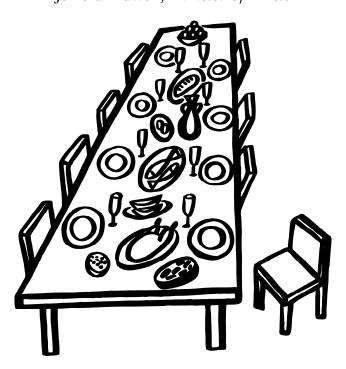


The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 28 August AD 2016 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

(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 welcome table in the Narthex.

A nursery for children up through age three is available all morning in the Main Building, Room 2.

Please silence your audible devices.

Beginning ten minutes before the service, please help us create a contemplative space by refraining from cell phone use or loud conversation.

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

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension Gaithersburg, Maryland

The Entrance Rite

Opening Voluntary

Prelude and fugue in C major

Att. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The people stand for the hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day.

Hymn in Procession

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Sung by all.

Hymn to Joy



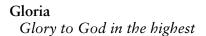
Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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*.



Sung by all.

Robert Powell



The Collect of the Day

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The people sit.

The Word of God

The First Reading Jeremiah 2:4-13

Reader A reading from Jeremiah.

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Exultate Deo

Read responsively by the first reader and the people.

Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

And yet my people did not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.

So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,

to follow their own devices.

Oh, that my people would listen to me! that Israel would walk in my ways!

I should soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last for ever.

But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Reader A reading from Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

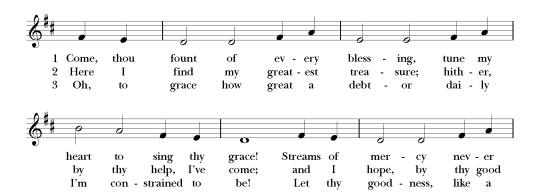
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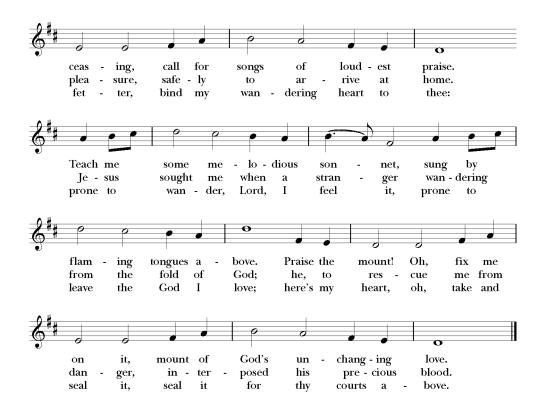
The people stand for the hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.

Hymn at the Sequence Come, thou fount of every blessing

Sung by all.

Nettleton





The Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

Sermon

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The people are search at the intitiation of the presence.

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

The people stand and remain standing through the Prayers of the People.

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.

The 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 silently or aloud.

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, Peg Ruppel, 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 50th wedding anniversary of Don and Marty Marks and the 47th wedding anniversary of Ron and Jan Hauber, in whose honor the altar flowers are given. We also give thanks for the lives of Raymond S. and C. Peter Thomas, in whose memory flowers are given by Caryl Thomas.

Priest

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

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. 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 alone 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 people stand.

The Peace

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

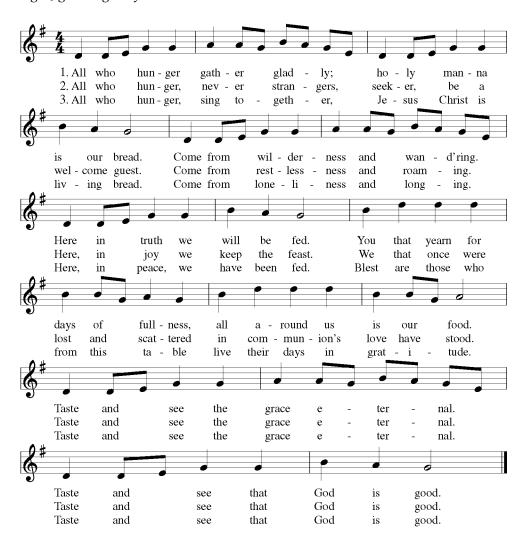
The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are then seated.

Announcements

Hymn at the Offertory

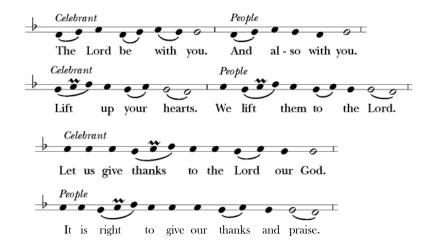
All who hunger, gather gladly

Sung by all, seated.*



^{*}The people stand at the beginning of the third verse, as the ushers bring the offerings to the altar.

