

# The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

## Year B • Proper 12

### Sunday, July 25, 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. **Congregational singing is now allowed for those who are fully vaccinated, while wearing a mask. Those who have not been fully vaccinated are requested not to sing at this time. If you need a mask, ask the Greeter and one will be provided to you.**

## HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

### PRELUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Sister Cynthia Serjak, organ

Words & Music: Conrad Kocher; Arr. Chris Rice

### PROCESSIONAL

HYMNAL 8

*Morning Has Broken*

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), alt.  
Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alex Wyton (1921-2007)

*Unison or harmony*

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing  
black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!

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Praise for the sing - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness  
Praise with e - la - tion,  
Praise for the morn - ing!  
of the wet gar - den,  
praise ev - ery morn - ing,  
Praise for them, spring - ing  
sprung in com - plete - ness  
God's re - cre - a - tion  
fresh from the where his feet  
of the new Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
day!

*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

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 S 278

*Glory to God*

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer.

6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

**Annie Brown, Lector**

**2 Samuel 11:1-15**

*A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.*

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of

Uriah the Hittite.” So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, “I am pregnant.”

So David sent word to Joab, “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house, and wash your feet.” Uriah went out of the king’s house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king’s house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, “Uriah did not go down to his house,” David said to Uriah, “You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?” Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.” Then David said to Uriah, “Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.”

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

## PSALM 14

*Annie Brown, Lector*

- 1 **The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” \***  
**All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;**  
**there is none who does any good.**
- 2 **The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, \***  
**to see if there is any who is wise,**  
**if there is one who seeks after God.**
- 3 **Every one has proved faithless;**  
**all alike have turned bad; \***  
**there is none who does good; no, not one.**
- 4 **Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \***  
**who eat up my people like bread**  
**and do not call upon the LORD?**
- 5 **See how they tremble with fear, \***  
**because God is in the company of the righteous.**
- 6 **Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \***  
**but the LORD is their refuge.**
- 7 **Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! \***  
**when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,**  
**Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

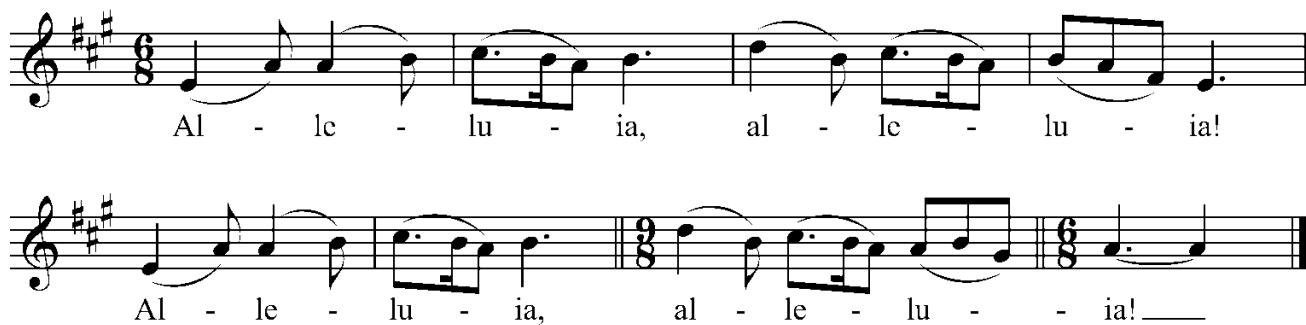
**THE SECOND LESSON****Annie Brown, Lector****Ephesians 3:14-21***A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.*

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

The Word of the Lord.

**People****Thanks be to God.****THE GRADUAL HYMN****MHSO 20*****Celtic Alleluia***

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**THE GOSPEL****John 6:1-21****Deacon** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

## SERMON

**The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector**

*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

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 in our congregations to engage an offering on leadership, discipleship, or spiritual formation. We pray for St. James' Church, Indian Head; St. James' Church, Potomac; St. James' Children's School, Potomac; and St. Anne's Church, Damascus. In the Anglican communion we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church.

*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 William O'Brien; Grace Ogden; John Palen and John Hannay; Chris Parker-Hunt, and Addison and Gloria Hunt; Fred Paul; Deborah Percell

and Blaise, Rachel, and Blaise Anthony Strandquist. We pray also for the birthdays of Charlie Ermer, Joe Simpich, Wilhelm Hesse, Dick Marks, Kate Rohrbaugh, and Sophie Chang. And for the wedding anniversary of Bailey Myers and Kevin Grasel (*2nd*); Joan Beilstein and Libbie Griffin (*15th*); and Fred Brewster and Nancy Frank, (*45th*).

