

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 11 September 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

Organ Voluntary

Adagio for strings

Samuel Barber (1910-1981), organ arr. William Strickland (1914-1991)

The people remain seated.

Introit

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Sung by the choir.

Nova Vita, Lister R. Peace (1895-1969)

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do or to endure.

Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.

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

Hymn in Procession

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Sung by all.

Lauda anima



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*.

Gloria Sung by all.
Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers John Rutter





The Collect of the Day

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The people sit.

The Word of God

The First Reading Exodus 32:7-14

Reader A reading from Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm 51:1-11 Miserere mei, Deus

Read responsively by the first reader and the people.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness,

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

The Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Reader A reading from First Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

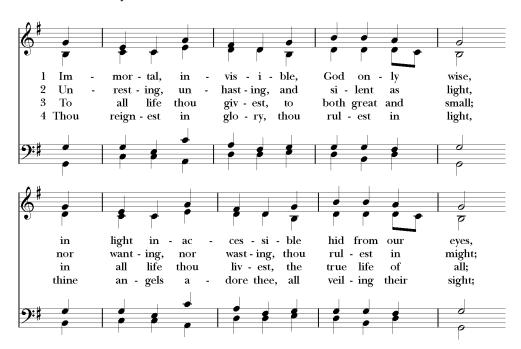
Thanks be to God. \(\oplus \)

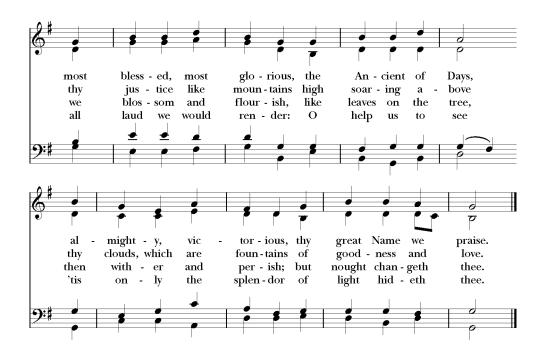
The people stand for the hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.

Hymn at the Sequence Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Sung by all.

St. Denio





The Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

Sermon Work Camp Speakers

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, 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 birthdays of Mardia (September 8) and Georgette Dennis (September 11), in whose honor the altar flowers are given by their mother Wadai Dennis.

We give thanks for the life of Elfido Vergel, who died on September 6.

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

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 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

Anthem at the Offertory

Amazing grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Sung by the choir.

John Bertalot (1931-)

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come: 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

Praise God, amazing grace!

John Newton (1725-1807)

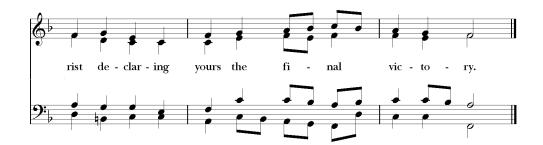
The people stand.

Hymn at the Presentation Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

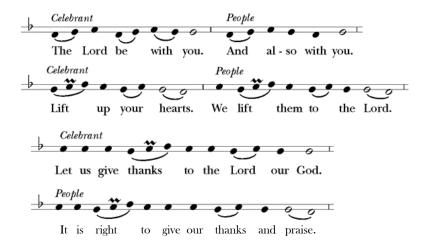
Sung by all.

