

The Third Sunday After Pentecost Year B • Proper 6 Sunday, June 13, 2021 • 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.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation Bailey Myers, piano

Samuel S. Wesley; Arr: Cindy Berry

PROCESSIONAL

HYMNAL 302 *Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted*

Words: Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1994)

Music: *Remdez a Dieu*, melody and harm. att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561??)

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -
Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

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didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

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 COLLECTS OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Libbie Griffin, Lector

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

[Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.]

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 20

Libbie Griffin, *Lector*

- 1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- 2 Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;
- 3 Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.
- 5 We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the LORD grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.
- 9 O LORD, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

THE SECOND LESSON

Libbie Griffin, *Lector*

2 Corinthians
5:6-10,[11-13],14-17

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

WLP 784

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!

Words: South African

Music: *Halleluya! Pelo tso rona*, South African ©1984Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp.

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our
 Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

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THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

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 IV

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Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Mariann and Chilton, our Bishops; Joan our rector; Terri our deacon; Bailey our music director; Creamilda our seminarian; and for all bishops and other ministers; and for all the People of God. In our Diocese, we pray for leaders of our congregations to embrace the revitalization strategies. We pray for All Faith Church, Charlotte Hall; and Christ Church, Nanjemoy. In the Anglican communion we pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Today in our parish we pray for Enid LaGesse and Mary Romanello; Lilia LaGesse; Elena Larsen and Joe, Josiah, and Anika Simpich; Anne LeVeque and David, Julia, Jenny Bates, and Jake Wilson; and Jocelyn and David Lindsay; We pray also for the birthdays of Bill Wolf, Susan Galvan, Jason Joseph, Peter Persell, Hannah Sisan (14), Jude Massimino-Varga (11), and James Coyle. And for the anniversary of Laura Schattschneider and Drew Snyder (14th).

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially **All who are suffering from COVID-19 ...**

***Faye ... Virginia ... Gloria ... Gwendolyn ... Rachel ... Tina ... Dick¹ ... Glen ... Riza ...**

***Yvonne ... Jean ... *Bob ... Lillian ... Joré Yvonne ... Paula ... The Clark Family ... Pat¹ ...**

Rita ... Sean ... Geoff ... Gloria ... The Gust Family ... Kitty ... Martie ... Pat² ... Jere ...

Dick² ... *Maggie ... The Hunte Family ... Lynn ... Paul ... Barbara ... *Tom ... *Bert ...
Pauline ... Linda ... Johannas ... Pat³ ... Mike ... Les ... Marsha ... *Kathryn ... David ...
Brian¹ ... *Lisa ... Zobida ... Cynthia ... Rudi ... Severn ... *Carol¹ ... Brian² ...
The Seaton Family ... Carol² ... *Martha ... *Joyce ... *Dana... The Tate Family ... *Giselle ...
The Thomas Family ... *Helen ... The Williams Family ... *Libby ... and Judah.

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

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Grace Griffith, friend of Karen Ashbrook, Lisa Null, and Jennifer Woods, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a 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 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us now confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

The Celebrant declares God's mercy and forgiveness.

THE PEACE

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

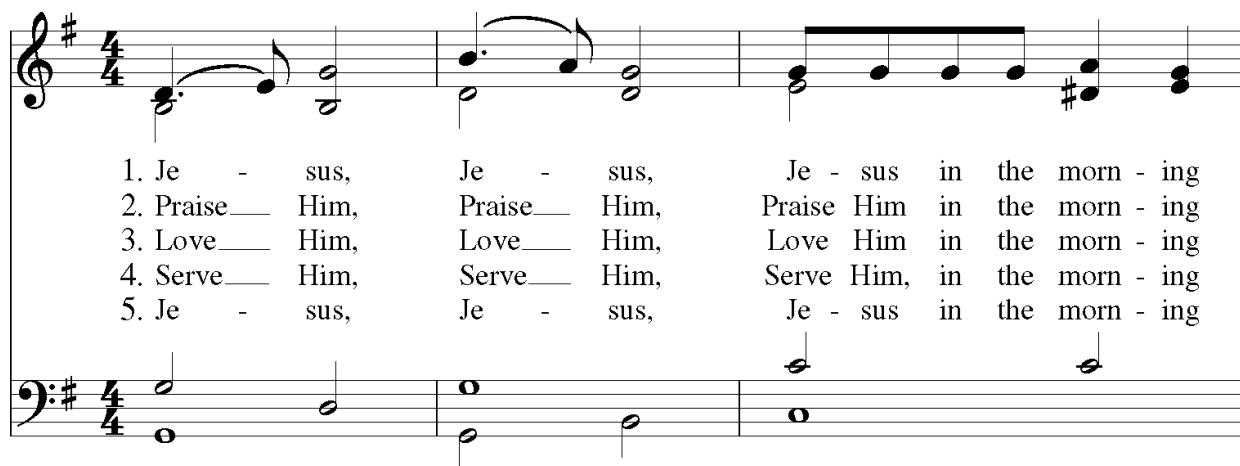
THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

