

The Church of the Ascension

in the City of New York

FIFTH AVENUE AT TENTH STREET



Second Sunday After Christmas

January 2, 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Nine O'Clock A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST with Music

Eleven O'Clock A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her
Johann Pachelbel

Hymn 102

Irby

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

Hymnal S-280

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.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Word of God

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a

watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

(31:7-14)

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

Psalm 84

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



How dear to me is your dwell-ing, O Lord of Hosts

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
 my King and my God.

(Refrain)

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
 they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

(Refrain)

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place
 of springs, *

 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *

 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

(Refrain)



How dear to me is your dwell-ing, O Lord of Hosts
Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
(Refrain)

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my
own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

(Refrain)
For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!]
(Refrain)

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you

come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe. (1:3-6,15-19a)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Edwin Chinery

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 III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
People Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Leader In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the
The Church of the Province of Central Africa.
Grant that every member of the Church may
truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop,
Andrew, Allen and Mary our Bishops, and all
bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word
and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for Joe our President; Kathy our
Governor, Bill our Mayor, Eric our Mayor-elect,
and all who govern and hold authority in the
nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we
undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader We pray for Robert, Ed, Janet, Ellen, Joseph,
Brielle, Lucas, Holly, Alejandro and Jesus,
Nancy, Barbara, Dorothy, Stewart, Patricia,
Judith, Harold, Hannah, Jurek, Alice, Michael,
Todd, Andrew, Heidi, Lillie, Ed, and Edwin
Have compassion on those who suffer from any
grief or trouble.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader We pray for Kitty Brett, Andrew Stengel, Barry Harris, Lenore Mott, and those mentioned in the flower memorials below. Give to the departed eternal rest.

People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo (sung in Latin)

Ave generoso

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

Hail, nobly born, hail, honored and inviolate,
you Maiden are the piercing gaze of chastity,
you the material of holiness—
the one who pleased God.

For heaven's flood poured into you
as heaven's Word was clothed in flesh in you.

You are the lily, gleaming white, upon which God
has fixed his gaze before all else created.

O beautiful, O sweet!

How deep is that delight that God received in you,
when 'round you he enwrapped his warm embrace,
so that his Son was suckled at your breast.

Your womb rejoiced
as from you sounded forth the whole celestial symphony.
For as a virgin you have borne the Son of God—
in God your chastity shone bright.

Your flesh rejoiced
just as a blade of grass on which the dew has fall'n,
viridity within it to infuse—just so it happened unto you,
O mother of all joy!

So now in joy gleams all the Church like dawn,
resounds in symphony
because of you, the Virgin sweet
and worthy of all praise, Maria,
God's mother. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

(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. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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.)

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People *We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in Glory.*

(The priest continues)

And we offer our 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 Mary the God-Bearer, St. Joseph, and 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.

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 to the altar rail as directed by the ushers. All are welcome.)

(At the 11 a.m. service, those who desire prayers for healing are invited to proceed to the side altar after receiving communion. If you receive communion on the pulpit side, feel free to cross the front of the church after exiting the chancel.)

Hymn 84

Gartan

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

(Said together by all)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and

you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

(The people respond “Amen” to each of four short blessings.)

May Almighty God, who led the Magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 110

Venite adoremus

Dismissal

(The congregation is dismissed, and the people respond)
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Noël Suisse
Louis-Claude Daquin

Announcements

WELCOME to the Church of the Ascension! We're glad to have you worship with us, and hope that you have experienced the peace and presence of Christ in this place. If you'd like to learn more about our parish, please fill out the card in your pew and give it to an usher or put it in the offering plate.

Today's soloist is Hai-Ting Chinn, mezzo-soprano.

Today's guest organist is Gregory D'Agostino.

New Way to Watch us Remotely! You can access our services at ascensionnyc.org/webcasts. Go to Ascensionnyc.org/Prayers to submit prayers during the service for the Prayers of the People. Evening Prayer services remain broadcast on Zoom.

Hospitality: Warmest Greetings to one and all! We're so happy to have returned to in-person worship on Sundays. And while we've obtained a tent and some heaters, which make our outdoor coffee hour quite cozy, we're also hoping to return to a regular schedule of hospitality hosts who will help by making coffee and tea available. Maybe even some cookies on occasion! This ministry of gathering and welcoming is essential to our community, so if you are moved to serve in this way, please contact the parish office so we can plan our schedule going forward. Thank you!

