

The Church of the Ascension in the City of New York

FIFTH AVENUE AT TENTH STREET

Incorporated October 1, 1827



November 14, 2021
Twenty-Fifth 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

And I Saw A New Heaven

Edgar Bainton (1870-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

Hymn 286

Zeuch mich, zeuch mich

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. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Daniel

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like

(12:1-3)

People *Thanks be to God.*

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

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

(Refrain)

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

(Refrain)

I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

(Refrain)

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.
(Refrain)

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25)

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

The Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

Shana Kaplanov

The Nicene Creed

(All stand and say together)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

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

Silence

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

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

<i>People</i>	<i>For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.</i>
Leader	For meaningful action to address the climate emergency, and for the just and proper use of your creation;
<i>People</i>	<i>For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.</i>
Leader	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
<i>People</i>	<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;
<i>People</i>	<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;
<i>People</i>	<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, Allejandro and Jesus, Nancy, Barbara, Dorothy, Stewart, Patricia, Judith, Harold, Hannah, Jurek, Alice, Michael, Todd, Joan, Rod, Robert, George, Tom, Jeanette, Allen, Jacovella, Luz, and Dori, for the peoples of Ethiopia, Haiti and Afghanistan.
<i>Silence.</i>	<i>The People may add their own petitions. The intercessor will add those names submitted online.</i>
Leader	Hear us, Lord;
<i>People</i>	<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 Elisabeth Reiter, and Laretta Feldman, 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

Beati quorum via
C.V. Stanford (1852-1922)

Beati quorum via integra est: Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
Qui ambulant in lege Domini. Who walk in the law of the Lord.

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 304

Land of Rest

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 665

Michael

Dismissal

(The congregation is dismissed, and the people respond)

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor
Dietrich Buxtehude (ca. 1637-1707)

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 under our new tent, after the service for coffee and tea. As a reminder, masks are required inside and recommended outside. Our services are also livestreamed via our usual Zoom link!

Local Live Is Here! Starting today our 11:00 services are being broadcast Local Live. You can watch with our Zoom congregation each Sunday by logging into Zoom as you normally would, or you can to our website (AscensionNYC.org) and click the link on our main page.

The flowers on the altars are given to the glory of God and in loving memory for Maureen and John Seaton.

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](mailto:srpicone@yahoo.com)

Next Racial Justice Group meeting this Thursday, November 18 at 6:30 pm. We continue to 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 November 18, please read the fourth and fifth chapters (pages 118-206).

Sunday Evening Service Returns- New Time! As we start the church year on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, we will once more begin our Meditation and Sacrament service; the new time is 6 pm. This is a contemplative service of interfaith readings, music and communion, with significant silence to pray, meditate or just sit in our sacred space. Maybe you want to try it as your Advent practice? All are welcome!

Ascension Advent Calendar- One of the pleasures of last year was our Advent calendar, featuring scripture readings for each day of the season and photographs taken by members of Ascension. If you would like to participate this year, or if you have questions, please contact Mother Liz by next Sunday, November 22. She will assign you a date and send you a Bible verse for your meditation (you need not illustrate it with your photo, just see what it sparks as you look at the world around you). As we watch and wait, we look forward to seeing this season with new eyes!

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
- **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** (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 – November 14 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Nominating Committee (TBD) 10:15 a.m.

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

(Live Stream: AscensionNYC.org)

Coffee & Tea (Front Garden) following the service

Monday – November 15

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

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

Tuesday – November 16

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 – November 17

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.

Vestry (Parish Hall) 6:45 p.m.

Thursday – November 18

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

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

Racial Justice (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.

Friday – November 19

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

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

Saturday – November 20

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

*If you are in need or would like to volunteer, speak to Fr. Ed
(fatherchinery@ascensionnyc.org)*

Sunday – November 21 –Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King

Stewardship Ingathering

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

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

(Live Stream: AscensionNYC.org)

Coffee & 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

November 14

9:00 AM

Altar Guild & Lector Rachel Sedor

11:00 AM

Altar Guild Elizabeth Adams, John Grimes

Ushers John Grimes, Terry Rogers,

Lectors Stanley Weinberg, Susie Braden

Intercessor Elizabeth Adams

Server James Amodeo

Crucifer Tom Rice

Torches Janet Fisher, Candace Lombardi

Livestream Host Vin Knight

Counters Gale Lynch

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Office Hours:

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

Regular Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Wednesday Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.

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

<i>Clergy & Staff</i>	<i>Vestry</i>
The Rev. Elizabeth G. Maxwell, <i>Rector</i>	Maurice Seaton, <i>Warden</i>
The Rev. Edwin Chinery, <i>Associate Rector</i>	Isabel Spencer, <i>Warden</i>
The Rev. Posey Krakowsky, <i>Priest Associate</i>	Mary Gaillard, <i>Treasurer</i>
Charles E. Schmidt, <i>Chancellor</i>	Elizabeth Adams, <i>Clerk</i>
Dennis Keene, D.M.A., <i>Organist & Choirmaster</i>	Barbara M. Burns
Andrew P. Jones, <i>Parish Administrator</i>	Kyle Church Cheseborough
Kelli Long, <i>Business Manager</i>	Peter Clark
Sajia Choudhury, <i>Parish Bookkeeper</i>	Janet Fisher
Dwight Roberts, <i>Sexton</i>	Vin Knight
William Gordon, <i>Assistant Sexton</i>	Gale Lynch
	Rusty Moore
	Tom Rice
	Rachel Sedor
	Madonna Stack-Barker
	John Thompson
	Jill Tildesley



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Opening Hymn

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Who are these like stars appearing *Zeuch mich, zeuch mich*

Who are these like stars appearing,
these, before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia! hark, they sing,
praising loud their heavenly King.

Who are these of dazzling brightness,
these in God's own truth arrayed,
clad in robes of purest whiteness,
robes whose luster ne'er shall fade,
ne'er be touched by time's rude hand?
Whence comes all this glorious band?

These are they who have contended
for their Savior's honor long,
wrestling on till life was ended,

following not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph by the Lamb have gained.

These are they whose hearts were riven,
sore with woe and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven
with the God they glorified;
now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.

These, like priests, have watched and waited,
offering up to Christ their will,
soul and body consecrated,
day and night they serve him still.
Now in God's most holy place,
blest they stand before his face.

Communion Hymn

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I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.

That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see, and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

Exit Hymn

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All my hope on God is founded

Michael

All my hope on God is founded
He doth still my trust renew;
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone,
calls my heart to be God's own.

Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple, fall to dust,
but God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness e'er endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought;
Splendor, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily does Almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow,
His desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure lead us where we go.
Love will stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.