*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 ... Florri ... Dick<sup>1</sup> ... Glen ... Riza ... \*Yvonne ... Jean ... \*Bob ... Mary ... Lillian ... Joré Yvonne ... Paula ... The Clark Family ... \*Andrew ... Pat<sup>1</sup> ... \*Kenn ... Rita ... \*Kiki ... Sean ... Geoff ... Gloria ... Kitty ... Martie ... Pat<sup>2</sup> ... Jere ... Dick<sup>2</sup> ... \*Maggie ... The Hunte Family ... Lynn ... Paul ... Barbara ... \*Tom ... \*Bert ... Pauline ... Linda ... Johannas ... Pat<sup>3</sup> ... Mike ... Les ... Marsha ... \*Kathryn ... David ... Brian<sup>1</sup> ... \*Lisa ... Zobida ... Cynthia ... Rudi ... Severn ... \*Carol<sup>1</sup> ... Brian<sup>2</sup> ... The Seaton Family ... Carol<sup>2</sup> ... \*Martha ... \*Joyce ... \*Dana ... The Tate Family ... \*Giselle ... The Thomas Family ... *Emma* ... \*Helen ... \*Libby ... Glenn ... Joyce ... 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, 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

*Deacon:* 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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*When He Cometh*  
Sister Cynthia Serjak, organ

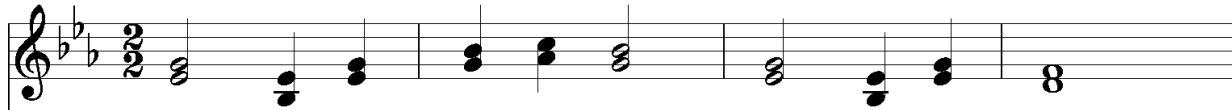
Arranged by Jon Spong

## OFFERTORY HYMN

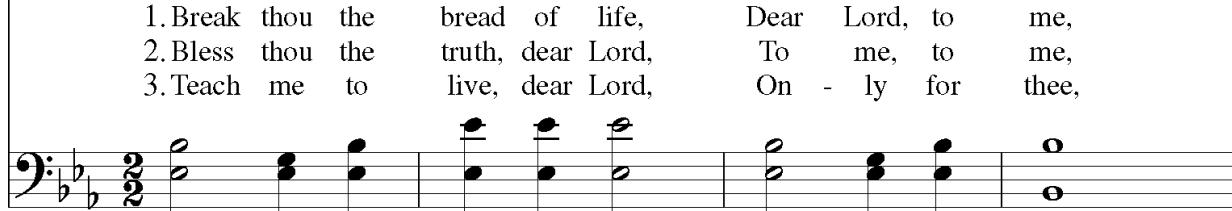
LEVAS 146

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

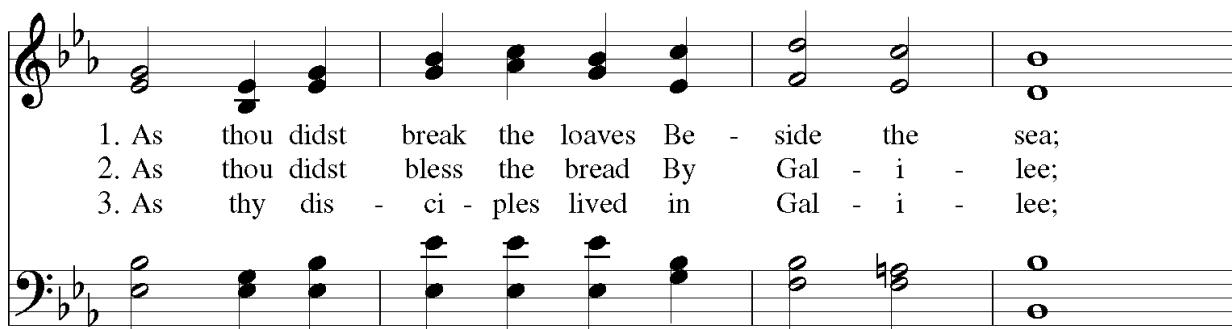
Words: Mary A. Lathbury (1821-1913)



