

The Church of the Ascension in the City of New York

FIFTH AVENUE AT TENTH STREET

Incorporated October 1, 1827



October 31, 2021
Twenty-Third 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

Voluntary

William Selby (1738-1789)

Choral Prelude

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of the statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.

(Psalm 119:33)

Hymn 372

Leoni

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 merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from Deuteronomy

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (6:1-9)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8



Happy are they whose way is blame-less,



who walk in the law of the Lord.

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

Happy are they who observe his decrees *

and seek him with all their hearts!

Who never do any wrong, *

but always walk in his ways.

(Refrain)

You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

(Refrain)

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

(Refrain)

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! (9:11-14)

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

The Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

Priest	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People	<i>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</i>

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have

truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Priest	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<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 all gathering for the UN Climate Conference
in Glasgow, for meaningful action to address the
climate emergency, and 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;
<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, and Allen; for the peoples of 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.
<i>Silence.</i>	<i>The People may add their own petitions. The intercessor will add those names submitted online.</i>
Leader	We will exalt you, O God our King;
<i>People</i>	<i>And praise your Name for ever and ever.</i>
Leader	We pray for all who have died, especially Samuel Amodeo, Michael, Elisabeth Reiter, and Lauretta 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

Excerpt from Sacred Service

(sung in Hebrew)

Ernest Bloch (1880-1959)

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be
always acceptable unto thee, O 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 488

Slane

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 456

de Tar

Dismissal

(The congregation is dismissed, and the people respond)

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Rejoicing (*Royal Fireworks Music*)

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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 coffee and tea. As a reminder, masks are required inside and recommended outside. Our services are also livestreamed via our usual Zoom link!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2... Don't forget to vote!

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)

Haunted Church! This afternoon, 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 help, please reach contact Isabel Spencer.

***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; 6:00 p.m.- 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 known only to 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).

Next Racial Justice Group meeting Thursday, November 18 at 6:30 pm. We continue to 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 last three chapters (starting with "Galveston Island") and the epilogue.

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 – 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)

Coffee & Tea (Front Garden) following the service

Halloween Candy At the Garden Gate; 12:30-1:30

Monday – November 1

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

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

Tuesday – November 2

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.

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

Wednesday – November 3 – All Souls' Day Observed

Building & Grounds (Zoom) 12 Noon

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

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

All Souls' Service (Church) 6:00 p.m.

Thursday – November 4

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

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

Friday – November 5

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

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

Saturday – November 6

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 7 –All Saints’ Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends!

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

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

(Live Stream of the service will be available)

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

October 31

9:00 AM

Altar Guild & Lector Rachel Sedor

11:00 AM

Altar Guild John Grimes, Isabel Spencer

Ushers John Grimes, John Gibson, Sirkka Kyle

Lectors Peter Clark, Peter Nordeen

Intercessor James Amodeo

Server Mike Surabian

Crucifer Tom Rice

Torches Shana Kaplanov, Janet Fisher

Livestream Team Jacob Scott, Derek Baker

Counters Maurice Seaton

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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
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Hymns for Sunday, October 31, 2021

Entrance Hymn

#372

Praise to the living God

Leoni

Praise to the living God!
All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be
for ay the same.
The one eternal God
ere aught that now appears:
the first, the last, beyond all thought
his timeless years!

Formless, all lovely forms
declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth
can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all.
Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below,
his will obeys.

His Spirit floweth free,
high surging where it will:
in prophet's word he spoke of old;
he speaketh still.
Established is his law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart,
on sea, on land.

Eternal life hath he
implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay
while ages roll.
Praise to the living God!
All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be,
for ay the same.

Communion Hymn

#488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art-
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's
Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Exit Hymn

#456

O Love of God, how strong and true

de Tar

O Love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thee best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.

We read thy power to bless and save
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of thy might.