



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

31 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.*

♦ *Please silence your audible devices* ♦

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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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23**

Perfectly pointless, says the Teacher, perfectly pointless. Everything is pointless. I am the Teacher. I was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to investigate and to explore by wisdom all that happens under heaven. It's an unhappy obsession that God has given to human beings. When I observed all that happens under the sun, I realized that everything is pointless, a chasing after wind. I hated the things I worked so hard for here under the sun, because I will have to leave them to someone who comes after me. And who knows whether that one will be wise or foolish? Either way, that person will have control over the results of all my hard work and wisdom here under the sun. That too is pointless. I then gave myself up to despair, as I thought about all my laborious hard work under the sun, because sometimes those who have worked hard with wisdom, knowledge, and skill must leave the results of their hard work as a possession to those who haven't worked hard for it. This too is pointless—it's a terrible wrong. I mean, What do people get for all their hard work and struggles under the sun? All their days are pain, and their work is aggravation; even at night, their hearts don't find rest. This too is pointless.

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

**Psalm 49:1-11**

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
**and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
**and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
**when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
**and boast of their great riches?**
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
**or deliver to God the price of our life;**
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
**that we should never have enough to pay it,**
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
**and never see the grave.**
- 9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
**and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
**though they call the lands after their own names.**
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
**they are like the beasts that perish.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [12:13-21]

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?" Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one's life isn't determined by one's possessions, even when someone is very wealthy." Then he told them a parable: "A certain rich man's land produced a bountiful crop. He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! Then he thought, Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. I'll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Javier García Ocampo**

## 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 life of Amos Rudy G. Worjlon, brother of Sciou Broderick, who died on July 11.

*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*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. 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 III

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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**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.*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.  
**Blessed are you now and for ever. 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

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

## 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.

All readings are from *The Common English Bible*.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

		<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Jean Cohn	Enid Cole
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Andrew Greene Gary McLaughlin	Christian Simpson Barbara Mansfield
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Tunde Ayinde	Kendall Anderson
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Pete Minderman	Dora Kreitzer
<b>Prayers:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Jean Cohn	Enid Cole
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Sue Snay	Susan McLaughlin
<b>Chalicians:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Enid Cole Edna Leake	Wadai Dennis Enid Cole
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Dotty Pfadenhauer Margaret Tellu	Jerry Pfadenhauer Margaret Tellu
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Anika Lalmansingh Georgana Maines	Rimie Sicard Kirk Fitch
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Pete Minderman	Dora Kreitzer
<b>Healing Prayer Ministers:</b>			
	<b>7:45 am</b>	Jean Cohn	Meredith Horan
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Javier Ocampo	Paul Whitmore
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Sarah Rubin	Laura Shay
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Manny Johnson Nuelle Johnson Alfred Wasikye	Kofi Dickson Lisa Dickson Kofi Kwamena-Poh
<b>Welcome Team:</b>			
	<b>7:45 am</b>	Wadai Dennis Frank Sanya	Don Cohn Jean Cohn
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Dorett Sutherland James Black Jonathan Black	Nii Armah Akuete Ruby King Charles Dickson
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Alex Langley Alice Padmore Kendall Anderson	Sciou Broderick Peedy Terry Emmanuel Nwankwo
<b>Flower Delivery:</b>		Adoma Baffoe Hawa Clemens	Eliane Dunn-Johnson Alice Padmore
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Georgette Dennis	Enid Cole
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley Liz Lennon	Mardia Dennis Sarah Gallagher Kristen FitzPatrick
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh	Laura Shay
<b>Weekly Altar Guild Team:</b>		11:15 am Team	7:45 am Team
<b>Eucharistic Visitors:</b>		Jean Cohn	Meredith Horan Barb Mansfield

