

The Church of the Ascension in the City of New York

FIFTH AVENUE AT TENTH STREET

Incorporated October 1, 1827



October 17, 2021
Twenty-First 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

Come, Holy Ghost
Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

Choral Prelude

King of Glory
Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

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;
And 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.

—George Herbert (1593-1633)

Hymn 443

Salem Harbor

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. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People *Amen.*

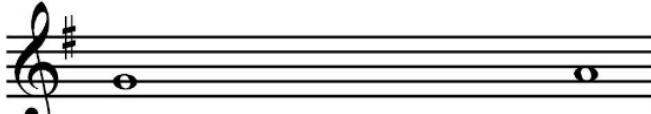
THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from Isaiah

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (53:4-12)

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

Psalm 91:9-16



Because he is bound to me in love,



therefore will I de - li - ver him.

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

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *

and the Most High your habitation,

There shall no evil happen to you, *

neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

(Refrain)

For he shall give his angels charge over you, *

to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands, *

lest you dash your foot against a stone.

(Refrain)

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *

you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under
your feet.

(Refrain)

Because he is bound to me in love,

therefore will I deliver him; *

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, *

and show him my salvation.

(Refrain)

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. (5:1-10)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to

them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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, Alejandro and Jesus, Nancy, Barbara, Dorothy, Stewart, Patricia, Judith, Harold, Hannah, Jurek, Alice, Michael, Todd, Yvonne, Barbara, June, Daniel, David, Joan, Rod, Robert, George, Tom, 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, Lenora Steinkamp, Samuel Amodeo, Michael,

and Elisabeth Reiter 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

Let This Mind Be in You

Amy Marcy Cheney Beach (1867-1944)

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal to God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

— Philippians 2:5-11

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 707

Hollingside

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 477

Engelberg

Dismissal

(The congregation is dismissed, and the people respond)

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux
Nicolas de Grigny

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

Commissioning of Stewardship Canvassers – will be next Sunday, October 24, at the 11:00 a.m. service. If you are scheduled to be a canvasser, please be sure to attend this service.

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 from 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/3k1Np3B>

- **Episcopal Relief and Development - Hurricane Ida Assistance:** <https://bit.ly/3gRwknb>

Parish Activities this Week

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

Monday – October 18

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

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

Tuesday – October 19

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

Reopening Taskforce (Zoom) 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Wednesday – October 20

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.

Vestry Meeting (TBD) 6:30 p.m.

Thursday – October 21

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

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

Friday – October 22

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

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

Saturday – October 23

**Sunday – October 24 – Twenty-Second 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 17

9:00 AM

Altar Guild & Lector Rachel Sedor

11:00 AM

Altar Guild Elizabeth Adams, John Grimes, Tom Rice

Ushers John Grimes, John Merryman, Sirkka Kyle

Lectors Elizabeth Adams, Janet Fisher

Intercessor Kyle Cheseborough

Server Tom Rice

Crucifer Daniel Cole

Torches Rusty Moore, John Grimes

Livestream Team Eve Beglarian, Jacob Scott, Zennie Trieu

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Office Hours:

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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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Andrew P. Jones, *Parish Administrator*
Kelli Long, *Business Manager*
Sajia Choudhury, *Parish Bookkeeper*
Dwight Roberts, *Sexton*
William Gordon, *Assistant Sexton*

Vestry

Maurice Seaton, *Warden*
Isabel Spencer, *Warden*
Mary Gaillard, *Treasurer*
Elizabeth Adams: *Clerk*
Barbara M. Burns
Kyle Church Cheseborough
Peter Clark
Janet Fisher
Vin Knight
Gale Lynch
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Hymns for Sunday, October 17

Entrance Hymn

#443

From God Christ's deity came forth,
his manhood from humanity;
his priesthood from Melchizedek,
his royalty from David's tree:
praised be his Oneness.

He joined with guests at wedding feast,
yet in the wilderness did fast;
he taught within the temple's gates;
his people saw him die at last:
praised be his teaching.

The dissolute he did not scorn,
nor turn from those who were in sin;
he for the righteous did rejoice

From God Christ's deity came forth

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but bade the fallen to come in:
praised be his mercy.

He did not disregard the sick;
to simple ones his word was given;
and he descended to the earth
and his work done, went up to heaven:
praised be his coming.

Who then, my Lord, compares with you?
The Watcher slept, the Great was small,
the Pure baptized, the Life who died,
the King abased to honor all:
praised be your glory.

Communion Hymn

#707

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my life, and let it be

Hollingside

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Exit Hymn

#477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might
shine. Alleluia!

Thou cam'st to us in lowness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were
sought;
and by thy death was God's salvation
wrought. Alleluia!

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

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humbling thyself to death on Calvary.
Alleluia!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the Name to which all knees shall
bow. Alleluia!

Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored.
Alleluia! Amen.