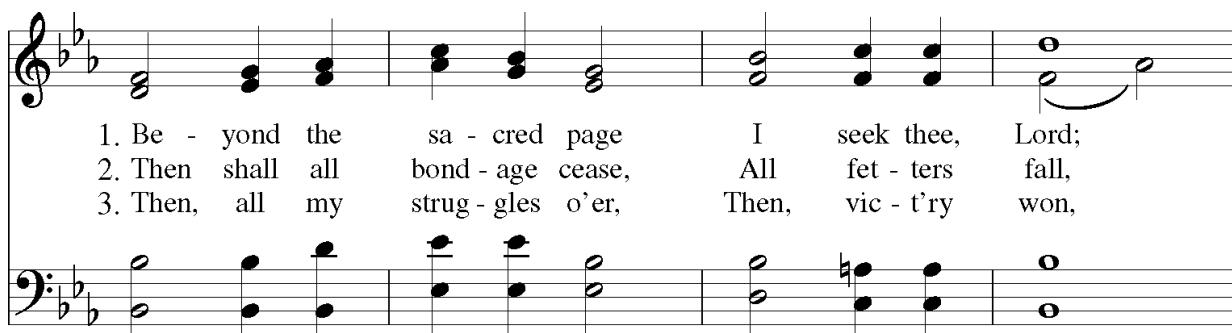
1. Break thou the bread of life,      Dear Lord, to me,  
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,      To me, to me,  
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord,      On - ly for thee,



1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;  
2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;  
3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;



1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;  
2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,  
3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,



1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!  
2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.  
3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.



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## 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 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 128**

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord***

SETTING: WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)

Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly, ho ly, ho ly,  
ho ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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 may stand or kneel as is their preference.*

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.**

## 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

HYMNAL S169

*My Flesh is Food Indeed*

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some words appearing below the staff and others above. The first staff begins with a dotted half note followed by a quarter note. The second staff starts with a quarter note. The third staff begins with a quarter note, followed by a repeat sign, then '1' and 'All' above the staff, then '2'. The fourth staff begins with a quarter note. The lyrics are as follows:

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -  
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my  
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My  
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

## 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.

*Please walk single file up the center aisle toward the priest.*

*Only the host will be distributed which is full communion. The common cup is still not allowed at this time.*

*Please return to your seat using the aisle to your right to avoid the live stream equipment.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMNAL 304

*I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord*

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American Folk melody; adapt. and harm. Snnabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

Unison or harmony

The musical score consists of three staves of music for unison or harmony. The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff a bass clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The music is in common time. The lyrics are divided into three sections, each with five lines of text. The first section is: 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - 2 I come with Chris tians far and near to - 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His 5 To - geth er met, to - geth er bound, we'll. The second section is: 1 giv en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni - 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple. The third section is: 1 to re - call his life laid down for me. 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread. 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends. 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here. 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all, one cup of  
blessing which we bless. And we, though  
many, through-out the earth, We are one  
body in this one Lord.

*Last time*  $\Theta$

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

$\Theta$  CODA

Lord.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

## PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD

### HYMNAL 448 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad*

Words: Latin 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: *Deus turorum militum* from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal* 1906, alt.



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



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



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

## POSTLUDE

### *Walking My Blessings* Sister Cynthia Serjak, organ

Cynthia Serjak, RSM

# Mustard Seed Ministry Opportunities • July 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](mailto: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](mailto:Cjs_skye@hotmail.com)<sup>1</sup>
- 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. <sup>2</sup>
- **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! <sup>3</sup>
- **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](mailto:les291@nyu.edu) or Drew Snyder at [drewsnyder@pobox.com](mailto:drewsnyder@pobox.com) for details. <sup>4</sup>
- **NEW** Register to take Safeguarding God's Children, the diocesan child abuse prevention training. Ascension will offer this in early fall.
- **NEW** Voter Rights. To become involved in an easy way to help secure voter rights, please contact Jane Alperson at [jaea1212@gmail.com](mailto:jaea1212@gmail.com).

*In June, you donated:*

1. \$220.00 (22 casseroles) to Shepherd's Table
2. 75 boxes of cereal for Adventist Food Bank.
3. \$450 in grocery store gift cards and comfort packs to the area homeless
4. 289 diapers; 800 wipes for the D.C. Diaper Bank.

**Church of the Ascension  
In-Person Worship Protocols  
Revised July 15, 2021**

*In accordance with the CDC, Montgomery County, and Diocesan Guidelines*  
**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**



**8:00 AM— HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (in the sanctuary)**  
**to be resumed Homecoming Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



**9:00 AM — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (in St. Clare's Outdoor Chapel)**  
**(Every Sunday (weather permitting) – through Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**

- **VACCINATION:** It is strongly recommended that all be *fully vaccinated* for the COVID-19 virus, *but vaccination is not required*.
- **MASKS:** *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 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*.
- **SEATING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Please *bring your own lawn chairs* to accommodate yourself and/or your family members. The *benches* in the outdoor chapel *will be reserved* for those who find it difficult to carry chairs to the service. When choosing a seating area, please observe *social distancing* if the people around you are more comfortable with more space between you.
- **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:** Bows, waves, peace signs, elbow bumping, handshaking, kissing, or hugging are allowed but *please be respectful* and check if others welcome these gestures or not.
- **HOLY COMMUNION:** Please walk up the *center aisle* of the chapel single file toward the priest. Only the host will be distributed which is full communion. The common cup is still not allowed at this time.