The Roman Catholic/Episcopal dialogue subgroup of the Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission is hosting a series of discussions on Zoom about "God's Gift of the Eucharist" on January 11, 18, & 25 of 2022. Our own Elizabeth Adams will be hosting along with Fr. Bob Flanagan, a priest in our diocese, and Fr. Brian McWeeney of the Catholic archdiocese of New York. Please do join in this fascinating and lively discussion of the sacrament that is central to our identity as Christians. The event is free but space is limited. For information, please contact Fr. Brian at brian.mcweeney@archny.org, or Fr. Robert at growingasoul@gmail.com)

Crochet Creations by Jeannette! Hello there, Ascensioners! Jeanette Shields is offering crochet hats, scarves, sweaters, dresses, baby's clothing, and other wares. They are colorful, attractive to the eye, warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and some can be quite dramatic! Visit her website at: jeanettemariecrochet.squarespace.com

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

Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday, January 30, following the 11:00 Service In accordance with the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York, the Annual Meeting of The Church of the Ascension in the City of New York will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022, immediately following the 11 a.m. service, for the purpose of electing a Warden for a term of two years and four Vestry members to the Class of 2025, for three year terms, and for the conduct of such other business as should come before the Parish.

Worship With Us:

- **Sunday Holy Eucharist** (Church) 9:00 a.m.
- **Sunday Holy Eucharist with Music** (Church) 11:00 a.m.
 Coffee & tea in the front garden following the service
- **Watch us online at Ascensionnyc.org/Webcasts**
- **Sunday Meditation & Sacrament** (Church) 6:00 p.m
- **Wednesday Evening Eucharist** (Church) 6:00 p.m.
- **Evening Prayer Every Weekday Evening** via Zoom:
ascensionnyc.org/eveningprayer. 5:30p.m.
- **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.

Parish Activities this Week

Sunday – January 2 – Second Sunday of Christmas

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

Holy Eucharist w/ Lessons & Carols (Church) 11:00 a.m.

(*Live Stream: AscensionNYC.org/webcasts*)

Coffee & Tea (Front Garden) following the service

Meditation & Sacrament (Church) 6:00 p.m.

Monday – January 3

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

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

Tuesday – January 4

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

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

EfM (Zoom) 6:00 p.m.

Resistance Cinema (Zoom) 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday – January 5

Building & Grounds (Zoom) 12 Noon

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

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

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

Needlecraft Guild (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.

Thursday – January 6 – The Epiphany of Our Lord

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

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

Friday – January 7

Church and Parish Office Closed.

Saturday – January 8

Food Pantry (12 W 11th St) 8:30

*If you are in need or would like to volunteer, please contact
Fr. Ed at fatherchinery@ascensionnyc.org*

Sunday – January 9 – First Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Holy Eucharist w/ Lessons & Carols (Church) 11:00 a.m.

(*Live Stream: AscensionNYC.org/webcasts*)

Coffee & Tea (Front Garden) following the service

Meditation & Sacrament (Church) 6:00 p.m.

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

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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)

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Elizabeth G. Maxwell, *Rector*
The Rev. Edwin Chinery, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. Posey Krakowsky, *Priest Associate*
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Vestry

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Hymns for Sunday, January 2

Entrance Hymn 102

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable
and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and meek and lowly
lived on earth our Savior holy.

We, like Mary, rest confounded
that a stable would display
heaven's Word, the world's creator,
cradled there on Christmas Day,
yet this child, our Lord and brother,
brought us love for one another.

Communion Hymn 84

Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas:
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
love incarnate, love divine;

Exit Hymn 110

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
when Christ our Lord was born On Christmas night.
Venite adoremus Dominum.

Venite adoremus Dominum.

[Refrain]
Venite adoremus Dominum.

'Twas Mary, daughter pure of holy Anne,
that brought into this world the God made man.
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;
the ass and oxen shared the roof with them.

[Refrain]

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

For he is our lifelong pattern,
daily when on earth he grew;
He was tempted, scorned rejected,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:
Thus he feels for all our sadness,
And he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him
through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless
is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he has gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
where his saints his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye,
set at God's right hand on high

Love came down at Christmas

Gartan

worship we our Jesus,
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and neighbor,
love for plea and gift and sign.

The snow lay on the ground

Venite adoremus

Saint Joseph, too, was by to tend the child;
to guard him, and protect his mother mild;
the angels hovered round, and sang this song,
Venite adoremus Dominum.

[Refrain]

And thus that manger poor became a throne;
for he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join the heavenly host,
to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

[Refrain]