

The Church of the Ascension in the City of New York

FIFTH AVENUE AT TENTH STREET

Incorporated October 1, 1827



October 24, 2021
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Nine O'Clock A.M.

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

HOLY EUCHARIST

Choral Prelude

We Wait for Thy Loving Kindness

William McKie (1901-1984)

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:
in the midst of thy temple. Alleluya.
O God according to thy Name,
so is thy praise unto the world's end.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluya.
We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:
in the midst of thy temple.
O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

Solo Prelude

Oh, Glory!

African American Spiritual
arr. by Hall Johnson

Sung by KeDavion Taylor, countertenor

Hymn 429

Old 113th

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

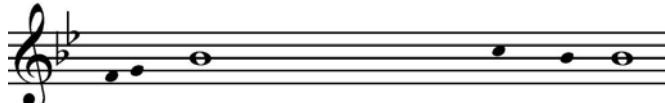
THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from 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. (31:7-9)

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

Psalm 126



The Lord has done great things for us;



and we are glad in - deed.

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

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *

then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *

and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *

"The Lord has done great things for them."

(Refrain)

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
 like the watercourses of the Negev.
Those who sowed with tears *
 will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.
(Refrain)

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

(7:23-28)

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

The Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Mark.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly

ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

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, June, Daniel, David, Joan, Rod, Robert, George, and Tom; for the peoples of Haiti and Afghanistan.

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 Fatmir Shala, 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 stewardship canvassers stand in place.

Sponsor I present to you these persons who have accepted the ministry of Stewardship Canvasser in this congregation.

All God, who supplies seed for sowing and bread for eating, will supply the seed you need, and produce a rich harvest.

℣ Each of you must do as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion:

℟ For God loves a cheerful giver.

Celebrant Let us pray. (Silence)

Lord Jesus Christ, you sent laborers to prepare for your coming: Be with all those who go forth in your Name, that by their witness and commitment the hearts of many will be turned to you; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The canvassers receive their packets after the service.

The Peace

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Word like unto the Most High, our one hope.
Eternal day of the earth and sky,
We call to thee out of the night's silence,
Saviour Divine, now look down upon us!

Pour on us grace, powerful, flaming fire,
Let all hell flee at the sound of thy voice,
Scatter the sleep from each world-wearied soul,
The sleep that numbs souls to forget thy laws.

Christ, grant thy favor to this faithful people
Now gathered here together to bless thee;
Take these songs offered to thy endless glory,
May we all return home filled with thy gifts!

Poem by Jean Racine

Translation by Claireve Grandjouan

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 318

Nyack

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 686

Nettleton

Dismissal

(The congregation is dismissed, and the people respond)

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

We All Believe in One God

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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!

Commissioning of Stewardship Canvassers – will be this 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.

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 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.

Haunted Church! Sunday October 31 - This year our Haunted Church festivities will be a bit different as we strive to incorporate safety and fun. During the coffee hour in the front garden we will have our usual merry band of witches, goblins, etc., at the gate handing out goodies to our neighbors. If you would like to volunteer, please reach contact Isabel Spencer at isa.spencer11@gmail.com.

Perseverance, by Callie Kimball -In the fictional town of Hillcroft Maine, a 20th century African American schoolteacher is determined to elevate her students. One hundred years later, in the same place, a white teacher is running for office. As the two stories intertwine, ownership of history takes center stage. Vin Knight is currently in this production which can be seen

online at www.portlandstage.org/events/perseverance/ now through October 31, 2021.

All Souls Day, celebrated Wednesday November 3- Please join us for a special celebration of those we have lost in the past year at our Wednesday evening service on November 3 at 6 pm. All Souls is the commemoration of our particular beloved dead; it is also a time to remember those who have died and are remembered by God. In this season some say "the veil between the worlds is especially thin" and we not only remember but sense the presence and communion of those who have gone before us.

The last eighteen months have been a time of such enormous loss, often with no communal ritual of grief. We include those who have died of Covid-19, violence and climate disasters in our memorial. Following the tradition of the church in Latin America, we will create an altar for those we remember as part of the service. Please bring photos, mementos, names, or other images that you want to share with you to the service. We will also read the names of those who are being remembered. You can provide names by filling out the form in the bulletin or by sending them via email to info@ascensionnyc.org. All names must be received by Tuesday, November 2.

Please join us for communal remembrance, grief and celebration.

All Saints Sunday, November 7- We celebrate the festival of all the saints on the Sunday after November 1, which this year is November 7. If you would like to add names to the list of those we remember, please fill out the form in the bulletin or email them to info@ascensionnyc.org. All names must be received by Tuesday, November 2. You can also contribute to the special flowers for that day through Abundant Giving or by writing a check to the Church of the Ascension with "All Saints flowers" in the memo line.

Needlecraft Guild – Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10; 6:30 p.m. – The next Needlecraft Guild is moved to November 10 (this month only!). We will meet via Zoom. For more information, please contact Mtr. Posey at (motherposey@ascensionnyc.org).

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.

Parish Activities this Week

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

Monday – October 25

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday – October 26

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 27

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 28

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Friday – October 29

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Saturday – October 30

Sunday – October 31 – Twenty-Third 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 24

9:00 AM

Altar Guild & Lector Rachel Sedor

11:00 AM

Altar Guild Lisa Dunn, John Grimes, Candace Lombardi

Ushers Steve Hubbard, Terry Rogers, Rusty Moore

Lectors Peter Nordeen, Rusty Moore

Intercessor Eve Beglarian

Server James Amodeo

Crucifer John Grimes

Torches Candace Lombardi, Elizabeth Adams

Livestream Team Derek Baker, Jacob Scott

Counters Vin Knight

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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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Hymns for Sunday, October 24

#429

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Old 113th

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought and being last,
or immortality endures.

How happy they whose hopes rely
on Israel's God, who made the sky
and earth and seas with all their train;
whose truth for ever stands secure,
who saves the oppressed, and feeds the poor.
And none shall find his promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
the Lord supports the fainting mind
and sends the laboring conscience peace.
He helps the stranger in distress,
the widowed and the fatherless,
and grants the prisoner sweet release.

I'll praise him while he lends me breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought and being last,
or immortality endures.

#318

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

Nyack

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but thine; nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.

#686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.