**10:00 AM— HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (in the Sanctuary)**

- **LIVE-STREAM:** This service will be *live-streamed permanently*.
- **MUSIC:** *Congregational singing is now allowed but masks ARE REQUIRED to sing*. If you need a mask, please ask one of the Greeters/Ushers and one will be provided for you. If you are not fully vaccinated, we ask that you refrain from singing.

- **RESERVATIONS:** *No reservations* are required for this service.
- **VACCINATION:** It is *strongly recommended* that all attending be *fully vaccinated* for the COVID-19 virus.
- **MASKS:** Are *not required* for fully *vaccinated attendees*. All *un-vaccinated attendees are required* to wear a mask.
- **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 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*.
- **ENTRANCES:** You may enter the church through the *ramp entrance* at 634 Silver Spring Avenue or through the *red main doors* at 633 Sligo Avenue.
- **GREETERS:** Will be present to welcome and assist you during the service.
- **SEATING & SOCIAL DISTANCING:** 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. When taking a seat, please observe *social distancing* if the people around you would be more comfortable with more space between you.
- **RESTROOMS:** The *restrooms* in the Gathering Space will be available for your use.
- **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE:** Bows, waves, peace signs, elbow bumping, handshaking, kissing, or hugging are allowed but *please be respectful* and check if others welcome these gestures or not.
- **HOLY COMMUNION:** *Please walk single file* up the center aisle toward the priest. Only the host will be distributed which is full communion. The common cup is still not allowed at this time. Please return to your seat using the aisle to your right to avoid the live stream equipment.
- **COFFEE HOUR:** Coffee Hour will be held in the Gathering Space and outdoors. *If you are not fully vaccinated*, we ask that you move outside when you take off your mask to consume coffee hour beverages and snacks. Thank you for your understanding!



## IN-PERSON & ONLINE!

THIS SUNDAY, July 25th, 2021  
After the 10:00 AM Service @ 11:15 AM

In the Gathering Space & Lawn Outside!  
with bottle beverages and pre-made snacks  
(savory and sweet!)

Fully vaccinated - masks optional!  
Not vaccinated - masks required at all times,  
unless eating outside!

**\*\*CAN'T COME IN PERSON?\*\***  
JOIN HERE (online)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87381571677?pwd=NEV6aVlkMlI4bWIxMTZiZGpKZW5DU09>

So people can greet you virtually!

Meeting ID: 873 8157 1677

Passcode: 421794

## Serving This Week

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost • Year B

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

Deacons: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy

The Rev. Julie Petermeyer

Seminarian: Creamilda Yoda

Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Myers

Lector (10 a.m.): Annie Brown

LEM (10 a.m.): Buck Buckingham

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](mailto:knitpick@mac.com) and  
The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, [revdrjeb@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://cota.live) site!



For peace and an end to violence  
and terrorism everywhere.

## Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

William O'Brien

Grace Ogden

John Palen and John Hannay

Chris Parker-Hunt, and Addison and Gloria Hunt

Fred Paul

Deborah Percell and Blaise, Rachel, and  
Blaise Anthony Strandquist

For those celebrating birthdays:

July 25: Charlie Ermer

July 27: Joe Simpich

July 29: Wilhelm Hesse

July 30: Dick Marks, Kate Rohrbaugh

July 31: Sophie Chang

For those celebrating an anniversary:

July 27: Bailey Myers and Kevin Grasel (2nd)

July 29: Joan Beilstein and Libbie Griffin

Fred Brewster and Nancy Frank, (45th)

### In our Diocese:

We pray for leaders in our congregations to engage an offering on leadership, discipleship, or spiritual formation.

St. James' Church, Indian Head

St. James' Church, Potomac;

St. James' Children's School, Potomac

St. Anne's Church, Damascus

In the Anglican Communion:  
Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

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,

Florri Aversa, Dick Baker, Glen Bediaram, Riza Bediaram,

\*Yvonne Boyd, Jean Brady, \*Bob Brown, Mary Bucher,  
Joré Yvonne Chumbley, The Rev. Canon Paula Clark, Bishop-elect  
of Chicago, The Clark Family, \*Andrew Clayton, Pat Cox,

\*Kenn Derby, Rita Ferrara, \*Kiki Feissner, Sean Fitzsimmons,  
The Floyd Family, Geoff Grub, Gloria Guinness, 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 Ragbir Singh, 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, *Emma Tunaley*,

\*Helen Van Doren, \*Libby Williams, Glenn Woodley,

*Joyce Woody*, Judah Yoda

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