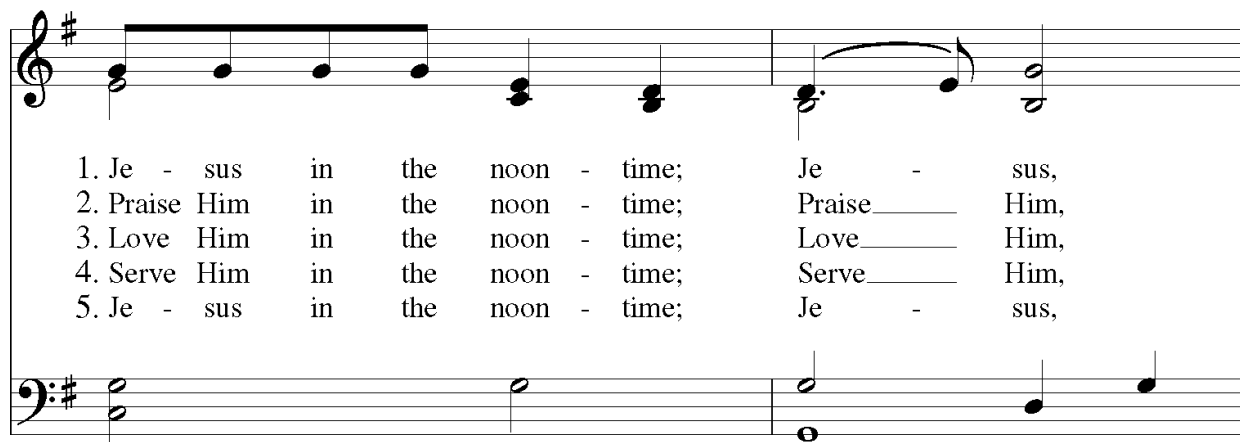
LEVAS 76

Jesus in the Morning

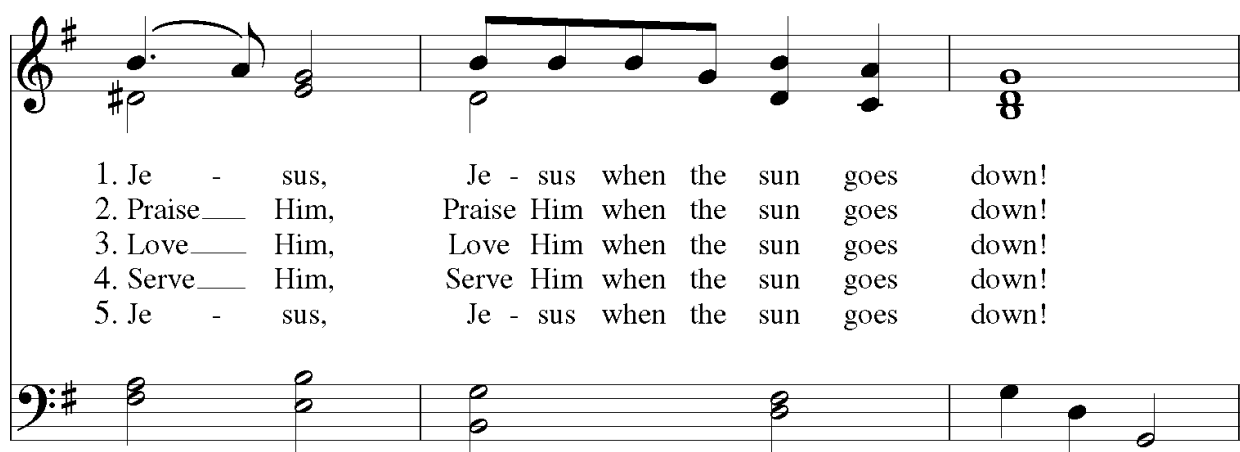
Words: Traditional; Music: Negro Spiritual



1. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn - ing
2. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morn - ing
3. Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morn - ing
4. Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him, in the morn - ing
5. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn - ing



1. Je - sus in the noon - time; Je - sus,
2. Praise Him in the noon - time; Praise Him,
3. Love Him in the noon - time; Love Him,
4. Serve Him in the noon - time; Serve Him,
5. Je - sus in the noon - time; Je - sus,



1. Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!
2. Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down!
3. Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down!
4. Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down!
5. Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!

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

OVER WINE

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you have refreshed us when we gather in community with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OVER BREAD

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARIST PRAYER B

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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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:



SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand.

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

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



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



Therefore, according to his command, O God,

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

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

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

**By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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

Celebrant The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

People **The bread which we break, alleluia, is the Communion of the Body of Christ.**

THE INVITATION

These are holy gifts for you God's holy and beloved people: Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

(instrumental)

Let Us Break Bread Together

African-American Spiritual
Arranged by Stan Pethel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 524

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817)

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

1 I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the
2 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers a - scend; to
3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways, her
4 Je - sus, thou friend di - vine, our Sa - vior and our King, thy
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the

1 Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
2 her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
3 sweet com - mun - ion, so - lemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
4 hand from ev - ery snare and foe shall great de - liv - erance bring.
5 bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

POSTLUDE

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Mark Hayes

Tune: *Madrid*, Arr. Benjamin Carr, 1769-1831; Harm. David Evans, 1874-1948

Bailey Myers, *piano*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021

PHASED REOPENING WITH IN-PERSON WORSHIP

9:00 AM Outdoor Service (capacity 100 people)

10:00 Indoor Service (capacity 50 people)

Wednesdays

12:00 PM Holy Eucharist & Healing Rite Indoors (capacity 50 people)

The Wednesday service will follow the 10:00 a.m. Sunday protocols

*Please See Attached PROTOCOLS
for ALL services!
PLEASE read carefully!*

Conversations On Race,: Caste...Another Look

SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH, 11:15 AM -12:45 PM

Earlier this year we discussed Isabel Wilkerson's provocative *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*. As the program year ends, the Conversation on Race planning group invites you to a further consideration of this book, focusing on what it would take to dismantle caste and its effects in this country. Along with any concerns raised by participants, we'll address two questions:

The persistence of caste and race hostility, and the defensiveness about anti-black sentiment in particular, make it literally unspeakable to many in the dominant caste. You cannot solve anything you do not admit exists, which could be why some people may not want to talk about it: it might get solved. (p. 385)

Is it possible to use Germany as a model for dealing with caste in a country that is so much larger and diverse, and where the country is so much larger, diverse and other dimensions of caste figure prominently in how people are treated--race, socio-economic, religion, education? (p.383)

Hope you'll join the conversation! The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3015851659?pwd=RVQzSVBrMk91QS9GQWRHSDF5TmRKQT09>



Mustard Seed Ministry Opportunities • June 2021



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!

- **Restart!** We are hoping to restart the monthly Late Night Walkabouts. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Rev. Terri at reverendterri@aol.com
- **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.com
- 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.
- **Wednesday donations** to support the Adventist Community Center pantry. From 10-11 a.m. on Wednesdays, drop off your donation of cereal at the front of the church.
- **Drop off a \$10.00 Giant or Safeway food card** at the front of the church on Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. to help feed the homeless!
- For those who would like to make a casserole for those who live too far from Shepherd's Table please contact <https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigitsl.com/need/detail/?id=522481> for details. These casseroles are for the hungry in Takoma Park.
- **Diaper Ministry to benefit Greater DC Diaper Bank.** On Sundays between 11-11:30 a.m. you can drop off items at the front door of the church. Contact Laura Schattschneider at les291@nyu.edu or Drew Snyder at drewsnyder@pobox.com for details.

SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM
IN-PERSON OUDOOR SERVICE – ST. CLARE’S CHAPEL
Capacity: 100 People

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- **LIVE-STREAM:**
This service **will not** be live-streamed.
- **MUSIC:**
There will be no live music at this service. This is a **SAID** service.
- **RESERVATIONS:**
No reservations are necessary for this service.
- **VACCINATION:**
It is strongly recommended that all attending this service, be **fully vaccinated** for the COVID-19 virus as a safety precaution **but vaccination is not required.**
- **MASKS:**
Masks are are optional for outdoor worship.
- **BULLETINS:**
Please provide **your own bulletin** (i.e., a print copy, on your phone, on your tablet.) A limited number of paper bulletins will be available for visitors and those who need them. Please take all paper copies of the bulletin with you upon departing the service.
- **GENERAL PARKING:**
Street parking and parking in the **School lot** behind the church is available.
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING:**
The church parking circle at 633 Sligo Avenue is reserved for those with **limited mobility**. If those with limited mobility need assistance, please notify the greeters and they will assist you.
- **ENTRANCES:**
Those attending the service may **enter** the church grounds either from **634 Silver Spring Avenue** or **633 Sligo Avenue**.
- **GREETERS:**
Greeters will be present at both entrances to the grounds to welcome and assist you during the service.

- SEATING:
Please **bring your own lawn chairs** to accommodate yourself and/or members of your family. The **benches** in the outdoor St. Clare's Chapel **will be reserved** for those who find it difficult to carry chairs to the service.
- SOCIAL DISTANCING:
When finding your seating area, please observe **social distancing** by placing you and/or your family at least six (6) feet apart from others.
- RESTROOMS:
The **restrooms** in the Gathering Space will be available for your use. You may reach the restrooms by **walking past the red front doors, turning left, and entering the outdoor Gathering space doors.** The restrooms are immediately to your right.
- THE PASSING OF THE PEACE:
During **the Peace**, bows, waves, and peace signs are allowed. **No** elbow bumping, handshaking, kissing, or hugging are allowed at this time.
- THE OFFERTORY:
There will be **no collection** during this service. **Collection boxes** will be provided for you at each entrance (633 Sligo Avenue, 634 Silver Spring Avenue.) Online giving is strongly encouraged during this time via **Realm**, but these boxes will also be available for pledges and monetary donations.
- HOLY COMMUNION:
The sacrament will be distributed to you where you are seated. Communion pods will be collected after you have consumed their contents.
- DEPARTURE:
If you **engage with others**, after the conclusion of the service, please wear your **mask** and observe **social distancing**. As you depart from either entrance, designated members of the church and/or altar party will greet you to say hello and wish you well!
- COFFEE HOUR:
Not applicable.

IN-PERSON INDOOR SERVICE – SANCTUARY
Capacity 50 Persons

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- **LIVE-STREAM:**
This service ***will be live-streamed***.
- **MUSIC:**
No congregational singing is allowed during this service.
- **RESERVATIONS:**
Reservations ***are required*** for this service on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations can be made through the weekly ***Sweet Spirit Express*** or through ***Realm***.
- **VACCINATION:**
It is strongly recommended that all registering for this service, be ***fully vaccinated*** for the COVID-19 virus as a safety precaution to protect all attendees.
- **MASKS:**
Masks are required for all adults and all youth under age twelve (12) years of age, according to Montgomery County and Diocese of Washington guidelines. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you.
- **BULLETINS:**
Please provide ***your own bulletin*** (i.e., a print copy, on your phone, tablet, etc.) A limited number of print bulletins will be available for visitors and those who need them. Please ***take all paper copies*** of the bulletin with you as you depart.
- **GENERAL PARKING:**
Street parking and parking in the ***School lot*** behind the church are available.
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING:**
The church parking circle at ***633 Sligo Avenue*** is reserved for those with ***limited mobility***. If those with limited mobility need assistance, please notify the greeters and they will assist you.
- **ENTRANCES:**
Those attending the service may enter the church through the ***ramp entrance*** at 634 Silver Spring Avenue or through ***the red main doors*** at 633 Sligo Avenue.) Please note: The ***undercroft entrance*** on 634 Silver Spring Avenue will ***NOT*** be open.

