

The Church of the Ascension in the City of New York

FIFTH AVENUE AT TENTH STREET

Incorporated October 1, 1827



October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Nine O'Clock A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST with Music

Eleven O'Clock A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Organ Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Choral Prelude

O Sing Joyfully
Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

O sing joyfully unto God our strength:
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the song, bring hither the tabret:
the merry harp with the lute.
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon:
ev'n in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.
For this was made a statute for Israel:
and a law of the God of Jacob.

Hymn 605

Sharpthorne

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.*
 Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your
holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your grace may
always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given
to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from Amos

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house
of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to
quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring
righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves
in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from
them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but
you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are
your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who

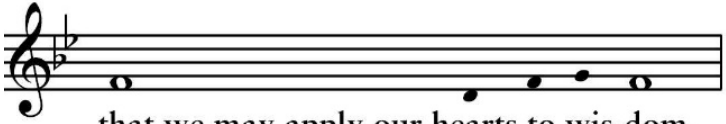
afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. (5:6-7,10-15)

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

Psalm 90:12-17



Teach us to number our days;



that we may apply our hearts to wis-dom.

(A cantor first sings this refrain, which is then repeated by all)

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
 be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
 and the years in which we suffered adversity.
Show your servants your works *
 and your splendor to their children.
May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
 prosper the work of our hands;
 prosper our handiwork.

(Refrain)

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (4:12-16)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the

kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

The Sermon

Shana Kaplanov

The Nicene Creed

(All stand and say together)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for
those who are alone.*

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and
oppression.*

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the witness, peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andrew, Allen and Mary our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, for Robert, Ed, Janet, Ellen, Joseph, Brielle, Lucas, Holly, Allejandro and Jesus, Nancy, Barbara, Dorothy, Stewart, Patricia, Judith, Harold, Hannah, Jurek, Alice, Michael, Todd, Raymond, Garrett, Yvonne, Barbara, June, Daniel, David, Joan, and Charlotte, Andrew, and Francis; for the peoples of Haiti and Afghanistan, and all affected by Hurricane Ida and the fires in the west.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions. The intercessor will add those names submitted online.

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions. The intercessor will add those names submitted online.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, especially Hazel and Danne Joshua, Richard Buckley, Duke Todd, and Lenora Steinkamp, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. *The People may add their own petitions. The intercessor will add those names submitted online.*

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People *Who put their trust in you.*

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

Silence may be kept.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or suitable Collect.

The Peace

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Thou Wilt Keep Him
S. S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on Thee.
The darkness is no darkness with Thee,
but the night is as clear as the day.
God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee,
For Thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory for evermore.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

(The people stand while the offerings are presented)

Sursum corda

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 him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *The priest says or sings the proper preface.* 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand or kneel, and the priest continues.)

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

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

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

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

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People *Christ has died.*
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again

(The priest continues)

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

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

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

People *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Communion of the People

(The celebrant says the following invitation)

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

The people come forward single-file up the center aisle, maintaining appropriate physical distance of at least 6 feet. Wait at the designated place for the person ahead of you to be communicated and leave before you approach the priest to receive. After receiving the host, please exit by way of the south aisle around to the center aisle and up to your seat. Once at your seat you may remove your mask long enough to consume the host. For anyone needing ambulatory assistance, the priest will come to you at your seat.

Hymn 382

General Seminary

Post-Communion Prayer

(All say together)

God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 671

New Britain

Dismissal

(The congregation is dismissed, and the people respond)

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Choral

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

Announcements

Welcome Back to In-Person Church at 11 am We are so happy to see you all again, and to be together in our beautiful church building. Please join us in the front garden after the service for iced tea and lemonade. As a reminder, masks are required inside and recommended outside. Our services are also livestreamed via our usual Zoom link!

Monday Evening Lectionary Bible Study -- Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. This is an opportunity to read and discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sibyl Piccone at srpiccone@yahoo.com

Harvest Dinner, Wednesday, October 27, 7 pm – You are invited to join us on Zoom this year for our virtual Harvest Dinner. The variants are just a little too much for us to work around for this historically close-contact affair. Instead, we will be following last year's Ascension Dinner Theater format. Please join us for dinner (with food you're your own kitchen). We will enjoy a thoughtful, enlightening and sometimes silly evening.

Do you have a photo or two (or three) to share about your past year's pandemic experience? Please send them to Rachel at rachelsedor@yahoo.com. This photo compilation was so popular last year - please contribute! Also, if you would like to share a limerick, please send it to Rachel.

We very much look forward to so much fun the night of October 27th. This will certainly be a not-to-miss affair!

Next Racial Justice Group meeting Thursday, October 28 at 6:30 pm. For the next two months, we will read and discuss Clint Smith's *How the Word is Passed: a Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*. In a review of the book earlier this year in the NY Times, Julian Lucas writes, "Gregarious, learned and engagingly open-minded, the book meets America where it is on the subject- which is to say, all over the place. Beginning in his

hometown, New Orleans, Smith visits nine places that memorialize or distort their link to the legacy of slavery, from Thomas Jefferson's Monticello to the African Burial Ground in Lower Manhattan. He skillfully braids interviews with scholarship and personal observation, asking, 'How different might our country look if all of us fully understood what had happened here?'" Please join us for what will surely be a lively conversation! For October 28, please read the prologue and the first four chapters.