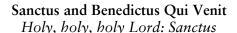
The Holy Communion



Celebrant

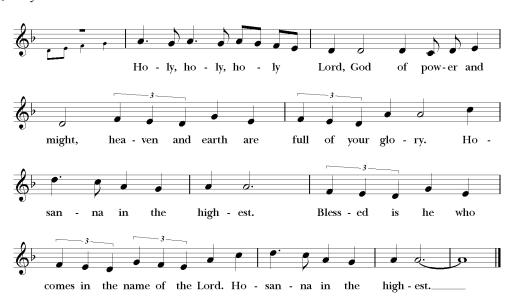
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Sung by all.

Robert Powell



The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated

your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Celebrant and People

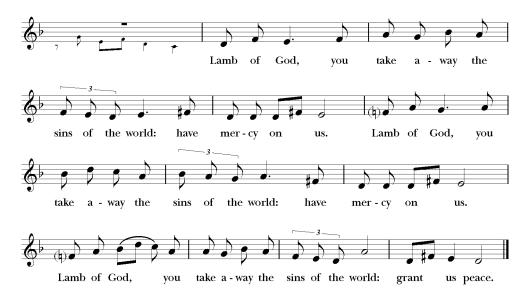
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Robert Powell



Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives in you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people sit.

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.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitor

When there is a Eucharistic Visitor present at this service

Celebrant We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you visit may share with us

in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.

Prayer after Communion

The people kneel.

Let us pray.

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,

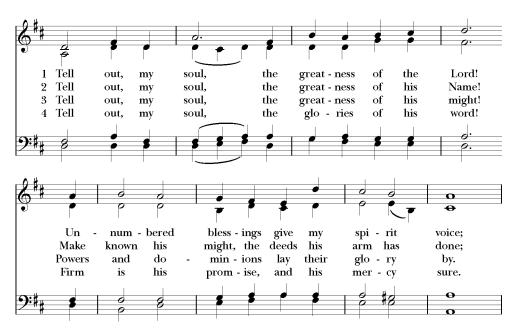
** Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and always. *Amen.

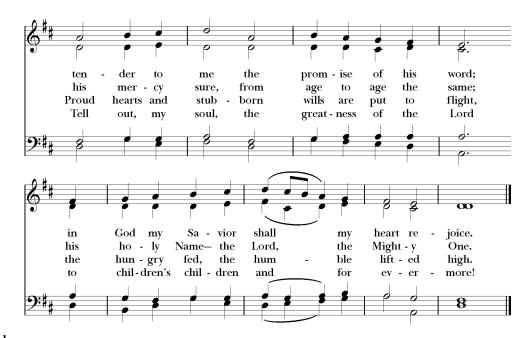
The people stand.

Hymn in Procession

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Sung by all.





Dismissal

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

Closing Voluntary
Jubilate

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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		Today	Next Sunday
Readers	7:45 am 9:00 am 11:15 am	Enid Cole Andrew Greene Christian Simpson Karl Didavi	Jean Cohn Susan Ahalt Susan McLaughlin Peg Ruppel
	5:00 pm	Pete Minderman	Dora Kreitzer
Prayers	7:45 am 9:00 am	Enid Cole Gary McLaughlin	Jean Cohn Barbara Mansfield
Chalicists	7:45 am	Sharon Hayden Enid Cole	Leslie Sanya Edna Leake
	9:00 am	Esther Tellu Dotty Pfadenhauer	Sue Snay Major Clemens
	11:15 am	Peg Ruppel Laura Shay	Rimie Sicard Georgana Maines
	5:00 pm	Pete Minderman	Dora Kreitzer
Healing Prayer Ministers	7:45 am 9:00 am 11:15 am	Lisa Murdock Randy Lord-Wilkinson Sarah Rubin	Meredith Horan Javier Ocampo Laura Shay
Acolytes	7:45 am	Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas
	9:00 am	Nuelle Johnson Manny Johnson Msangwa Ogada	Kofi Dickson Lisa Dickson Kofi Kwamena-Poh
Welcome Team	7:45 am	Janet King Wadai Dennis	Frank Sanya Florence Sirleaf
	9:00 am	Dorette Sutherland James Black Jonathan Black Josephine Clarke	Nii Armah Akuete Ruby King Charles Dickson
	11:15 am	Sciou Broderick Peedy Terry Emmanuel Nwankwo	Avin Lalmansingh Karl Didavi Clark Didavi
Flower Delivery		Alice Padmore Esther Saywer	Adoma Baffoe Hawa Clemens
Altar Guild	7:45 am	Enid Cole Mardia Dennis	Leslie Sanya Wadai Dennis
	9:00 am	Caryl Thomas Dotty Pfadenhauer	Sarah Gallagher Kristin Fitzpatrick
	11:15 am	Georgana Maines Lynne Shaer	Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh
Altar Guild Unscheduled Services		7:45 am Team	9:00 am Team
Eucharistic Visitor		Barb Mansfield Enid Cole	Jean Cohn Barb Mansfield

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Jerrold Tidwell, Minister of Music
Howard Hanson, Musician, Service for Families with Small Children at 10:15 a.m.
Samuel Munguia, Musician, Spanish Language Service at 11:00 a.m.
Eric O'Loughlin, Musician, 5:00 p.m. Service

Wardens Betsy Hasegawa, Senior Warden Janet King, Junior Warden

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