Alles ist an Gottes Segen





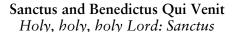
The Holy Communion



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

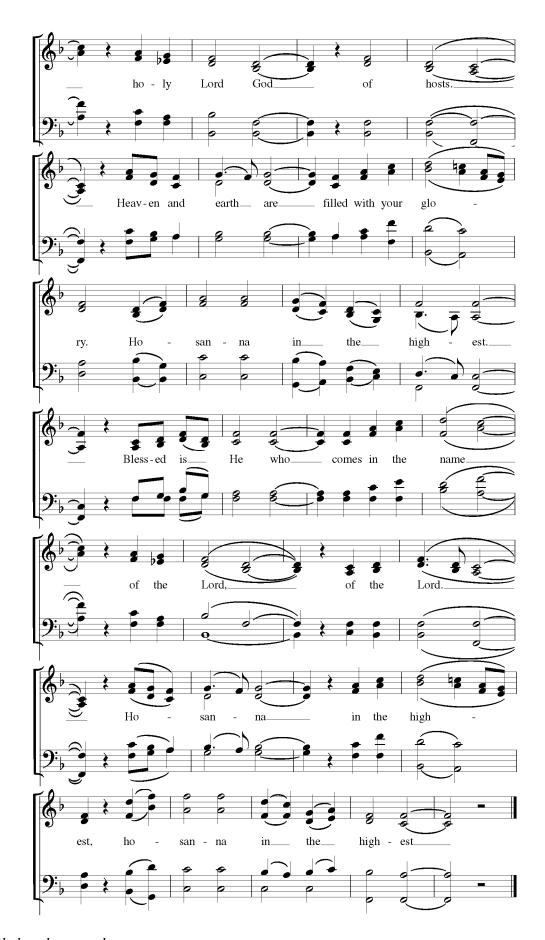
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Sung by all.

Grayson Warren Brown





The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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." \triangle

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. 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.

Fraction Anthem

Sung by all.

Mark Sedio

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus



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.

Anthem at the Communion

Sung by the choir.

Create in me a clean heart, O God

Carl F. Mueller (1892-1982)

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God!

Psalm 51:10-13

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitor

when 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.

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.

Choral Benediction

Sung by the choir.

God be with you till we meet again

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Jeremiah E. Rankin (1828-1903)

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 God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest

Sung by all.

Russia



Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary
Herzlich tut mich erfreuen, Op. 122, No. 4

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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Worship Leaders

		Today	Next Sunday
Readers	7:45 am 9:00 am 11:15 am 5:00 pm	Leslie Sanya Suzyn Gonzalez Gordon Donnelly Avin Lalmansingh Christine Yankus-Eng	Enid Cole Betsy Hasegawa Sue Snay Anika Lalmansingh Howard Holland
Prayers	7:45 am 9:00 am	Leslie Sanya Susan Ahalt	Enid Cole Christian Simpson
Chalicists	7:45 am	Wadai Dennis Sharon Hayden Margaret Tellu	Enid Cole Leslie Sanya Nancy Carman
	9:00 am 11:15 am	Jerry Pfadenhauer Kirk Fitch	Cynthia Perley Christian Nwankwo
	5:00 pm	Anika Lalmansingh Christine Yankus-Eng	Avin Lalmansingh Howard Holland
Healing Prayer Ministers	7:45 am 9:00 am 11:15 am	Janet King Paul Whitmore Peg Ruppel	Lisa Murdock Major Clemens Alex Langley
Acolytes	7:45 am	Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas
	9:00 am	Nuelle Johnson Manny Johnson Msangwa Ogada	Alfred Wasikwe Sam Mendimassa Kofi Dixon
Welcome Team	7:45 am	Herald Douglas Lisa Murdock Swithin Kwamena-Poh	Florence Sirleaf Meredith Horan
	9:00 am	Kevin Blanc Algernon Thomas	Esther Allotey-Taylor Bev Stennett Christine Kroma Josephine Clarke
	11:15 am	Alex Langley Alice Padmore Kendall Anderson	Sciou Broderick Peedy Terry Emmanuel Nwankwo
Flower Delivery		Eliane Dunn-Johnson Alice Padmore	Esther Sawyer Adoma Baffoe
Altar Guild	7:45 am	Georgette Dennis	Enid Cole Mardia Dennis
	9:00 am	Sari Stoddard Ophelia Yalley-Ogunro Joyce Bvumbe	Nancy Carman Dorett Sutherland
	11:15 am	Lynne Shaer Laura Shay	Georgana Maines Laura Shay
Altar Guild Unscheduled Services		11:15 am Team	7:45 am Team
Eucharistic Visitor		Meredith Horan	Pamella Irons-Forth Kate Foley

Leadership at Ascension

Clergy

The Rev. Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Rector* The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Assistant to the Rector*

Musicians

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

Vestry

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