennifer Woods, Andrew and Vivianne Clayton

Evangeline Wotorson and family

Chris Wright, Chris Huffine, and

Olivia and Xavier Huffine-Wright

Creamilda Yoda and family

Denise, Kenzie, and Schatchel Young, and Stephen

For those celebrating birthdays:

June 19: James Coyle

June 20: Stanley Perry Sr., Hailey Fitzsimmons,

Jembeh D. Wotorson (18)

June 22: Cameron Bowling Ajavon (3)

June 23: Faye Adams

June 24: Emerson Milam, Lilia LaGesee

June 25: Jerome P. Wotorson, (13)

For those celebrating a wedding anniversary:

June 22: Lorraine Van Buren and George Rathbone

Mary and Steve Fromyer

June 24: Heidi Clark and Barbara Menard

In our Diocese:

*We pray for leaders of our congregations to embrace
the revitalization strategies.*

St. Alban's Church, DC and Iglesia San Albano

Pray for all fathers and those who have been as fathers to us.

In the Anglican Communion:

The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

For those with HIV/AIDS everywhere, but especially in Africa.

In the World:

All with the COVID-19 virus and all who have died.

For people in need of healing

(*indicates a member of the parish; *italics*, new this week):

Virginia Allen, Gwendolyn Alexander, Gloria Alexander,

Lynette Alexander, Rachel Anderson, Tina Arnold, Florri Aversa,

Marilyn and Vince Belmontes, *Yvonne Boyd,

Dee Wood-Bowling, Jean Brady, *Bob Brown,

The Burton Family, Martha Catel, Emily Cedrone,

Joré Yvonne Chumbley, Betty Ciavarella, Giulia Del Priore,

*Keith Ecker, *Charlie Feder, *Sally Feder, Sean Fitzsimmons,

Jason and Aaren Gibson, *Diana Gough, Geoff Grub,

Elizabeth Haines, Judy Haveman, Jere Herzenberg,

*Maggie Howard, *Hunter Howe, The Huggins Family,

The Hunte Family, Tater Jackson, Ted Johnson, Eastlyn Julien

and Family, *Maybelle Kagy, Pat Latin, Linda LeVeque,

The Lively Family, *Dana Sussman-Martin,

*Kathryn McCullough, *Linda McCullough, Bob Medbery,

Tiffiny Medlin, David Meyer, *Lucio Morales,

Rodney Myrvaagnes, Pauline Noyes, *Lisa Null, Keli Pirtle,

Mary Jane Poptanich, Cynthia Roberts, Martha Roberts,

Christina Ruffini, Severn Savage, *Carol Schwobel,

The Seaton Family, *Martha Smith, *Joyce Sterling,

Gemma Tate, *The Thomas Family, Myrtle Thompson,

*Lorraine Van Buren, *Helen Van Doren, *Libby Williams,

*Ginny Ripley-Wolf

And for those who have died:

Malcolm Burton and Patrick Lively, cousins of Joan Thomas

Martha Weems Sawyer, mother of Sandra Susman

Please take the Prayer List home for use in daily prayers.