



**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

24 July A.D. 2016

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Rector*  
The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Assistant to the Rector*  
Jerrold Tidwell, *Minister of Music*

*Welcome to Ascension!*

*For more information about our community, fill out a welcome card, found at either end of the pews, or take one of our welcome packets from the table under the monitor in the Narthex.*

*We meet for coffee, tea, and snacks in the Narthex after each service.*

*Within the bulletin, the people read the parts in bold print.*

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**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.**

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Genesis 18:20-32**

Then the Lord said, "The cries of injustice from Sodom and Gomorrah are countless, and their sin is very serious! I will go down now to examine the cries of injustice that have reached me. Have they really done all this? If not, I want to know." The men turned away and walked toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing in front of the Lord. Abraham approached and said, "Will you really sweep away the innocent with the guilty? What if there are fifty innocent people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not save the place for the sake of the fifty innocent people in it? It's not like you to do this, killing the innocent with the guilty as if there were no difference. It's not like you! Will the judge of all the earth not act justly?" The Lord said, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will save it because of them." Abraham responded, "Since I've already decided to speak with my Lord, even though I'm just soil and ash, what if there are five fewer innocent people than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city over just five?" The Lord said, "If I find forty-five there, I won't destroy it." Once again Abraham spoke, "What if forty are there?" The Lord said, "For the sake of forty, I will do nothing." He said, "Don't be angry with me, my Lord, but let me speak. What if thirty are there?" The Lord said, "I won't do it if I find thirty there." Abraham said, "Since

I've already decided to speak with my Lord, what if twenty are there?" The Lord said, "I won't do it, for the sake of twenty." Abraham said, "Don't be angry with me, my Lord, but let me speak just once more. What if there are ten?" And the Lord said, "I will not destroy it because of those ten." When the Lord finished speaking with Abraham, he left; but Abraham stayed there in that place.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 138**

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
**before the gods I will sing your praise.**
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*  
**because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
**and your word above all things.**
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
**you increased my strength within me.**
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
**when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
**that great is the glory of the LORD.**
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
**he perceives the haughty from afar.**
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
**O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [11:1-13]  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Jesus told them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us. And don't lead us into temptation.'" He also said to them, "Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that friend in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, 'Friend, loan me three loaves of bread because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.' Imagine further that he answers from within the house, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up to give you anything.' I assure you, even if he wouldn't get up and help because of his friendship, he will get up and give his friend whatever he needs because of his friend's brashness. And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened. "Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a fish? If a child asked for an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

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

**Sermon**

**(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson**

## The Nicene Creed

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.  
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 III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop; and Randy and Javier, our clergy;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. You may add your own prayers at this time.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for Helen Clark, Joseph Ellis, George Johnson, Homé Reitwiesner, Maria Estela Rodriguez, Sarah Rubin, Peg Ruppel, Lea Ann Sampson, Nancy Snee, Janet Spencer, Lou Spencer, Fran Spina, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for refugees and all affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended Healing Prayer List.

We give thanks for the Ordination to Priesthood of Kate Harmon Siberine.

We give thanks for the quinceañera of Rachelle Olivia Vasquez.

We give thanks for the life of Glenn Jerold Pfadenhauer, in whose loving memory his parents, Dotty and Jerry Pfadenhauer have given altar flowers on the anniversary of Glenn's birth, July 23.

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways.  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

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

### **Announcements**

*Please stand at the presentation of the money and food offerings.*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Eucharistic Prayer C**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.**

*You may stand or kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our ancestors; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.  
**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,*

Our Father in heaven,  
    holy is your Name,  
    your kingdom come,  
    your will be done,  
        on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
    as we forgive those  
        who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
    and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
    and the glory are yours,  
    now and for ever. Amen.

*And now,  
as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,*

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Administration of the Sacrament:* All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension. To receive communion, come to the communion station at the direction of the Welcome Team. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Make your need known to the Clergy by holding up three fingers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please join in the movement to the communion station and cross your arms over the front of your chest - this will alert the Clergy of your desire to be blessed. If you need communion brought to you please let a member of the Welcome Team know.

*Healing Prayers:* If you would like to receive the laying on of hands for healing for yourself or another, go to the prayer annex beside the pulpit after receiving communion. A healing minister will be there to pray with you.

## Prayer after Communion

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have too much time  
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.  
So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.  
And may the blessing of the one who made us,  
who journeys with us,  
who breathes us into life moment by moment,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you  
this day and always.  
*Amen.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

		<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Leslie Sanya	Jean Cohn
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Gordon Donnelly Susan Ahalt	Andrew Greene Gary McLaughlin
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Sarah Rubin	Tunde Ayinde
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Pete Minderman	Pete Minderman
<b>Prayers:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Leslie Sanya	Jean Cohn
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Betsy Hasegawa	Sue Snay
<b>Chalicians:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Sharon Hayden Leslie Sanya	Enid Cole Edna Leake
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Sari Stoddard Major Clemens	Dotty Pfadenhauer Margaret Tellu
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Sarah Rubin Peg Ruppel	Laura Shay Georgana Maines
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Pete Minderman	Pete Minderman
<b>Healing Prayer Ministers:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Lisa Murdock	Jean Cohn
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Randy Lord-Wilkinson	Javier Ocampo
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Alex Langley	Sarah Rubin
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas	Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Sam Mendimasa Kofi Kwamena-Poh Msangwa Ogada	Manny Johnson Nuelle Johnson Alfred Wasikye
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Enid Cole Janet King	Wadai Dennis Frank Sanya
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Esther Allotey-Taylor Bev Stennett Christine Kroma Josephine Clarke	Dorett Sutherland James Black Jonathan Black
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Avin Lalmansingh Karl Didavi Clark Didavi	Alex Langley Alice Padmore Kendall Anderson
<b>Flower Delivery:</b>		Alice Padmore Esther Sawyer	Adoma Baffoe Hawa Clemens
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Leslie Sanya Wadai Dennis	Georgette Dennis
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Sarah Gallagher Kristin FitzPatrick	Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley Liz Lennon
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Lynne Shaer	Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh
<b>Weekly Altar Guild Team:</b>		9:00 am Team	11:15 am Team
<b>Eucharistic Visitors:</b>		Barb Mansfield Enid Cole	Jean Cohn