Worship With Us:

- **Sunday Holy Eucharist** - in the Church - 9:00 a.m.
- **Sunday Holy Eucharist with Music** - in the Church - 11:00 a.m.
Iced tea and lemonade in the front garden following the service
- **Sunday Livestream Service via Zoom** at 11:00 a.m.
zoom.us/j/322793633 (929-205-6099, meeting ID: 322 793 633)
- **Wednesday Evening Eucharist** - in the Church; 6:00 p.m.
- **Evening Prayer Every Weekday Evening** via Zoom:
ascensionnyc.org/eveningprayer. (929-205-6099; meeting ID is 770 597 201)
- **Prayer & Meditation** - Every Weekday the Church is open for prayer and meditation every weekday; Monday through Friday, Noon to 3:00 p.m. Open Church will begin with Noonday Prayer, led by Brother Andrew, OSF.

How You Can Help:

- **Bishop Dietsche – An Appeal for Haiti**
Episcopal Relief and Development <https://bit.ly/3n5TdHt>
Directly through the Diocese: Diocese of New York, designated for Haiti relief, 1047 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10025.
- **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry - Afghan refugees**
through Episcopal Migration Ministries:
<https://bit.ly/3kINp3B>
- **Episcopal Relief and Development - Hurricane Ida Assistance:** <https://bit.ly/3gRwknb>

Parish Activities this Week

Sunday – October 10– Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist (Church) 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist w/ Music (Church) 11:00 a.m.

(Live Stream of the service will be available)

Lemonade and Iced Tea (Front Garden) following the service

Monday – October 11

Church & Parish Office closed for Indigenous People's Day

Tuesday – October 12

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

EfM (Parish Hall/Zoom) 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday – October 13

Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom) 11:30 a.m.

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Midweek Eucharist (Church) 6:00 p.m.

Thursday – October 14

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Friday – October 15

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Saturday – October 16

Food Pantry (12 West 11th Street) 8:30 a.m.

If you are in need or would like to volunteer, contact Fr. Ed.

**Sunday – October 17– Twenty-First Sunday after
Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist (Church) 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist w/ Music (Church) 11:00 a.m.

(Live Stream of the service will be available)

Lemonade and Iced Tea (Front Garden) following the service

Anyone entering the church must wear a mask and maintain appropriate physical distance. Please utilize the hand sanitizer stations.

Rota

October 3

9:00 AM

Altar Guild & Lector Rachel Sedor

11:00 AM

Altar Guild Elizabeth Adams, John Grimes, Isabel Spencer

Ushers Charles Schmidt, Jacob Scott,

Lectors David Cholcher, Sabra Brock

Intercessor James Amodeo

Server Elizabeth Adams

Crucifer Mike Surabian

Torches Isabel Spencer, Janet Fisher

Livestream Team Steve Hubbard

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Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Regular Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Eucharist w/ Music, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Online Church, 11:00 a.m. (Ascensionnyc.org/Sunday)

Wednesday Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.

Weeknight Evening, 5:30 p.m. (ascensionnyc.org/eveningprayer)

<i>Clergy & Staff</i>	<i>Vestry</i>
The Rev. Elizabeth G. Maxwell, <i>Rector</i>	Maurice Seaton, <i>Warden</i>
The Rev. Edwin Chinery, <i>Associate Rector</i>	Isabel Spencer, <i>Warden</i>
The Rev. Posey Krakowsky, <i>Priest Associate</i>	Mary Gaillard, <i>Treasurer</i>
Dennis Keene, D.M.A., <i>Organist & Choirmaster</i>	Elizabeth Adams: <i>Clerk</i>
Andrew P. Jones, <i>Parish Administrator</i>	Barbara M. Burns
Kelli Long, <i>Business Manager</i>	Kyle Church Cheseborough
Sajia Choudhury, <i>Parish Bookkeeper</i>	Peter Clark
Dwight Roberts, <i>Sexton</i>	Janet Fisher
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	John Thompson
	Jill Tildesley



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Hymns for Sunday, October 10

Entrance Hymn

#605

What does the Lord require

Sharpthorne

What does the Lord require
for praise and offering?
What sacrifice desire,
or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly;
love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear!
Should you not justice show?
Will God your pleading hear,
while crime and cruelty grow?

Do justly;
love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.

Still down the ages ring
the prophet's stern commands.
To merchant, worker, king
he brings God's high demands.
Do justly;
love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.

How shall my soul fulfill
God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will
with grace to fortify.
Then justly;
in mercy
we'll humbly walk with God.

Communion Hymn

#382

King of glory, King of peace

General Seminary

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working
breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art,
I will sing thee;
and the cream of all my heart,
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in
heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is in this poor sort
to enroll thee;
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

Exit Hymn

#671

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

New Britain

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.