

The Church of the Ascension in the City of New York

FIFTH AVENUE AT TENTH STREET

Incorporated October 1, 1827



September 26, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Nine O'Clock A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST with Music
Eleven O'Clock A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Organ Prelude

Romance (Symphonie IV)
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Choral Prelude

Opening Movement (from Gloria)
Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.

Hymn 416

Lucerna Laudoniae

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. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Numbers

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?”

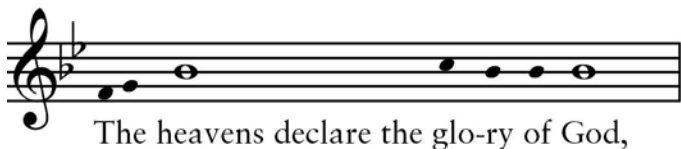
Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.” So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

(11:4-6,10-16,24-29)

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

Psalm 19:7-14

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



The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *

the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *

the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

(Refrain)

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *

the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *

sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

(Refrain)

Who can tell how often he offends? *

cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

(Refrain)

A Reading from the Letter of James

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

(5:13-20)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was

not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Priest	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	<i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>

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 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	<i>For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.</i>
Leader	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People	<i>For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.</i>
Leader	For the witness, peace and unity of the Church of God;
People	<i>For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.</i>
Leader	For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andrew, Allen and Mary our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People	<i>For all who serve God in his Church.</i>
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, Irene, Doug, Raymond, Garrett, Yvonne, Barbara, Andrew, 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.	<i>The People may add their own petitions. The intercessor will add those names submitted online.</i>
Leader	Hear us, Lord;
People	<i>For your mercy is great.</i>
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 Norman Inferrera, Betty Lane, Irene Freund, Hazel and Danne Joshua, Richard Buckley, and Duke Todd, 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

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

O Lord, please hear my prayer; In the morning when I rise.

It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms.

It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done, And you come to take me home.

Just to know I'm bound for glory; And to hear You say, "Well done!"

Done with sin and sorrow. Have mercy. Mercy.

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:

<i>People</i>	<i>Christ has died.</i>
	<i>Christ is risen.</i>
	<i>Christ will come again</i>

(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 676

Balm in Gilead

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 609

Gardiner

Dismissal

(The congregation is dismissed, and the people respond)

Thanks be to God.

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!



Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 3 -

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis - the saint who preached to the birds and called a wolf his brother -with the blessing of the animals following the 11 a.m. service. The blessing will be around 12:30, giving those who live nearby a chance to go and get their animals; however, you are also welcome to bring well-behaved pets to church that day. Tell your friends!

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:

- **New York Haiti Project - Earthquake Near Martel Zelle** at haitiangoodsam@gmail.com
Via check to New York Haiti Project, 1858 Hunt Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462
- **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 – September 26 – Eighteenth 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 & Iced Tea (Front Garden) following the service

Monday – September 27

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

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

Personnel Committee (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday – September 28

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 – September 29

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 – September 30

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

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

Friday – October 1

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

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

Saturday – October 2

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

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

Sunday – October 3– Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost St. Francis Day; Blessing of the Animals

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

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

(Live Stream of the service will be available)

Blessing of the Animals (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

September 26

11:00 AM

Altar Guild Elizabeth Adams, Candace Lombardi, Tom Rice

Ushers Terry Rogers, John Gibson, Sirkka Kyle

Lectors Robin Clements

John Merryman

Intercessor Eve Beglarian

Server Candace Lombardi

Crucifer Elizabeth Adams

Torches Janet Fisher, Rusty Moore

Livestream Team Jacob Scott, Zennie Trieu

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Office Hours:

During this time, we are mostly working remotely. Please call us at 212-254-8620 or email us at info@ascensionnyc.org

Regular Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday Zoom Service, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Meditation with Prayers and Music (Facebook)

Wednesday Eucharist in the Church, 6:00 p.m.

Weeknight Evening Prayer Zoom Service, 5:30 p.m.

<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
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Hymns for September 26, 2021

Entrance Hymn

#416

For the beauty of the earth

Lucerna Laudoniae

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain:

*Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,

Refrain

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,

Refrain

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Refrain

For the Church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
thy pure sacrifice of love,
Refrain

For each perfect gift of thine
to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven,
Refrain

Communion Hymn

#676

There is a balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

Refrain:

*There is a balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead,
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit

revives my soul again.

Refrain

If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus,
and say, "He died for all."

Refrain

Exit Hymn

#609

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Gardiner

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of thy tears.

The cup of water given for thee
still holds the freshness of thy grace;
yet long these multitudes to see
the true compassion of thy face.

O Master, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;

till all the world shall learn thy love,
and follow where thy feet have trod;
till glorious from thy heaven above,
shall come the city of our God.