- GREETERS:
Greeters will be present at both entrances to the church (the ***ramp entrance*** at 634 Silver Spring Avenue & the ***red main doors*** at 633 Sligo Avenue) to welcome and assist you during the service.
- SEATING:
All **available seats** have been marked off in the sanctuary with blue tape. Please find a space that accommodates you and/or your family/friend group.
- SOCIAL DISTANCING:
When finding your seat please observe **social distancing** by placing you and/or your family at least ***six (6) feet apart*** from others who are not in your “bubble.”
- RESTROOMS:
The **restrooms** in the Gathering Space will be available for your use. You may reach the restrooms either by ***walking up the side aisle*** of the sanctuary into the Gathering space or ***exiting the red doors*** to the outside and walking around to the left ***to enter the outdoor Gathering space doors***.
- THE PASSING OF THE PEACE:
During ***the Peace***, bows, waves, and peace signs are allowed. **No** elbow bumping, handshaking, kissing, or hugging are allowed at this time.
- THE OFFERTORY:
There will be **no collection** during this service. ***Collection boxes*** will be provided for you at each entrance (633 Sligo Avenue or 634 Silver Spring Avenue.) **Online giving** is strongly encouraged during this time via **Realm**, but these boxes will also be available for pledges and monetary donations.
- HOLY COMMUNION:
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- DEPARTURE:
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- COFFEE HOUR:
At this time, there will be ***no coffee hour*** gathering following the service.

Serving This Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021
The Third Sunday after Pentecost • Year B

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein
Preacher (10 a.m.) The Rev. Terri M. Murphy
Rector: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein
Deacon: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy
Seminarian: Creamilda Yoda
Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Myers
Lector (10 a.m.): Libbie Griffin
LEM (10 a.m.): Steve Fromyer
Tech Team (10 a.m.): Monica Allen and Steve Fromyer

THE VESTRY OF ASCENSION

- Jane Alperson ('22), Senior Warden • Steve Fromyer ('23), Junior Warden
 - Theo Emery ('24) • Anne LeVeque ('24)
 - Arabella Littlepage ('22) • Dick Marks ('22) • Chuck McCarter ('24)
 - Jonathan Mengesha ('23) • Laura Schattschneider ('22)
 - Blaise Strandquist ('23) • Sandra Sussman ('23) • Joan Thomas ('24)
 - Ex Officio: Mary Fromyer – Registrar
 - 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
Enid LaGessee and Mary Romanello
Lilia LaGessee

Elena Larsen, Joe, Josiah, and Anika Simpich;
Anne LeVeque, David, Julia, Jenny Bates, and Jake Wilson
Jocelyn and David Lindsay

For those celebrating birthdays:

June 15: Bill Wolf

June 16: Susan Galvan, Jason Joseph

June 17: Peter Persell, Hannah Sisan (14)

June 18: Jude Massimino-Varga (11)

June 19: James Coyle

For those celebrating an anniversary

June 16: Laura Schattschneider and Drew Snyder (14th)

In our Diocese:

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

All Faith Church, Charlotte Hall
Christ Church, Nanjemoy

In the Anglican Communion:

Pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

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):

*Faye Adams, Virginia Allen, Gloria Alexander,
Gwendolyn Alexander, Rachel Anderson, Tina Arnold,
Dick Baker, Glen Bediaram, Riza Bediaram, *Yvonne Boyd,
Jean Brady, *Bob Brown, Joré Yvonne Chumbley, The Rev. Canon
Paula Clark, Bishop-elect of Chicago The Clark Family, Pat Cox,
Rita Ferrara, Sean Fitzsimmons, Geoff Grub, Gloria Gunness,
The Gust Family, Kitty Hall, Martie Heckman, Jere Herzenberg,
Dick Holdstock, *Maggie Howard, The Hunte Family,
Lynn Hutcheson, Paul Jackson, Barbara Jacobs,
*Tom Jacobson, *Bert Joseph, Pauline Lerner, Linda LeVeque,
Johannes Mann-Chow, Pat Martin, Mike Mattson, Les Maul,
Marsha Maul, *Kathryn McCullough, David Meyer, Brian Newby,
*Lisa Null, Zobida Ragbirsingh, Cynthia Roberts,
Rudi Salvermoser, Severn Savage, *Carol Schwobel, Brian Seaton,
The Seaton Family, Carol Fiddler Smith, *Martha Smith,
*Joyce Sterling, Dana Sussman-Martin, The Tate Family,
*Giselle Thomas, The Thomas Family, *Helen Van Doren,
The Williams Family, *Libby Williams, Judah Yoda

For those who have died:

Grace Griffith, friend of Karen Ashbrook, Lisa Null,
and Jennifer Woods

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